



# RANSOM EVERGLADES SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Ransom Everglades School is an independent, non-profit, coeducational, college preparatory day school open to all students without regard to race, religion, or national origin.

Ransom School, established in 1903 and enrolling boys only, and Everglades School for Girls, established in 1955, formed a corporate merger on July 1, 1974. Full coeducation began in September, 1975, with a Middle School (grades 7 and 8) on the former Everglades campus and an Upper School (grades 9 through 12) on the former Ransom campus. An inaugural sixth grade class was added to the Middle School in the fall of 1992.

Total enrollment in grades 6 through 12 is approximately 1,056 students, 154 of whom are seniors: 53% of the student body comes from ethnically multicultural backgrounds; average class size is 14.2 students; 53% of the faculty hold Master's degrees; 13% hold Doctorates.

Although the school attracts most of its students from professional and executive-level family backgrounds, a diversified school community is sought and fostered through a generous program of financial aid. Additional diversification results from increasing numbers of foreign students (and American students with previous schooling abroad) whose families have relocated to Miami, an international business and trade center located in the country's eighth most-populous county.

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Ransom Everglades School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Membership is held in the Southern and National Associations for College Admission Counseling, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the College Entrance Examination Board, among others.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum graduation requirements are twenty-one credits plus two credits for Physical Education. The student must earn these credits in grades 9-12. In addition to the total credit requirement, specific subject requirements are:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| English            | 4 credits   |
| Social Sciences    | 2 credits* ( <i>Grade 9 - World Civilizations; Grade 10 or 11 - United States History</i> ) |
| Mathematics        | 3 credits   |
| Science            | 2 credits* ( <i>Biology; Elective Lab Science</i> )   |
| World Language     | 2 credits** ( <i>in same language: Spanish, French, Chinese</i> )                           |
| Fine Arts          | 1 credit  |
| Physical Education | 2 credits ( <i>no exemptions</i> )  |
| Academic Electives | 7 credits   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>23 credits</b>   |

\* Three or more credits strongly urged. College admissions standards for the State University system in Florida require that all entering freshmen have taken four years of English, three years each of mathematics, science and social sciences and two years of a world language.

\*\* Language studied prior to grade 9 may give advanced placement, but two credits of study in one language are required in grades 9 through 12.

## 2009-2010 ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM • 23 Subject Areas

In order to maintain a balanced course load, students are limited to taking no more than 1 AP course in 10th grade, 2 in 11th grade, and 3 in 12th grade. Permission must be granted for students wishing to exceed this course load. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the corresponding exam.

### Humanities

AP English Language\*  
 AP English Literature  
 AP Spanish Language\*  
 AP Spanish Literature  
 AP French Language  
 AP Art History  
 AP Music Theory

### Social Sciences

AP US History  
 AP European History  
 AP World History  
 AP US Government  
 AP Comparative Government  
 AP Economics\* (Micro & Macro)  
 AP Psychology

### Science & Mathematics

AP Calculus 1 (AB)  
 AP Calculus 2 (BC)\*  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Physics B  
 AP Physics C: Mechanics  
 AP Environmental Science

**\*Note to Colleges:** All Juniors take “English 3,” and about one-third of the class takes the AP English Language exam. Students enrolled in “Spanish Heritage 3 Honors” (titled “Spanish 3-S” prior to 2007-08) take the AP Spanish Language exam. “AP Economics” prepares for both the Micro and Macro exams. The AP Calculus 2 curriculum prepares for the BC exam in addition to covering topics in Multivariable Calculus.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES • 2007 - 2009

| Score      | 2009 - Percentage |     | 2008 - Percentage |     | 2007 - Percentage |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 5          | 327               | 45% | 269               | 41% | 281               | 41% |
| 4          | 229               | 31% | 210               | 32% | 227               | 33% |
| 3          | 117               | 16% | 113               | 17% | 132               | 19% |
| Pass Rate: | 673/733 = 91.8%   |     | 592/692 = 90.8%   |     | 640/685 = 93.4%   |     |

- 3-year results across 2,070 exams: 92.0% pass rate with average score of 4.07.
- 92 members (64%) of the Class of 2009 were named “AP Scholars,” 21 of whom earned “National AP Scholar” designations.
- 79% of the Class of 2010 has taken at least one AP exam by junior year.

