

Head-Royce School

UPPER SCHOOL



Our Upper School Community

The Head-Royce Upper School is part of a K-12 learning community nestled in a canyon in Oakland, featuring all three divisions on 22 acres of flexible learning space. Having all grades and ages on the same campus offers unique cross-divisional opportunities to fulfill our mission of developing students of character, intellect, and creativity.

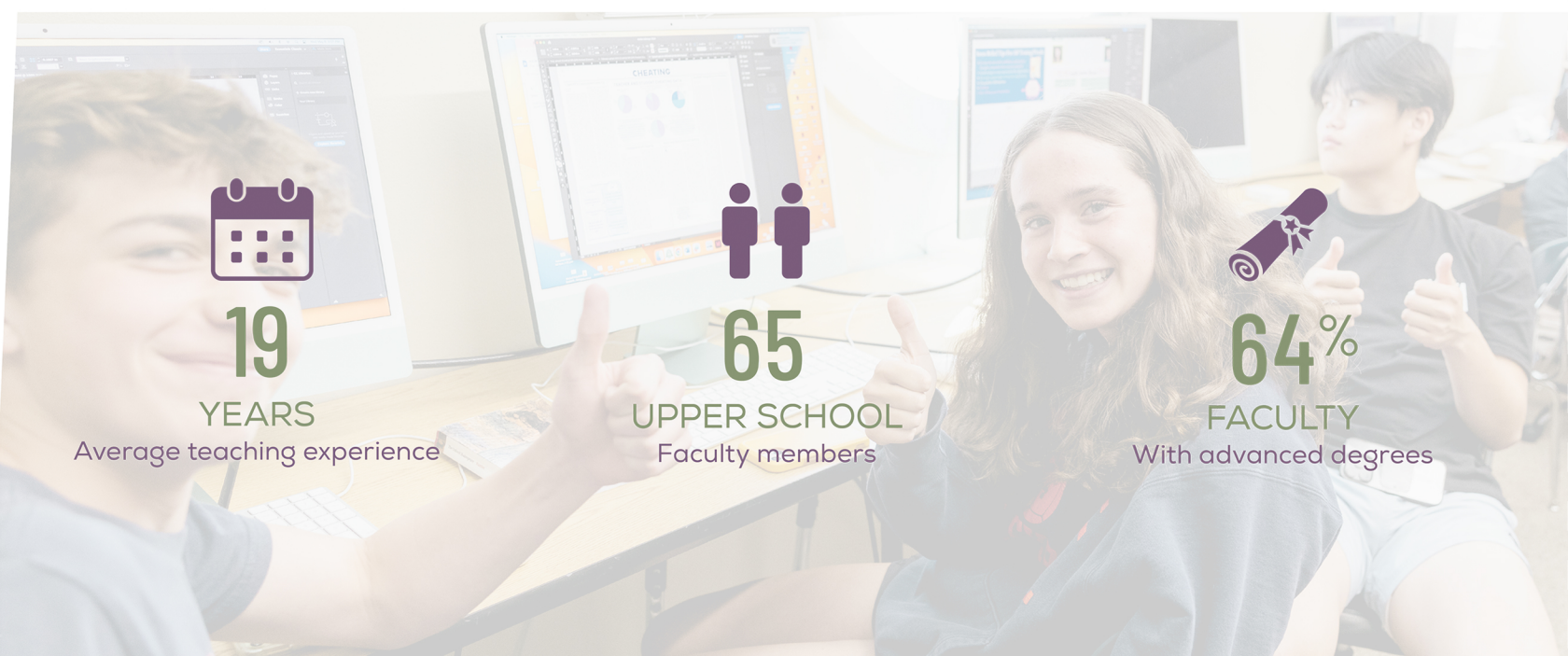
Upper School Program

GRADES 9-12



There are many reasons why the Head-Royce Upper School is such a stimulating place—the rigorous yet engaging course work, the incredible extracurriculars, the leadership, travel, and service opportunities and, best of all, the independence and trust conferred by the faculty.

In addition to their requirements in English, math, history, science, and world language (French, Spanish, Latin, or Mandarin), students have the flexibility and freedom to engage in a wide selection of engaging classes and advanced coursework—from Neurobiology to Civil Rights Movement, and everything in between. Students also enjoy ample opportunities to get involved in the arts through school musicals and dramatic productions, orchestra, jazz band, dance, chorus, and our select vocal group, Colla Voce, as well as photography, graphic design, and ongoing studio art exhibits.



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YEARS

Average teaching experience



65

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Faculty members



64%

FACULTY

With advanced degrees

In our robust Upper School athletic program, students can play on 25 interscholastic teams, including baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Our competitive programs have captured 36 league championships in the last five years and 125 since 2000.

Every year, Head-Royce has graduates that continue their athletic careers in college. Recent grads have competed at Brown, Colby, Emory, Georgetown, Howard, MIT, Occidental, Princeton, Stanford, Tufts, UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Chicago, and Williams.

Striking a Healthy Balance

IN THE UPPER SCHOOL



No one falls through the cracks at Head-Royce. Upper Schoolers have consistent adults and role models throughout their four years. With grade-level deans and advisors that stay with them from beginning to end, they have anchors to guide their experience.



Students have the opportunity to serve one-year posts on several faculty/student committees in areas such as curriculum, global citizenship, diversity, STEM, and honor council.



There are numerous extracurricular opportunities available to Upper School students, such as the award winning debate team, student newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook, and athletic teams.



Students have dozens of clubs to choose from, depending on student interest. From Medical Advocacy to the Environmental Justice Initiative, there is something for everyone.



Upper Schoolers enjoy outdoor education adventures that include camping, hiking, and river rafting.



Advanced coursework is offered in a wide array of topics, from English to Neurobiology to Studio Art and everything between.

Sample Class Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:25-9:35 AM	Honors Geometry	English 9	Spanish 3	Algorithms and the Internet	Physics
9:35-9:45 AM	Break (10 minutes)				
9:45-10:55 AM	History 9	Algorithms and the Internet	Advising (35 minutes) Grade Meeting (30 minutes)	Honors Geometry	Club/Office Hrs (35 minutes) Affinity (30 minutes)
10:55-11:00 AM	Break (5 minutes)				
11:00-12:10 PM	Spanish 3	Honors Geometry	Physics	History 9	Health
12:10-12:55 PM	Lunch Break (45 minutes)				
12:55-2:05 PM	Physics	History 9	Jazz Band 1	Spanish 3	English 9
2:05-2:10 PM	Break (5 minutes)				
2:10-3:20 PM	Jazz Band 1	Advising (30 minutes) Club/Office Hrs (35 minutes)	English 9	Assembly (30 minutes) Assembly cont. or Office Hrs (35 minutes)	Algorithms and the Internet



College Counseling

Our College Counseling provides a thoughtful, highly personalized experience for each student throughout their high school journey. By helping students learn how to think introspectively, take ownership of a complex process, manage time effectively, build a résumé, interview, and write a compelling personal statement, our counselors ultimately enable students to find the school where they can thrive based on their abilities, passions, and aspirations.

To ensure we deliver our mission, we commit to the following values:

Students First

We prioritize student learning, development, and well-being.

Academic Excellence

We pursue knowledge and assess our learning to better ourselves and our community.

Diversity

We embrace different perspectives, backgrounds, experiences, and identities to enrich what we can learn and do together.

Belonging

We create the conditions in which everyone thrives and brings their authentic selves.

Civic Engagement

We connect students to the local community and beyond to deepen their academic experiences and foster genuine engagement.



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TUITION ASSISTANCE

Awarded in the 2024-25 school year



70%

STUDENTS OF COLOR

Our student body reflects the fabric of the East Bay



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ZIP CODES

From communities all over the Bay Area



*"Head-Royce students are doers.
They're engaged in academics,
driven to challenge traditions and
expectations and eager to contribute
to their communities."*

Upper School Faculty Member

Come Visit

The ideal way to imagine a student's experience at Head-Royce is to walk the campus with us and see our community in action. Schedule a visit and meet our team. We'd love to hear from you.

headroyce.org/admissions



Scan this QR code to read our driving rules and learn about our transportation options—which include private bus and AC Transit service around the Bay Area.

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