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## 2014 – 2015 Profile

### The School

Fountain Valley School of Colorado was founded in 1930 and is located on a spectacular 1,100-acre campus at the base of Colorado's majestic Rocky Mountains. The school serves approximately 240 students in grades 9-12. FVS combines intellectual rigor with a spirit of adventure and exploration, offering a challenging college preparatory program for motivated students who seek a diverse and challenging learning experience within a close-knit and supportive community.

FVS is proud of its Western heritage and encourages students to embrace the School's unique setting. In addition to the main campus in Colorado Springs, the School maintains a 40-acre Mountain Campus adjacent to the Collegiate Peaks of central Colorado, serving as base for seminars, class retreats and adventuring.

### Student Body

Fountain Valley's 240 students come from 24 states and 21 countries. Seventy percent of students reside on campus.

### Academic Program

Students at Fountain Valley benefit from small classes (average size is 11) and from working closely with talented faculty members.

**Twenty academic credits are required for graduation, including:**

- English (4 credits)
- Mathematics (3 credits, including Algebra II)
- Science (3 credits, including biology)
- Languages (through level 3 of one language)
- History (3.5 credits)
- Arts (1 credit in addition to Freshman Arts)

**Fountain Valley offers a robust selection of Advanced Placement courses, including:**

Biology  
Calculus AB and BC  
Chemistry  
Chinese Language and Culture  
Computer Science A  
English Language and Composition  
English Literature and Composition  
Environmental Science  
French Language and Culture  
Macro and Microeconomics  
Physics C: Mechanics  
Spanish Language and Culture  
Spanish Literature and Culture  
Statistics  
Studio Art 2D Design  
Studio Art 3D Design  
Government and Politics: United States  
United States History  
World History

### Interim

Each March, students participate in the week-long Interim program. Interim serves as an opportunity for students to expand their intellectual, cultural and social horizons through curriculum-based experiential education expeditions throughout Colorado, the United States and the world.

### Global Scholar Diploma

The Global Scholar Diploma challenges students to develop an international perspective through a curriculum and set of experiences that focus on global understanding. Students who earn the GSD will have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to grasp the nature of global interdependence, and pursue education and careers in the international

arena. Requirements for the diploma include: 5.5 credits in courses with a global emphasis, participation in a globally or culturally focused club, community service that requires direct encounters with individuals from other cultures, participation in an international Interim, attending global speaker/film events, and completing a capstone tutorial involving independent research and presentation of a global issue. FVS is also a Round Square member school, a consortium of more than 100 independent schools around the world offering opportunities for student exchanges.

### **Independent Study Program**

Seniors who are in good academic standing have the option of conducting an independent study. ISP students work with a faculty sponsor to design their own projects either on or off campus.

## **Standardized Testing**

### **Advance Placement Exams**

Over the past five years, nearly 90 percent of Fountain Valley students who took AP exams earned a 3, 4 or 5.

### **ACT**

66 students in the class of 2014 sat for the ACT. The mean ACT scores for the EN/M/RD/SC sections were 28/26/28/26. The mean composite score was 27.

### **SAT**

60 students in the class of 2014 took the SAT. The mean scores for the CR/M/WR sections were 580/600/570.

## **College Acceptances**

### **Classes of 2010-2014**

Fountain Valley School classes of 2010-2014 (310 students total) were admitted to 386 distinct colleges and universities. These include:

American University  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Carleton College  
Claremont McKenna College  
Colby College

Carnegie Mellon University  
Colgate University  
Colorado College  
Columbia University  
Connecticut College  
Dartmouth College  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Hamilton College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lafayette College  
Macalester College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Middlebury College  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Santa Clara University  
Scripps College  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Stanford University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Michigan  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
Vassar College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wesleyan University  
Williams College  
Yale University

## GPA and Class Rank

Fountain Valley reports to colleges a cumulative weighted GPA. Due to the small size of its student body and the selective nature of its admission process, Fountain Valley believes that class rank is not an accurate measure of the strength of its students. Should you have questions about this policy, please contact the College Counseling Office.

For your reference, a distribution of junior year final grades for the class of 2015 is below.

English	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Total
AP English Language and Composition		6	4	2	2									14
AP English Literature and Composition		2												2
English III - American Literature		1	7	15	17	8	5	3						56
History	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Total
AP US History		3	3		2	3	3							14
AP Government and Politics			1	2	2	3	1	1						10
US History		1	4	10	9	9	1							34
Seminar: History of Modern Africa		1												1
Science	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Total
AP Chemistry		2	1	1	1									5
AP Physics C: Mechanics	1	2	1		1									4
AP Biology		5	1		2	2								10
AP Environmental Science		1	1	1										3
Honors Chemistry		2	5	2	9	4	1							23
Chemistry			3	4	1	4	1	4	1					18
Geology		1	1	3		2								7
Mathematics	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Total
AP Calculus BC		4	1	1	1	1								8
AP Calculus AB	1	2	1	3	4	1		1						12
Precalculus		3	3	1	2	1	1	4	1	2		1		19
Algebra III and Trigonometry		5	1	3	6	1	2	1	1		2			22
Algebra II	1			1	2	2	2		1					8
Languages	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	Total
AP Spanish Language and Culture		2	2											4
AP French Language and Culture				1										1
Spanish IV/V			3		3									6
French IV/V		1		1	1									3
Honors Spanish III		1	1		1	1								4
French III				1	1	2								4
Mandarin Chinese III	1	1	1		1									3
Spanish II		3	1	2	1									7
French II		1												1
Mandarin Chinese II	1	1	1		1									3

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