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THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

CHAMPS Charter High School of the Arts is an independent public charter high school offering small arts-infused academic classes including honors and Advanced Placement, as well as comprehensive academies for liberal arts, dance, drama, film, music, digital arts, written arts and robotics. As early adopters of the Making Caring Common movement, we believe in the development of the whole student.

Students come from diverse backgrounds and a wide geographic area from within the San Fernando Valley and various parts of Los Angeles County. CHAMPS is unique in the greater Los Angeles community of private and public high schools because of its competitive college preparatory curriculum, wide selection of arts specialties and electives in concert with small academic classes. These offerings are designed to enhance the educational experience of every student, while advancing the skills of those training in a specific art form. Students enrolled in the arts academies' curricula train about 20 hours per week honing their talents and skills, in addition to handling a rigorous academic regimen. Students that opt for the school's Liberal Arts Academy, sample an array of elective courses while it tracks alongside academic entrance requirements to the great majority of U.S. colleges and universities, including the University of California and California State University systems. Additionally, the CHAMPS' robotics team is highly competitive and holds state and world champion titles with VEX Robotics.

There are 90 faculty and staff members, approximately 50% with Master's degrees and beyond. CHAMPS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).

MATRICULATION HISTORY

CHAMPS graduated its tenth senior class in June 2018. Our graduates have been admitted to a wide variety of colleges and universities, the emphasis being on finding the proper fit (personal/emotional, academic and financial).

A sampling of schools where CHAMPS' students have been admitted includes: Art Center College of Design, Bard College, Barnard College, Bennington College, Boston University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, California Institute of the Arts, California Institute of Technology, Clark University, Colorado College, Columbia University, Connecticut College, Cooper Union, Duke University, Emerson College, Grinnell College, Goucher College, Howard University, Johns Hopkins University, Kenyon College, Macalester College, Maryland Institute College of Art, Mt. Holyoke College, New York University, Northwestern University, Occidental College, The Ohio State University, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Reed College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Sarah Lawrence College, Santa Clara University, Scripps College, Seattle University, Smith College, Stanford University, Trinity College (CT), Tufts University, Tulane University, United States Military Academy, University of California (all nine campuses), University of Chicago, University of Texas at Austin, University of Miami, University of Pennsylvania, Vassar College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale University, the majority of California State University campuses, and many more.

Class of 2018 Post--Graduation Plans

*Attending Four-Year Colleges -- 53%

*Attending Two-Year Colleges -- 43.6% (77% of these students had an acceptance to a 4-year institution)

*Military, Trade School, and Employment -- 3.4%

CHAMPS' MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Math – 30 Credits/Three Years (through Algebra 2 strongly encouraged); Four Years Recommended

World Language – 20 Credits/Two Years (Spanish, French, Italian offered, but others, including ASL, accepted); 3--4 Years Recommended

Social Studies – 30 Credits/Three Years

English – 40 Credits/Four Years

Science – 20 Credits/Two Years (Biology and Chemistry); 3--4 Years Recommended

Arts Electives – 10 Credits/One Year (most students take many more)

Total Credits Required for Graduation – 220

Service Learning – CHAMPS students must complete a minimum of 25 community service hours per year of attendance as a graduation requirement.

GPA

CHAMPS' grading system: A=90--100%; B=80--89%; C=70--79%; D=60--69%; F=59% and under.

A 4.0 scale is used, except for Advanced Placement courses, Honors Economics and English Honors courses taken in grades 11--12.

CHAMPS does not rank its students.

CURRICULUM

Semester

STUDENT POPULATION

750 Students, Grades 9--12

Free and Reduced Lunch Population -- 47%

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

White -- 38.7%

Hispanic – 40.1%

Black -- 13.6%

Asian – 2.7%

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander -- 1.5%

American Indian or Alaska Native -- 0.4%

Other/declined to state -- 3.0%

ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED*

CHAMPS encourages students to only take the advanced courses in areas where they have a deep interest, therefore limited course offerings are available for students prior to 11th grade. Exceptions are made for individuals that show proficiency in some subject areas (e.g., math and world language).

Weighted AP and Honors Courses

AP Computer Science Principles (10-12) introduced this year

AP Psychology (10--12)

AP European History (10-12), was not offered every year

AP Human Geography (11-12), only offered in 2017-18

AP Biology (11-12), not offered in 2017-18

AP Studio Art (11-12), introduced in 2017-18

AP Art History (11-12), introduced in 2017-18

AP Statistics (11--12)

AP Calculus (11--12)

AP Spanish Language (11--12)

AP Italian (11--12)

AP French (11-12), introduced this year

AP U.S. History (11)

AP English Language (11)

AP English Literature (12)

Honors English (11--12)

Honors Economics/AP Government (12)

Additional Honors Courses

Honors English (9-10), not weighted

Honors World History (9), not weighted

Honors Geometry (9-12), not weighted

Honors Algebra 2 (10-12), not weighted

Advanced Creative Writing (10--12), not weighted

**Most Advanced Courses are only offered in one section, the maximum number of sections is two, thus schedule conflicts are common.*

Class of 2018 SAT Mean Scores

EBRW – 570

Math – 520

Class of 2018 ACT Mean Score

Composite -- 22