## GRADING POLICY

Credit-carrying grades, as listed below, are used to compute the grade-point average. Ransom Everglades courses that receive both grades and credit (listed on the transcript without +) are considered major courses. All GPA's are unweighted.

|                      |         |        |         |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Distinction (100-90) | A+ = 12 | A = 11 | A- = 10 |
| Honors (89-80)       | B+ = 9  | B = 8  | B- = 7  |
| Satisfactory (79-70) | C+ = 6  | C = 5  | C- = 4  |
| Passing (69-60)      | D+ = 3  | D = 2  | D- = 1  |

**Ransom Everglades School does not rank its students.** As an indicator of our rigorous academic program and grading standards, the Class of 2010 includes only 2 students with no final academic grades below A, 4 additional students with no final academic grades below A- and 15 additional students with no final academic grades below B+.

## TESTING RESULTS FOR CLASS OF 2009 (144 Seniors)

| SAT Reasoning (141 students)  |                    | ACT Composite (121 students)  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Middle 50% of scores (Median) |                    | Middle 50% of scores (Median) |  |
| Critical Reasoning            | 600 - 700 (650)    | 26 - 31 (29)                  |  |
| Math                          | 620 - 750 (670)    |                               |  |
| Writing                       | 620 - 720 (660)    |                               |  |
| CR + Math                     | 1230 - 1410 (1320) |                               |  |
| CR + Math + Writing           | 1860 - 2100 (1980) |                               |  |

*Approximately 20% of our Upper School students come from backgrounds where English is not spoken at home.*

## CLASS OF 2009 SAT SUBJECT TESTS • Mean (Number Tested)

|             |          |         |          |                      |          |
|-------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Biology-E   | 684 (10) | French  | 655 (12) | Spanish              | 703 (66) |
| Biology-M   | 679 (10) | Math 1  | 650 (87) | Spanish w/ Listening | 768 (4)  |
| Chemistry   | 664 (34) | Math 2  | 709 (53) | US History           | 685 (43) |
| English Lit | 645 (50) | Physics | 677 (11) | World History        | 708 (4)  |

## DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

Ransom Everglades School reports all serious breaches of community standards or potentially harmful patterns of behavior that have resulted in suspension and/or dismissal from the school.

## College and University Enrollment

100% of Ransom Everglades' students attend a four-year institution. For the classes of 2006 - 2009 (**average class size: 139**) four or more students have matriculated at:

Babson College (4)  
 Barnard College (8)  
 Boston College (14)  
 Boston University (6)  
 Bowdoin College (9)  
 Brown University (9)  
 University of Chicago (5)  
 Claremont McKenna College (4)  
 Columbia University (7)  
 Cornell University (7)  
 Dartmouth College (5)  
 Duke University (4)  
 Emerson College (4)  
 Emory College (7)  
 University of Florida (22)  
 Florida International University (4)  
 Florida State University (11)  
 George Washington University (24)  
 Georgetown University (8)  
 Georgia Inst. of Technology (4)  
 Harvard University (11)  
 Indiana University (7)  
 Johns Hopkins University (4)  
 Lehigh University (8)  
 Univ. of Maryland, College Park (8)  
 M.I.T. (6)  
 University of Miami (33)  
 University of Michigan (10)  
 Middlebury College (4)  
 New York University (8)  
 U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (7)  
 Northwestern University (10)  
 University of Notre Dame (4)  
 Oglethorpe University (5)  
 University of Pennsylvania (18)  
 Princeton University (8)  
 University of Southern California (6)  
 Tufts University (18)  
 Tulane University (6)  
 Vanderbilt University (6)  
 Vassar College (6)  
 Villanova University (6)  
 Wake Forest University (11)  
 Washington Univ. in St. Louis (24)  
 Wellesley College (8)  
 Wesleyan University (5)  
 Yale University (9)

|     |                      |
|-----|----------------------|
| 7%  | In-State Public      |
| 7%  | In-State Private     |
| 10% | Out-of-State Public  |
| 75% | Out-of-State Private |
| 1%  | International        |