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10th Anniversary of Rise Kohyang High School: Opening a Greater Future

Rise Kohyang High School (RKHS) is an outstanding public charter school located in Koreatown, Los Angeles, currently ranked #21 among the top charter schools in California. It has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best High Schools for the 2025–2026 school year. RKHS is part of the Bright Star Schools network within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and operates a permanent campus equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

The mission of RKHS is to prepare all students for successful admission to four-year colleges and universities, a goal that is strongly reflected in its rigorous academic program and a college-focused school culture.

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Students have gained admission to Stanford, Yale, and USC with full scholarships, reflecting a strong college-going success record and a robust college counseling system.

With the opening of a new campus, clubs, athletics, and leadership programs have significantly expanded.

Strong Academic Programs

The Class of 2025 at Rise Kohyang High School had 346 college acceptances across 64 universities, with 81% of graduates enrolling in college. Of these students, 28% were admitted to University of California (UC) campuses, 20% to California State University (CSU) campuses, and 11% to private universities.

RKHS credits its strong academic programs and student support systems for these outstanding outcomes. All RKHS students have access to free dual enrollment courses through its partnership with Los Angeles City College (LACC), allowing them to take college-level classes taught by university faculty and earn college credit while still in high school. Current on-campus college courses include Korean, Business, Kinesiology, and Sociology.

The school also offers 11 Advanced Placement (AP) courses across a wide range of subjects, enabling students to engage in rigorous, college-level learning. RKHS has earned Gold and Platinum recognition in



the AP School Honor Roll and has also received the AP Access Award. Many students have participated in nationally recognized programs through the College Board over the years.

All AP exam fees are fully covered to actively support students in earning college credit. Teachers also continuously enhance instructional quality through ongoing professional development, including AP Summer Institutes, to ensure high-quality instruction.

Equity and Inclusion-Focused Support

RKHS prioritizes equity and inclusion and provides strong support for English Learners and students with diverse learning needs. Tutoring is offered twice a week, and students regularly meet with counselors to ensure they meet A–G requirements, fully preparing them for admission to the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) systems.

RKHS graduates have been awarded full scholarships, including QuestBridge scholarships, and have been admitted to prestigious universities such as Stanford, Yale, USC, Rice University, Boston University, and all nine UC campuses. Student-athletes have also received full athletic scholarships in sports such as golf, flag football, and soccer. Alumni go on to build careers in fields such as medicine, law, and finance.

In addition to college preparation, the school offers internships and summer programs that allow students to earn industry certifications and explore various career pathways. RKHS works closely with each student to design individualized learning plans and success pathways tailored to their goals.

A Diverse Community and Strong Sense of Belonging

Principal Cynthia Trigueros is proud of the diverse community served by Rise Kohyang High School. The student population is approximately 30% Asian/Korean, 60% Latino, and 10% other ethnicities.

Students consistently report a strong sense of belonging, supported by positive teacher-student relationships and an inclusive school culture where students' identities are respected and celebrated.

In Fall 2025, the opening of new facilities allowed RKHS to further expand academic and extracurricular programs. The expanded space has enabled the school to better meet student needs and strengthen a sense of belonging on campus.

New collaborative spaces have also enhanced student club activities, providing structured opportunities for belonging, identity development, leadership, and community engagement. As a result, students now have greater access to communities that reflect their interests and experiences, leading to increased participation in school life. (A list of newly active student clubs can be referenced [here](#).)



Special Programs and Student Life

RKHS offers a dynamic athletics program with 13 CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) sports. From endurance and teamwork in cross country and track and field, to competitive play in volleyball, basketball,

and soccer, there is a sport for every student interest. Additional programs include baseball, softball, cheerleading, eSports, and girls' flag football, allowing students to compete, engage, and proudly represent their school.

Student-athletes are expected to maintain strong academic habits, including punctual attendance, active classroom engagement, and consistent study habits, all of which are essential for success in both academics and athletics.

Club participation is embedded into the school schedule, ensuring all students can participate. Each semester, students select one club of interest, such as Pre-Med Club, Animation Club, or Music Performance Club.

Community service is a core value at RKHS. Service learning helps students build responsibility, empathy, and a strong sense of civic engagement. Through initiatives such as Tritons in Service and partnerships with the Community Space Food Bank, students directly support families in need and make meaningful contributions beyond the classroom. Through food distribution and resource support, students actively engage in addressing local food insecurity while learning the value of service and community responsibility.

2026–27 Enrollment

For families considering high school options for the upcoming academic year, RKHS invites you to campus tours and meetings with school administrators to learn more about its diverse academic and extracurricular programs.

For admissions inquiries in Korean, please call (323-954-9957, ext. 1020) to receive assistance from a Korean-speaking staff member.