

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A **QUALITY ONLINE SCHOOL**

STUDENTS IN GRADES K–12

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW what to look for when evaluating your options for a high-quality online education. To assist parents and students in making the right choice, we've created a quality checklist to use while seeking an online school that meets your needs. While completing your research, keep this checklist handy to determine which programs meet or exceed the highest standards in online education. We are confident you won't find a better fit than Laurel Springs!



ACCREDITED

- ✓ As an accredited online school, Laurel Springs meets the highest standards of excellence and offers students and their families the peace of mind that comes with a premier private school experience. Laurel Springs School accrediting bodies are:
 - ▶ *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*
 - ▶ *AdvancED*



FLEXIBLE

- ✓ Asynchronous learning model provides students with the flexibility they need to succeed.
- ✓ Our personalized approach is competency-based, meaning that students have the opportunity to move faster or slower through the material, depending on their individual skills and knowledge. This approach allows students the ability to adapt their schedules to accommodate their other interests.



QUALITY CURRICULUM

- ✓ At Laurel Springs we pride ourselves on delivering a quality curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond.
- ✓ We help students think about the world and solve problems in new ways.
- ✓ Academic Department Chairs and our curriculum team actively participate in the development of the curricula, refining to enhance the learning activities.
- ✓ Laurel Springs curricular offerings are mapped as pathways to help students identify courses that match their interests and ensure they are meeting our academic requirements for graduation.
- ✓ Our Learning Management System is easy for students to navigate, and parents can monitor students' academic progress using their Observer accounts.



APPROVED

- ✓ College Board authorized Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum
- ✓ National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) courses
- ✓ University of California "a-g" courses

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QUALIFIED

- ✓ 85% of faculty hold Master's degrees and 15% hold Doctorate degrees. Our teachers are well versed in online teaching and learning.
- ✓ Students benefit from the opportunity to develop rich 1:1 relationships with their teachers.
- ✓ Teachers provide authentic feedback, help students explore difficult concepts, and ensure they are receiving an exceptional educational experience.
- ✓ Partnering with students and their families, our experienced College Counselors build lasting relationships as they work with their students throughout their Upper School experience.



PROVEN

- ✓ Laurel Springs School has 27 years of expertise as a distance learning community.
- ✓ Our global community of learners live throughout the United States and in 92 countries around the world.
- ✓ Laurel Springs students' SAT and ACT scores are well above the national average.
- ✓ 91% of our graduates are accepted to the colleges of their choice, including the most selective colleges and universities around the world.



SUPPORTIVE

- ✓ Laurel Springs' provides a comprehensive onboarding of the learning management system for new students and families to help acclimate them to the community.
- ✓ Teachers forge a strong partnership with students and parents stemming from frequent communications, including parent-teacher conferences offered twice a year.
- ✓ Teachers guide students through the learning process by offering ongoing support and feedback.
- ✓ Live academic support is available daily through LSS Live, a virtual classroom where students have access to teachers who can provide answers and guidance to students.
- ✓ Our credentialed College Counselors ensure full-time students are well-supported and prepared to graduate.
- ✓ Our Student-Athlete Manager supports college-bound student athletes, teaming with them to balance the demands of academics and athletics.
- ✓ Laurel Springs offers numerous opportunities for student interaction and socialization through more than 30 school clubs, monthly school events, and a private social network (for grades 7-12).

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SCHOOL PROFILE



LEADERSHIP

HEAD OF SCHOOL Megan O'Reilly Palevich, M.Ed.

DEAN OF STUDENTS Jane Ferris, M.Ed.

FOUNDER Marilyn Mosley Gordanier, M.A.



ACCREDITATION

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FACULTY EDUCATION

85% Masters' Degrees

15% Doctorate Degrees



CURRICULUM

176 College Prep Courses

45 Honors & AP Courses

17 World Language Courses

132 UC a-g Approved Courses

91 NCAA Approved Courses



OUR TEACHERS

120 Teachers

27 States

10 Time Zones

4 Countries



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH

4.0 Credits

MATHEMATICS

3.0 Credits

SCIENCE

2.0 Credits*

SOCIAL STUDIES

4.0 Credits

WORLD LANGUAGE

2.0 Credits

FINE ART

1.0 Credit

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2.0 Credits

HEALTH

0.5 Credits

ELECTIVES

5.0 Credits

Specific requirements of universities and colleges vary and may require additional subject area credits.

*1.0 science credit must be earned through (1) year of lab



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SCHOOL CODE

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LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL is an accredited, online private school for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our students are fully supported by qualified, caring teachers and staff, and are connected to a global community of learners. With more than 25 years of experience, Laurel Springs is the school of choice for the college prep student who wishes to grow and excel academically and personally while maintaining a flexible schedule.

