



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 was established in 1960 as a coeducational public high school and is located in Tallahassee, Florida. As the state capital, Rickards High School students and parents come from 51 different countries and 39 different languages are spoken in their homes. 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 2010 U.S. Census of 360,013 Tallahassee metropolitan area residents including 66,712 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.

2012-2013 Data

Leon County Schools' enrollment K-12	33,000
Rickards High School enrollment 9-12	1293
Students in 2013 Senior Class	231
Number of 2012/2013 IB Diploma Candidates	49
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 71, including the principal, 4 assistant principals, 4 counselors, and 1 media specialist. Twenty-nine percent of the faculty has 20 or more years of experience, thirty-one percent have 10-19 years and forty percent has 0 to 9 years of experience. Of the faculty, 9% have a Doctorate degree, 42% have a Masters degree, and 49% have a Bachelors degree.

Guidance counselors are assigned students as follows:

- Terraca Jones, Director of Guidance & Senior class counselor, (jonest@leonschools.net)
- Linda Thompson, Junior class counselor, (thompsonl@leonschools.net)
- Deborah Bostic, Sophomore class counselor, (bosticd@leonschools.net)
- Brittany Schmeckenbecher, Freshman class counselor, (schmeckenbecherb@leonschools.net)

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, 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.

STUDENTS

With a current enrollment of 1,293 our student population is 78% African American, 11% Caucasian, and 11% other ethnic groups. The male to female ratio is 46/53. The rich diversity and broad spectrum of culturally diverse international students serves to enhance the environment in the classroom.

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.

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 240 IB students make up 19% 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, at the beginning of the 11th grade students must begin participating in eighteen months of continuous extracurricular community service as well as write and present a supervised extended essay of 4,000 words.

TEST DATA

SAT & ACT Scores	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	SCHOLARSHIPS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
SAT Candidates	65	84	114	105	123	National Merit Semifinalists	9	2	6	3	6
Reading	558	518	516	508	509	National Merit Finalists	5	2	5	2	1
Mathematics	571	525	516	506	506	Commended Students	4	0	0	0	5
						FL Academic Scholars	38	30	31	36	30
ACT Candidates	125	138	153	134	137	FL Medallion Scholars	13	41	15	8	8
Avg.Comp.Score	18.2	18.6	18.3	18.2	19.9	FL Gold Seal Scholars	0	1	0	0	0
						National Ach. Scholars	3	0	1	2	0
						National Hispanic Scholars	0	0	0	0	0

IB Summary	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	AP Summary	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Post High School
Diploma Candidates	50	45	46	43	49	Total Candidates	192	245	229	265	243	IB Class of 2013
Diplomas Awarded	41	28	31	37	43	Total Exams	464	538	506	632	546	4-year college: 96%
Percent	82	62	67	86	87	Scores > 3	94	109	114	147	189	2-year college: 4%
Avg. Total Points	32	29	28	30	31							

SUMMARY OF MAY 2013 IB EXAMINATION SCORES									
Subject	Level	No. of Cand.	SCORES						
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1
English	HL	51	0	16	26	9	0	0	0
Spanish	HL	7	0	1	4	0	2	0	0
	SL	16	1	3	6	4	2	0	0
French	HL	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	SL	12	0	3	8	0	1	0	0
Latin	HL	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
	SL	12	0	1	2	5	3	1	0
Philosophy	HL	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
	SL	15	1	3	7	3	1	0	0
History	HL	23	0	4	5	9	5	0	0
	SL	18	1	3	9	4	1	0	0
Psych.	HL	26	0	4	13	8	1	0	0
	SL	7	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
Chemistry	HL	17	1	9	4	3	0	0	0
	SL	10	0	0	6	4	0	0	0
Env. Sys.	SL	29	1	3	10	9	5	1	0
Math	HL	8	3	2	1	1	1	0	0
	SL	21	4	7	7	2	0	1	0
Math Stud.	SL	21	4	4	7	5	1	0	0
Visual Arts	HL	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
	SL	6	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
Music	HL	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	SL	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Film	HL	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Theatre	HL	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

AP SUMMARY MAY 2013	5	4	3	2	1	TOTAL
Art 2-D Design	0	0	0	1	1	2
Art Drawing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art History	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	1	3	18	24	5	51
Calculus AB	1	0	5	2	5	13
Calculus BC	6	0	3	0	0	9
Chemistry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science	1	1	0	0	1	2
Eng Lang/Comp	6	15	24	30	17	92
Eng Lit/Comp	6	7	23	21	5	62
Env. Sci.	1	0	1	2	0	4
Eur. History	0	0	0	0	0	0
French	0	1	0	1	0	2
Human Geography	2	5	4	6	5	22
Latin Lit	0	2	1	4	3	10
Macroeconomics	6	3	1	1	0	11
Microeconomics	3	4	3	3	6	19
Music Theory	2	1	3	3	1	10
Physics B	1	1	1	2	6	11
Psychology	1	1	8	4	11	25
Span. Lang	0	1	2	6	15	24
Statistics	4	3	6	5	6	24
US Gov. and Pol.	3	3	5	4	9	24
US History	7	20	24	21	19	91
World History	3	5	11	13	5	37