



SCHOOL PROFILE 2022–23

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Founded 2014 by Salman Khan

K-12, Independent, Day, Co-educational

Enrollment (K-12): 264, High School (9-12): 80

Class of 2023: 14

Students who identify as people of color: 86%

Students who qualify for financial assistance: 2%

Teacher-Student Ratio 1:10

Calendar: Trimester

Graduates who enroll in 4-year colleges: 100%

OUR SCHOOL

KLS is a non-profit, mastery-based, independent school designed to implement the innovative educational ideas developed by Khan Academy founder, Sal Khan. In his 2012 book, *The One World Schoolhouse*, Khan outlines a vision for the future of K-12 education, based on student-centered and mastery-based models. In 2014, he founded Khan Lab School to test and refine these ideas in an actual school setting. It has now grown to a full K-12 program on two campuses, serving over 260 students in Silicon Valley.

OUR STUDENTS

KLS believes that young people are capable of far more than society currently recognizes. Students at KLS embrace this philosophy, as they progress in their unique journeys and experience the meaningful outcomes of mastery learning. Instead of competing against one another, they collaborate and make real contributions in the world around them. Our students are not singularly focused on chasing high marks or piling on AP courses (we don't have them). Instead they take agency in their own learning, seek to understand course content, cultivate a range of interests and skills, and demonstrate their achievements in various contexts. Our students are pioneers in every way. They are pioneers of KLS, of mastery-based education, and, most importantly, of their own futures.

OUR FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION

Khan Lab School's 48 faculty and administrators foster a community who love to learn. We work diligently to ensure consistency in mastery across disciplines, while also maintaining a commitment to meeting students where they are. The quality of learning remains consistently high, even as our lab school regularly reimagines and tests new methods of teaching and learning. Our team is committed to this model, designed to help our community share best practices with educators locally and globally. Seventy percent of our faculty members hold a Ph.D. in their respective discipline.

OUR CURRICULUM

KLS uses a mastery-based learning model, creating the time and space for what matters most. Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of all competencies and skills identified in a course before moving on. While the time it takes a student to finish a course may vary, the depth of mastery remains constant. KLS creates space within and beyond core academics for students to explore their passions. In this space, they further develop their skills and apply their learning within contexts that are meaningful to them—and quite often develop expertise at a far younger age than many would expect. Wellness, caring, and creative expression are also central to community life.

ACCREDITATIONS

Khan Lab School is accredited by Cognia, a parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)

Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC)

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)

AFFILIATIONS

Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)

Mastery Transcript Consortium® (MTC) Member School

Character Collaborative

HOW TO READ OUR TRANSCRIPT

Mastery Credit is course-based whereas Cornerstone Projects are student-driven. Mastery Credit is earned when a student has mastered course content and skills. Cornerstone Projects are earned when a student chooses to go beyond the already high course expectations and applies their learning in a real-world context for at least 100 hours. Examples of Cornerstone Projects include (but are not limited to) internships, teaching, research, community service, and various passion projects. Applied learning is often transdisciplinary and requires our students to be responsible, independent, collaborative, creative, and entrepreneurial problem-solvers.

In Progress

If a student has not yet earned Mastery Credit in a course, the transcript will show a designation of "In Progress." Current and scheduled courses for seniors will carry this label.

Mastery Credit

Means that all learning outcomes have been achieved. **A student with a grade of 90% and above at a traditional school would earn mastery at KLS.** The goal and expectation is that students will earn Mastery in each of their classes.

Cornerstone Projects

Minimum of 100 hours invested (akin to a full semester course) in a passion project plus oral defense in front of a committee panel. Cornerstone Projects are optional and difficult to obtain. Earning these credits requires rigorous original work and significant self-motivation.

Dual Enrollment Courses

KLS partners with Foothill College to offer several courses that are listed on the transcript as "Dual Enrollment Courses." While students receive mastery credit for courses taken at Foothill, they are evaluated using an A-F grading scale that is not translated into our model. Please refer to the official Foothill transcript for course grades.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Senior Capstone

In the final year at KLS, students are required to do a year-long Capstone project and present their findings to a committee. Students can fulfill this requirement through professional internships, college-level research, or high-level community engagement.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a total of 22 Mastery Credits in core courses in order to graduate from Khan Lab School. These credits are earned by meeting the 15 college-preparatory courses 'A-G' to be eligible for admission to the University of California, as well as successful completion of a year-long Senior Capstone course and 6 elective courses.

2 years of history
4 years of English
3 years of mathematics
2 years of science
2 years of a foreign language
1 year of visual and performing arts
1 year of college-prep elective

- 6 elective courses
- 1 year Capstone course

Students are only required to take 5 academic courses each year, as they are expected to demonstrate a deep understanding of all competencies and skills identified in a course before moving on. During the senior year, students take a minimum of 4 courses, including a Capstone course.

Khan Lab School (KLS) uses a **mastery-based learning model** that requires students to demonstrate understanding multiple times in multiple contexts with the goal of giving them agency and ownership for their education.

Cornerstone passion projects empower students to independently pursue their interests and strengths at a deep level with support of teachers and staff.

We do not provide letter grades or rank our students. Students receive regular reports that map their progress towards fulfilling a course's learning outcomes.

Students meet with an advisor bi-weekly to support their **social, emotional, and academic learning.**

We do not offer Advanced Placement courses.

COURSES BY SUBJECT AREA

English

Methods and Meaning in English
Comparative Literature
American Literature
Senior Seminar

History & Social Studies

World History
United States History
US Government and Politics
Introduction to Microeconomics

Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-calculus
Calculus I
Calculus II
Statistics and R Programming
Data Science
Multivariable Calculus
Independent Study: Mathematics

Science

General Biology: BIO 10*
Fundamentals of Chemistry: CHEM 25*
General Chemistry: CHEM 1A*

Visual and Performing Arts

Art and Design
Advanced Studio Art
Advanced Topics in Art: Portfolio
History of Western Music
Music Production
Music: Enterprise and Design

World Languages

Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Advanced Topics: Spanish
*Online Option: Multiple Languages

Other College-Preparatory Electives

Computer Science A
Practical C Programming
Web Development

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE / MATRICULATION LIST (Classes of 2021 & 2022)

Arizona State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California Institute of Technology

California Polytechnic State University

Carnegie Mellon University

Chapman University
Colby College
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Duke University
Emory University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Grinnell College

Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola Marymount University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Middlebury College
Montana State University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College
Parsons School of Design

Pitzer College

Pratt Institute

Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rice University

San Jose State University

Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Texas A&M University

The University of Texas at Austin

Tulane University

University of California (Berkeley)

University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)

University of California (Los Angeles)

University of California (San Diego)

University of California (Santa Barbara)

University of California (Santa Cruz)

University of Chicago

University of Delaware

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Maryland (College Park)

University of Massachusetts (Amherst)

University of Massachusetts (Boston)

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Pennsylvania

University of Portland

University of Rochester

University of Southern California

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Vassar College

Washington University in St Louis

Wellesley College

Whitman College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

* Highlighted colleges indicate enrollment.