Since 1991, Laurel Springs School has successfully graduated more than 4,000 students and continues to expand its global reach, working with families in more than 90 countries. The school actualizes its mission of honoring each student's unique style of learning by providing a personalized approach to education that nurtures students' academic and personal goals. Students in grades sixth through twelfth may also be selected to participate in Laurel Springs' Gifted and Talented Academy program. High college acceptance rates and successful career choices by its students attest to Laurel Springs' ongoing commitment to prepare students for college and for life.

OUR MISSION at Laurel Springs School, believes that each child is a unique human being, with personal interests, special talents and a unique learning style. We know that children receive optimum benefit from an educational process that values them as individuals and provides a personalized approach to learning. We encourage their innate enthusiasm for learning and their dreams.

LAUREL SPRINGS UPPER SCHOOL provides a comprehensive standards and competency-based academic program. We offer challenging academic courses and diverse elective credit options. Students must complete 23.5 credits to graduate.

Each semester-long course earns a 0.5 credit and consists of 18 weeks of work with a minimum of four hours of study per week. 132 of our courses are certified as meeting University of California (UC) a-g admission requirements, and 91 of our courses are recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as meeting its eligibility requirements. *Laurel Springs School does not rank its students.*

GRADING SCALE

LETTER GRADE	NUMERIC GRADE	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP/COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT
A+	96.5-100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92.5-96.4	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	89.5-92.4	3.70	4.20	4.70
B+	86.5-89.4	3.30	3.80	4.30
B	82.5-86.4	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	79.5-82.4	2.70	3.20	3.70
C+	76.5-79.4	2.30	2.80	3.30
C	72.5-76.4	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	69.5-72.4	1.70	2.20	2.70
D+	66.5-69.4	1.30	1.80	2.30
D	62.5-66.4	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	59.5-62.4	0.70	1.20	1.70
F	59.4 >	0.00	0.00	0.00

STUDENT BODY

STUDENTS REPRESENT	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	ENROLLMENT STATUS
50 States	32 K–12 Clubs	68% Full-Time
92 Countries		32% Part-Time

SAT/ACT SCORES

	LSS	CA	NATIONAL
SAT REASONING	590	540	536
SAT MATH	564	536	531
ACT COMPOSITE	24.4	22.7	20.8

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

This is a partial list of colleges and universities to which Laurel Springs' students have been accepted.

American University	Jacobs University-Bremen	All Campuses
American University, Paris	Johns Hopkins University	University of Colorado
Amherst College	Juilliard School	University of Connecticut
Baylor University	King's College London	University of Edinburgh–U.K.
Berklee College of Music	McGill University	University of Florida
Boston University	Middlebury College	University of Georgia
Brandeis University	New England Conservatory	University of Glasgow
Brown University	New York University	University of Illinois
Bryn Mawr College	Northeastern University	University of Iowa
California College of the Arts	Northwestern University	University of Maryland
California Polytechnic State University	Occidental College	University of Massachusetts
California State University—All Campuses	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Miami
Carleton College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Michigan
Carnegie Mellon University	Pepperdine University	University of North Carolina—All Campuses
Clemson University	Princeton University	University of Oregon
College of William and Mary	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University	Rice University	University of Rochester
Cornell University	Royal Academy of Music	University of St Andrews
Dartmouth College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Southern California
Drexel University	Smith College	University of Texas
Duke University	Stanford University	University of Toronto
Emory University	State University of New York—All Campuses	University of Virginia
Fashion Institute of Technology	Swarthmore College	University of Washington
Fordham University	Syracuse University	University of Wisconsin
George Washington University	Texas Tech University	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University	Tulane University	Vassar College
Hampshire College	U.S. Air Force Academy	Villanova University
Harvard University	U.S. Naval Academy	Virginia Tech
Hofstra University	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Wake Forest University
	University of Arizona	Wellesley College
	University of California—	Wesleyan University
		Yale University

HONORS & AP COURSES

HONORS AND AP COURSES are intended for college-bound students seeking a challenging academic curriculum. Using advanced curricula, teacher support, and hands-on learning opportunities, each student fulfills college entrance requirements while pursuing personal interests and individual goals. The Laurel Springs Honors and AP Programs emphasize vocabulary development, critical thinking, problem solving, expository writing, and research.

HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

HONORS ENGLISH

English Fundamentals
World Literature
American Literature
British Literature
Shakespearean Literature
Drama Literature

HONORS SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

World Cultures
World History
American History
Government
Economics
Philosophy and Ethics

HONORS MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus

HONORS SCIENCE

Earth Science
Physical Science
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Marine Science
Anatomy and Physiology

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

AP ENGLISH

English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition

AP FINE ARTS

Art History

AP SOCIAL STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

U.S. History
European History
World History
U.S. Government and Politics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Psychology
Human Geography

AP MATHEMATICS

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

AP WORLD LANGUAGES

Spanish Language and Culture
French Language and Culture

AP SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles

ACADEMIC AWARDS

STUDENT ACCOLADES

U.S. Presidential Scholars Program: Candidates, Semi-Finalist, and Finalist
High School Academic All-American
AJGA Scholastic Junior All-American

PSAT/NMSQT AWARDS

National Merit Scholarship Program; Annual Semi-Finalists, Finalists, and National Hispanic Scholars

AP AWARDS

AP Scholars
AP Scholars with Honors
AP Scholars with Distinction
National AP Scholars

OVER 75% OF STUDENTS score 3 or higher on AP exams

LSS IS IN THE TOP 10% GLOBALLY

for students scoring a 3 or higher on AP exams

REPORTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of 2018 reported **\$10,565,195** in merit scholarships

UPPER SCHOOL ELECTIVE COURSES

ALL COURSES ARE ONE SEMESTER UNLESS NOTED

COURSE	TEXT	ONLINE	COURSE	TEXT	ONLINE
3D Modeling		✓	Exercise Science		✓
ACT Preparation		✓	Fashion & Interior Design		✓
Advertising & Sales Promotion		✓	First Aid & Safety		✓
Agriscience 1		✓	Forensic Science 1: Secrets of the Dead		✓
Agriscience 2*		✓	Forensic Science 2: More Secrets of the Dead		✓
Animation		✓	Foundations In Personal Finance		✓
Anthropology 1: Uncovering Human Mysteries		✓	Game Design 1		✓
Anthropology 2: More Human Mysteries Uncovered		✓	Game Design 2		✓
AP Computer Science A*		✓	Gothic Literature: Monster Stories		✓
AP Computer Science Principles*		✓	Great Minds in Science: Ideas for a New Generation		✓
Archaeology: Detectives of the Past		✓	Health Careers		✓
Astronomy: Exploring the Universe		✓	Health Science 1: The Whole Individual		✓
Biotechnology: Unlocking Nature's Secrets		✓	High School Seminar		✓
Calligraphy	✓		Hospitality & Tourism: Traveling the Globe		✓
Careers In Criminal Justice		✓	Human Geography: Our Global Identity		✓
Coding 1*		✓	International Business: Global Commerce in the 21st Century		✓
Computer Science and Coding*		✓	Introduction to Coaching		✓
Concepts of Engineering & Technology		✓	Introduction to Forestry & Natural Resources		✓
Consumer Math*		✓	Introduction to Manufacturing: Product Design & Innovation		✓
Creative Writing**	✓	✓	Introduction to Nursing 1		✓
Criminology: Inside the Criminal Mind		✓	Introduction to Nursing 2		✓
Cybersecurity*		✓	Introduction to Renewable Technologies		✓
Digital Photography 1		✓	Journalism: Investigating the Truth		✓
Digital Photography 2		✓			
Drawing People	✓				
Entrepreneurship: Starting Your Business		✓			

*Full-Year Courses

**Text-based Creative Writing is a full-year course

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COURSE	TEXT	ONLINE
Law & Order: Introduction to Legal Studies		✓
Leadership Skills Development		✓
Medical Terminology		✓
Military Careers		✓
Mythology & Folklore: Legendary Tales		✓
National Security		✓
Nutrition		✓
Peer Counseling		✓
Personal & Family Finance		✓
Personal Project Portfolio**		✓
Personal Psychology 1: The Road to Self-Discovery		✓
Personal Psychology 2: Living in a Complex World		✓
Personal Training Career Prep		✓
Personal Training Concepts		✓
Philosophy: The Big Picture		✓
Principles of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources		✓
Principles of Public Service: To Serve & Protect		✓
Public Speaking		✓
Real World Parenting		✓

COURSE	TEXT	ONLINE
Restaurant Management		✓
SAT Preparation		✓
Social Media: Our Connected World		✓
Social Problems 1: A World in Crisis		✓
Social Problems 2: Crisis, Conflicts & Challenges		✓
Sociology 1: The Study of Human Relationships		✓
Sociology 2: Your Social Life		✓
Sports & Entertainment Marketing		✓
Sports Officiating		✓
Strength Training		✓
The Lord of the Rings: An Exploration of the Films & Their Literary Influences		✓
Theatre, Cinema, & Film Production*		✓
Veterinary Sciences: The Care of Animals		✓
Women's Studies: A Personal Journey Through Film		✓
World Mythology*		✓
World Religions: Exploring Diversity		✓

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**Personal Project Portfolio can be either a semester or full-year course



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AP Courses

ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

HISTORY

AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Microeconomics (semester)
AP Macroeconomics (semester)
AP Psychology
AP U.S. Government & Politics (semester)
AP U.S. History

MATH

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

SCIENCE

AP Biology with Lab
AP Chemistry with Lab
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1

WORLD LANGUAGE

AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture

FINE ARTS & ELECTIVES

AP Art History
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles



