

College Admissions Profile 2024-25

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Head-Royce is a nonsectarian college preparatory day school with co-educational classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. Founded in 1887 in Berkeley, California as the Anna Head School for Girls, it was relocated in 1964 and now occupies a 22-acre campus in a residential area of Oakland. The school has been fully co-educational since 1979.



412
students
in the
Upper School



70%
students of
color in our
community



\$7.4M
tuition
assistance
awarded



19
years average
faculty teaching
experience



79%
of faculty
hold advanced
degrees



24
interscholastic
teams



63
league
championships
in 10 years



42
D1/D3
athletes in the
past 5 years

Head-Royce School

Our Academic Program

Head-Royce's Upper School, located in the San Francisco Bay Area, is a highly rigorous college preparatory school. Our curriculum provides depth and breadth across the academic disciplines with a focus on critical analysis, writing, independent inquiry, and experiential learning. We offer more than 60 Honors courses across academic areas, with robust electives in Robotics, Engineering, Debate, and the Visual and Performing Arts, among other areas.

The Upper School curriculum is grounded in discovery and experiential learning. Through our 9–12 Humanities Core, students progress through an inquiry-driven, interdisciplinary program that explores essential questions of identity within the context of their local, domestic, and global communities and experiences. Through Senior Seminars, students choose a subject area to explore in depth.

Through our curriculum – which reflects the diversity, globalism, environmental awareness, and innovation of the Bay Area – we seek to inspire lifelong learners who routinely demonstrate creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.



CLASS OF 2025

100

Students
in the Class

4.72

High
GPA

6

National Merit
Semifinalists
(5-year average)

62

Honors
Courses

Program Highlights

Head-Royce strives to foster a dynamic and connected learning environment where students are active participants in and co-creators of their own learning experiences.

The Center for Community Engagement: The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) connects students with opportunities to explore civic engagement on a personal level with internships and summer programs. The center helps students form authentic partnerships with organizations that promote social change and encourage leadership training.

Capstone Experiences: All seniors design a capstone project that brings them off campus to apply the skills they have developed at Head-Royce in a real-world context. Projects take place over the course of one month in the spring and culminate in a presentation to the community. Additionally, all seniors take on a role in the senior play, an annual reimagining of a Shakespeare classic.

Experiential Education: Students participate in a number of off-campus experiences including *Fallout*, an annual outdoor overnight experience with their grade-level peers, and *Intersession* – a two-day break from the regular class schedule where students choose a course inspired by the passions and expertise of our talented faculty. Our Global Studies Program facilitates robust study-travel experiences for students around the world.

Interdisciplinary Learning: Students integrate learning across disciplines. Through course “partnerships” like *Asian American Literature* (an English Seminar) and *Intro to Asian American Studies* (a History Seminar), students cultivate their understanding of an interconnected world.

Robust Elective Offerings: Students take advantage of our rich elective offerings. In addition to our competitive debate program and varied Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) offerings, students have access to rich STEM offerings including a four-year computer science curriculum and offerings in Engineering and Robotics.

Head-Royce College Admissions (2020-2024)

The following is a partial list of colleges and universities that have offered admission to graduates of Head-Royce, followed by the number of students enrolling in those colleges over the past five years. Members of the Class of 2024 will attend the colleges in bold type.

<i>American University (1)</i>	<i>Lehigh University (1)</i>	<i>University of California, Riverside (1)</i>
<i>Amherst College (2)</i>	Loyola Marymount University (4)	University of California, San Diego (6)
Barnard College (3)	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)</i>	<i>University of California, Santa Barbara (2)</i>
<i>Bates College (1)</i>	<i>Middlebury College (5)</i>	<i>University of California, Santa Cruz (8)</i>
<i>Boston College (2)</i>	<i>Mount Holyoke College (1)</i>	University of Chicago (17)
Boston University (4)	<i>New College of Florida (1)</i>	<i>University of Colorado, Boulder (2)</i>
Bowdoin College (2)	New York University (12)	University of Denver (1)
<i>Brandeis University (1)</i>	Northeastern University (13)	<i>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2)</i>
Brown University (10)	Northwestern University (8)	<i>University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1)</i>
Bryn Mawr College (3)	<i>Oberlin College (1)</i>	University of Miami (3)
Cal Poly, Pomona (1)	<i>Occidental College (5)</i>	<i>University of Michigan (6)</i>
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (4)	<i>Pacific Lutheran University (1)</i>	<i>University of Oregon (3)</i>
<i>Cal State, Northridge (1)</i>	Pitzer College (7)	University of the Pacific (1)
California College of the Arts (1)	<i>Pomona College (4)</i>	University of Pennsylvania (9)
Carleton College (5)	Princeton University (4)	University of Redlands (1)
<i>Carnegie Mellon University (2)</i>	<i>Purdue University (5)</i>	<i>University of Rochester (1)</i>
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Rice University (4)	University of Southern California (13)
<i>Chapman University (2)</i>	Santa Clara University (4)	University of St. Andrews (3)
Claremont McKenna College (10)	<i>Scripps College (2)</i>	<i>University of Toronto (1)</i>
<i>Colby College (3)</i>	<i>Skidmore College (2)</i>	<i>University of Utah (1)</i>
<i>Colgate University (8)</i>	Smith College (2)	<i>University of Victoria (1)</i>
<i>Colorado College (5)</i>	<i>Southern Methodist University (2)</i>	University of Virginia (7)
<i>Columbia University (3)</i>	<i>Spelman College (2)</i>	University of Washington, Seattle (12)
<i>Cornell University (7)</i>	<i>Stanford University (7)</i>	University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
Dartmouth College (5)	Swarthmore College (2)	<i>Vanderbilt University (2)</i>
<i>Drexel University (2)</i>	Syracuse University (1)	Vassar College (6)
<i>Duke Kunshan University (2)</i>	<i>Texas Christian University (1)</i>	<i>Villanova (1)</i>
<i>Duke University (4)</i>	<i>Trinity College, Dublin (1)</i>	<i>Wake Forest University (2)</i>
Emory University (6)	Tufts University (10)	Washington University in St. Louis (9)
Franklin & Marshall College (1)	Tulane University (12)	<i>Wellesley College (4)</i>
<i>George Washington University (2)</i>	<i>United States Military Academy at West Point (1)</i>	Wesleyan University (8)
<i>Georgetown University (2)</i>	United States Naval Academy (2)	<i>Whitman College (1)</i>
<i>Georgia Institute of Technology (1)</i>	<i>University of British Columbia (1)</i>	Williams College (5)
<i>Grinnell College (1)</i>	University of California, Berkeley (22)	Yale University (3)
<i>Harvey Mudd College (3)</i>	University of California, Davis (5)	
<i>Haverford College (4)</i>	University of California, Irvine (2)	
Howard University (7)	University of California, Los Angeles (18)	
<i>Indiana University, Bloomington (1)</i>		
Johns Hopkins University (2)		

Course Offerings 2024–25

Subject Requirements	Required Courses Grades 9–11	Upper Division Courses
English Four years required	English 9 English 10 English 11 (H)	Senior Seminars Asian American Literature ** Detective and Crime Fiction ** Invisible Man ** Literature and Film ** Memoir and Creative Nonfiction ** Poetry: Lyric Poetry ** Popular Culture and Lit: Asian American ** Postmodern Literature: Hybrid Genres ** Postcolonial Literature, Thought, and Theory ** Queer Literature ** Shakespeare ** Short Story ** The Good Life: Bay Area Across Genres **
History Three years required	History 9 U.S. History (H) History 11 (H)	Asia Rising ** Civil Society and American Democracy * Economics ** History of Repair and Reconciliation ** History of the Holocaust ** Intro to Asian American Studies ** Oakland Through Many Lenses ** Psychology ** The Bay Area ** The Civil Rights Movement ** Women in Modern America **
Science Three years required	Physics 9 Chemistry (H) Biology Biology (H)	Physics (H) Environmental Science (H) Principles of Engineering Principles of Organic Chemistry ** Astronomy * Molecular Genetics ** Neurobiology ** Robotics *
Mathematics Three years required	Geometry Geometry (H) Algebra 2 Algebra 2 (H) Precalculus Precalculus (H)	Calculus Data Sciences (H) Calculus (H) Multivariable Calculus (H)

World Languages

World Languages Three years required; Students must complete level 3 of one language	Mandarin 1 Mandarin 2 Mandarin 3 Mandarin 4 (H) Mandarin 5 (H) Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture (H) Mandarin: Chinese Literature (H)	French 1 French 2 French 3 French 4 (H) French Language and Culture (H) French Literature and Cinema (H)	Latin 1 Latin 2 Latin 3 Latin 4 (H) Latin 5 (H) Latin Seminar A (H) Latin Seminar B (H)	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4 (H) Spanish 5 (H) Spanish Electronic Music Production Spanish Language and Culture (H) Spanish Seminar (H)
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Arts Electives

Introductory Courses	Advanced Courses
2D Art	Advanced 2D Art Studio Art Portfolio (H)
3D Art	Advanced 3D Art
Dance 1	Dance 2 Dance 3 Dance Production (H)
	Chorus Colla Voce
Drama 1 Theater Production	Drama 2 Drama 3 Drama 4
Intro to Graphic Design	Graphic Design
	Jazz Band 1 Jazz Band 2
	Orchestra
Photography 1	Photography 2 Photography 3 Photography Portfolio (H) Filmmaking Filmmaking: Advanced Projects
Technical Theater	Technical Theater 2

Other Electives

Computer Science	CS: Intro to CS, Engineering, and Robotics formerly Intro to Computer Science and Engineering CS 2: Principles and Practices of CS formerly Mobile and Object-Oriented Design (H) CS 3: Data Structures (H) CS 4: Advanced Topics in CS (H)
Humanities	Expository Writing Speech / Debate 1 Speech / Debate 2
Global Online Academy (GOA)	Head-Royce is a founding member of GOA, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

Legend

(H) Indicates Honors curriculum

- * Specifies semester-long senior elective
- * Designates Honors-level courses, including all senior English and History courses