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ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

Community Description:

Located in Durango, CO, we are a rural community of 18,503 residents in the Four Corners region of the southwestern United States. The nearest major cities are Albuquerque (215 miles), Denver (340 miles) and, Salt Lake City (390 miles). Key professional sectors in the Durango community are business, agriculture, tourism, and the service industry. Fort Lewis College provides numerous educational and cultural advantages to the region.

School Description:

Animas High School is a 4-year free, public charter school enrolling 208 students in grades 9-12. The school's project-based, interdisciplinary curriculum prepares students for the 21st century by ensuring mastery of critical skills and content and promotes students' preparedness for college, career, and lifelong learning. Our rigorous academic program prioritizes authentic engagement, thoughtful inquiry, and in-depth analysis over rote memorization and broad coverage. Our faculty-designed projects have real-world applications; students are asked to transform and apply knowledge that is relevant to their community and their lives. Students exhibit their work to authentic audiences, thereby refining presentation and communication skills. Exhibitions, Student-Led Conferences, and Presentations of Learning provide students the opportunity to reflect on and take ownership of their growth and learning. Students work both individually and in small groups to design and complete projects that solve real-world problems.

208

STUDENTS

26% FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE

25% FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

18

FACULTY

Class of 2019 Post Graduate Plans

50%

15%

4-Year College

2-Year College

34%

16%

Public College

Private College

12

STUDENTS
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

DEMOGRAPHICS

77% White **15%** Hispanic **3%** American Indian

.9% Asian **.5%** Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

GRADING SCALE

Rank: Animas does not report rank

Grading Scale: AHS uses a 4-point grading scale to evaluate academic work. The minimum passing grade is "C-." No credit is assigned below a C-, but points are still calculated into the GPA. The highest attainable grade is an "A." We do not award "A+" grades. Grades and grade point averages are not weighted.

Marking System: A grade of "A" represents academic achievement of 94% or higher. A = 4.00, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, B = 3.00, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.33, C = 2.00, C- = 1.67, D+ = 1.33, D = 1.00, D- = 0.67, F = 0.00

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4 years **Social Studies** 4 years **Art** 1 year
Math 4 years **Lab Science** 3 years **Physical Ed** 3 years
Foreign Language 2 years **Academic Electives** 3 years
Senior Project 1 year **LINK Internship** 1 year

ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

AHS offers a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for their college and career goals. Classes are offered on a semester and yearlong basis. Honors options are available to juniors and seniors in Humanities (English and Social Studies). Students are able to elect into Honors each semester and are able to drop yearlong classes at semester. Students are required to take cohort math with their class all 4 years, where classes integrate math concepts from Algebra I & II, Geometry, Statistics, and Trigonometry. Project Application and Physical Education are graded on a credit/no credit basis. As of 2016, some AHS classes provide students dual credit through Pueblo Community College. Students may also pursue concurrent enrollment options through local colleges, including Fort Lewis College, at their own expense. *Please note due to scheduling challenges in 2019-20, some seniors were unable to have a full course schedule.*

Humanities:

English 9*, English 10*, English 11*, English 12*,
Social Studies 9*, Modern World History 10*,
US History 11*, Civics 12*, Psychology, Film Studies,
Journalism/Quill Media, Sociology, On Course, Creative
Writing/Mixed Media

Mathematics: (yearlong)

Math 1*, Math 2* , Math 3*, Math 4*, Advanced Algebra,
Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Advanced Calculus, Consumer Math +

Sciences

Physics*, Biology*, Chemistry*, Anatomy, Advanced Chemistry,
Astronomy 1: Planetary Science+, Astronomy 2: Stars and Galaxies+,
Intro Computer Science, Advanced Physics, Intro Engineering,
Advanced Engineering, Intro Electronics, Advanced Electronics

* Denotes courses are required to take

Foreign Language:

Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4,
French 1, French 2, French 3

Arts:

Digital Art*, Advanced Digital Art, Studio Art,
Advanced Studio Art, Advanced Digital Art/Design,
Drawing, Advanced Drawing, Painting, Advanced
Painting , Digital Photography, Music Performance,
VAM Theater Class

Post-Secondary Preparation:

LINK Internship*, LINK 2.0 Internship, Project Application,
Personal and Career Readiness (PCR), PCR- Access Skills,
PCR-Career Success, PCR-College Success

+Denotes courses that offer concurrent enrollment

CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

61 Seniors

SAT AVERAGES

1022 Composite

535 EB Reading/Writing

485 Math

3.24 GPA Average

4.00 Highest GPA

AWARDS

- Colorado Charter School Institute Distinction School
- College Success Award for Great Schools
- CO Department of Education ICAP Awards for Career Exploration Program and Senior Project Capstone

UNIQUE TO OUR SCHOOL

LINK Internships: *Leading Internships for New Knowledge*

As a graduation requirement, all juniors participate in a 3-week, 90-hour fulltime internship in the field of their choosing. In preparation, students learn “real world” skills as they explore various career paths, refine their resumes, write cover letters, and engage in mock interviews.

Senior Project: Senior Project is a semester-long, in-depth study of a self-selected research topic. Students craft a college-level research paper, deliver a professional TED-style talk and thesis defense in front of a live audience, and complete an action project that connects their research topic to the larger community. As the capstone project of their time at AHS, Senior Project allows students to synthesize their learning and pursue their individual passions, all with the support of senior faculty and a Faculty Advisor.



Class of 2019 College Acceptances List

Academy of Art University	Oklahoma City University
American University	Pacific University
The American University of Rome	Palm Beach Atlantic University
Barnard College	Pratt Institute
Bates College	Pitzer College
Boston University	Pueblo Community College
Bowdoin College	Quest University Canada
Bryant University	Regis University
Cabrillo College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
California State University, Monterey Bay	Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design
Champlain College	San Juan College
Clarkson University	San Francisco State University
Colorado College	Seattle Pacific University
Colorado Mesa University	St. Olaf College
Colorado Mountain College	Stetson University
Colorado School of Mines	Southeastern University
Colorado State University	Trinidad State Junior College
Drake University	Tulane University
Drexel University	University of Colorado Boulder
Eckerd College	University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Elon University	University of Denver
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Evansville
Emerson College	The University of New Mexico
Emory & Henry College	University of Northern Colorado
Fairfield University	University of Oregon
Fort Lewis College	University of Portland
The George Washing University	University of Puget Sound
Goshen College	University of Redlands
Grand Canyon University	University of Richmond
Humboldt State University	University of Rochester
Indiana University Bloomington	University of San Francisco
Ithaca College	University of Vermont
John Cabot University	University of Virginia
Kalamazoo College	Webster University
Laramie County Community College	Western Colorado University
Lewis & Clark College	Western Washington University
Macalester College	Whitman College
Middlebury College	Willamette University
Minerva Schools at KGI	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Montana State University	Yavapai College
Montreat College	
Northeastern University	
Norther Arizona University	