



James S. Rickards High School

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ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Secondary Schools

International Baccalaureate Organization

SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY

James S. Rickards High School, established in 1960 as a coeducational public high school is located in Tallahassee, Florida. James S. Rickards High School continues to be ranked in Newsweek magazine's Top 100 High Schools offering both International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement courses.

As the state capital, Tallahassee offers numerous cultural and educational opportunities as well as being the home of Florida State University and Florida A&M University. The presence of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory provides an additional scientific resource and special opportunities for our students. A 2006 U.S. Census of 336,501 Tallahassee metropolitan area residents including 67,860 college students creates the population of the area. Leon County is located about 25 miles from the coastline of the Gulf of Mexico and shares a border on the north side with the state of Georgia.

2009-2010 Data

Leon County Schools' enrollment K-12	34,100
Rickards High School enrollment 9-12	1249
Students in 2009 Senior Class	221
Number of 2009/2010 IB Diploma Candidates	47
Number of Public High Schools in Leon County	6
Number of Private Schools serving grades 9-12	4

FACULTY

The faculty of James S. Rickards High School is comprised of an instructional staff of 85, including the principal, 3 assistant principals, 4 counselors, and 2 media specialists. Thirty-eight percent of the faculty has 20 or more years of experience, 24% have 10-19 years, 10 percent have 6-10 years, and 25 percent have 0 to 3 years of experience. Of the faculty, 4% have a Doctorate degree, 5% have a Specialist degree, 46% have a Masters degree, and 45% have a Bachelors degree.

Guidance counselors are assigned students as follows:

- Harriett Williams, Director of Guidance & Senior class counselor, (williamsh@mail.leon.k12.fl.us)
- Dr. Roger Pinholster, Junior class counselor, (pinholsterr@mail.leon.k12.fl.us)
- Deborah Bostic, Sophomore class counselor, (bosticd@mail.leon.k12.fl.us)
- Terraca Jones, Freshman class counselor, (jonest@mail.leon.k12.fl.us)

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GRADING SCALE

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

GPA

Unweighted GPA is calculated using the 4.0 scale. Weighted GPA is calculated using the 4.0 scale plus an additional half point for every grade of C or better in any Pre-IB or Honors class. The weighted GPA for an AP or IB course is calculated using the 4.0 scale plus an additional point for every grade of C or better.

CREDIT

Awarded at the rate of ½ credit per semester per class with grades of D or better.

CLASS RANK

Calculated using weighted GPA of all members of the class. Rank is calculated at the end of each semester.

ACCELERATION OFFERINGS

Students may pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in accordance with the curriculum offered by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Advanced Placement classes are offered in World History, European History, American History, Art History, English Language, English Literature, Psychology, Spanish Language, French Language, Latin Literature, Studio Art, Physics, Biology, Environmental Science, Music Theory, Statistics, Human Geography, and Calculus AB and BC. Other AP classes are available through the Florida Virtual School. Dual enrollment is available at Florida A&M University, Florida State University, and Tallahassee Community College including international travel programs for credit through FSU in the Humanities.

SCHOOL YEAR

Rickards operates on the semester system with two semesters each school year. Each semester has two 9-week grading periods. Students attend class 180 days per school year.

SCHOOL DAY

Students attend six classes a day for 50 minutes each. Classes in the Arts are offered during an optional seventh period for students supplying their own transportation.

SEMESTER EXAMS

Exams are given at the end of each semester that factor in at one-fifth of the semester average. All core academic classes require semester exams.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

International Baccalaureate students must meet the Diploma requirements set by IBO. Other students must earn 24 credits minimum including 4 credits in English, 3 Mathematics, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 1 Physical Education, ½ Life Management, 1 Practical/Fine Art.

STUDENTS

With a current enrollment of 1,184 our student population is 74% African American, 16% Caucasian, and 10% other ethnic groups. The male to female ratio is 48/52. The rich diversity and broad spectrum of culturally diverse international students serves to enhance the environment in the classroom.

ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The mission of the Academy of Health Sciences is to produce competent, skilled students for entry into a healthcare related field and a post-secondary institution of education. The program includes a four-year planned course of study that pairs a thorough academic curriculum with on-site shadowing and internship experiences. The academy integrates language arts, mathematics, sciences, social studies, and medical/health courses to provide students with an in-depth background in mathematics and sciences. Prior to their clinical rotations, students will have certification in: HIV, HIPAA, CPR and Domestic Violence training.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME

The International Baccalaureate Program is a magnet offering opened in 1994, which draws academically motivated students from the entire Leon County school system. The students in IB represent multiple ethnic, economic, and racial backgrounds. Rickard's 317 IB students make up 25% of the total population of the school.

The 11th and 12th grade curriculum consists of comprehensive and rigorous formal curriculum sanctioned by the IB Curriculum and Assessment Centre in Cardiff, Wales. Each course of study concludes with an internationally standardized examination. Course work for the junior and senior years requires instruction in English (Language A), a secondary language, experimental science, social studies, mathematics, and a sixth subject. Students must score successfully on IB exams in all six of these subjects. A theory of knowledge course must be successfully completed as well. In addition, between 10th and 12th grades students must participate in at least 150 documented hours of extracurricular creativity, action, and service as well as write and present a supervised extended essay of 4,000 words.

TEST DATA

SAT & ACT Scores	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	SCHOLARSHIPS	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
SAT Candidates	100	137	88	65	National Merit Semifinalists	3	3	4	9
Reading	549	539	538	558	National Merit Finalists	0	3	4	5
Mathematics	539	553	541	571	Commended Students	3	5	3	4
					FL Academic Scholars	52	50	38	38
ACT Candidates	105	104	133	125	FL Merit Scholars	30	27	37	13
Avg. Comp. Score	18.1	19.2	18.6	18.2	FL Gold Seal Scholars	1	0	0	0
					National Ach. Scholars	0	2	3	3
					National Hispanic Scholars	0	1	0	0

IB Summary	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	AP Summary	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Post High School
Diploma Candidates	51	50	68	68	50	Total Candidates	197	245	361	292	481	IB Class of 2008
Diplomas Awarded	42	43	46	37	41	Total Exams	285	251	539	682	489	4-year college: 93%
Percent	82	86	68	54	82	Scores > 3	139	86	172	106	185	2-year college: 7%
Avg. Total Points	31	30	29	31	32							

SUMMARY OF MAY 2009 IB EXAMINATION SCORES									
Subject	Level	No. of Cand.	SCORES						
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1
English	HL	50	0	10	22	16	2	0	0
Spanish	HL	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SL	18	1	3	4	6	0	0	1
French	HL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SL	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Latin	SL	6	1	0	1	2	1	1	0
Philosophy	HL	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
	SL	18	1	3	3	4	6	0	0
History	HL	33	0	1	9	14	8	1	0
	SL	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Psych.	HL	44	0	2	9	10	12	10	0
	SL	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Chemistry	HL	17	1	8	4	3	1	0	0
	SL	12	0	2	1	4	4	0	0
Env. Sys.	SL	27	0	5	7	8	3	0	0
Mathematics	HL	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	SL	20	5	6	3	3	2	1	0
Math Stud.	SL	32	4	8	7	8	4	1	0
Visual Arts	HL	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Music	HL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AP SUMMARY MAY 2008	5	4	3	2	1	TOTAL
Art History	0	1	0	0	0	1
Biology	4	7	6	4	2	23
Calculus AB	0	2	2	4	10	18
Calculus BC	2	1	2	2	2	9
Chemistry	3	1	0	0	0	4
Computer Science A	2	0	1	0	0	3
Eng Lang/Comp	4	12	12	30	18	76
Eng Lit/Comp	0	7	8	12	5	32
Env. Science	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eur. History	5	11	14	5	25	60
Econ Macro	1	0	0	0	0	1
Econ Micro	0	3	2	0	0	5
French Lang	0	0	0	0	10	10
Govt & Pol US	1	0	6	12	29	48
Human Geography	7	6	8	6	8	35
Latin Lit	0	0	0	1	8	9
Music Theory	0	2	1	4	1	8
Physics B	1	3	6	1	4	15
Physics C-E&M	0	1	0	0	0	1
Physics C-Mech	0	1	1	0	0	2
Psychology	0	3	4	2	13	3
Span. Lang	1	0	0	0	2	3
Statistics	0	1	0	1	0	2
US History	1	4	6	12	20	43