



# DAMONTE RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## 2022-2023 Damonte Ranch School Profile

CEEB code: 290187

### Description

Damonte Ranch High School is a comprehensive four-year high school, founded in 2003, with a current Fall 2022 enrollment of 1963 students and a senior class of 496 students. The student body is diverse with 46% white, 37% Hispanic, 7% Asian, 6% Multiracial, 3% African American, 1% Pacific Islander, and 1% American Indian making up our student population. Students receiving free/reduced lunch make up 33% of our student population and 12% receive special education services. Students receiving supports as English language learners make up 8% of our student body.

### Community

The Washoe County School District (WCSD) is the second largest school district in Nevada with more than 64,000 students enrolled in 93 schools. Reno is a city located near the Sierra Nevada Mountain range in the northwestern part of the state. WCSD is focused on creating an educational system where all students achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and college readiness for the 21st century.

### Curriculum Features

**Block Schedule:** DRHS functions on a rotating block schedule, with three 95 minute academic classes every day, followed by a 45 minute Instructional Center (IC) at the end of each day for grades 10-12 and a Freshman Seminar at the end of each day for 9th grade students.

**Instructional Center (IC):** The purpose of IC is to teacher and support students in the use of structured independence to reach individual, school and district learning goals. Students will be self-directed and take responsibility for themselves to pursue higher standards of learning through flexible academic and intervention time.

**Freshman Seminar:** A required course for 9th grade students, designed to help transition freshmen into the high school setting and to develop, within each student, their own positive self-discipline, self-learning and self-advocacy skills. These characteristics will transfer to their future years in instructional center and academic settings. This course also utilizes time to accomplish Social and Emotional Learning goals.

**Performing Arts Center (PAC):** PAC is currently the only performing arts Signature Academy in WCSD, providing advanced education and training in Orchestra, Band, Choir, Drama, and Dance. Upon completion of the program, utilizing extended day elective courses in the performing arts, students will earn a specialized PAC diploma.

**Advanced Courses:** DRHS offers comprehensive academics, including 15 **Advanced Placement (AP)** and 28 **Honors (H)** level courses. The following is a list of AP courses offered: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Probability & Statistics, English Language & Composition, Psychology, Spanish, Computer Science, Art, and Music Theory. **Dual Credit** courses offered: Math 126, Math 127, English 101, English 102, Political Science 101, and Economics 101.

**Advanced Placement Results:** May 2022– 619 AP Exams in 20 subject areas; 64% of students received scores of 3 or higher.

**Weighting:** Transcript GPAs: All student transcripts show both a cumulative unweighted GPA and a cumulative weighted GPA. For weighted GPAs: Honors classes are weighted by an additional .025 and AP and Dual Credit classes are weighted by an additional .050.

**Class Rank:** Class ranking for seniors is recalculated for each semester of high school course work and is calculated using the student's weighted GPA.

**Graduation Rate:** 87% (Damonte Ranch High School 2022 cohort)  
86% (Washoe County School District 2022 cohort)  
86.9% (State of Nevada 2022 cohort)

**Recognitions:** 1 2021 National Merit Commended Student  
3 2016 National Medalists for Scholastic Art Awards

### CONTACTS

- Darvel Bell, principal
- Elizabeth Van Dorn, registrar
- Melanie Lazear, counselor (A-Cop)
- Brock Woodard, counselor (Cor-G)
- Naomi McColl, counselor (H-L)
- Cindy Barnard, counselor (M-Po)
- Kelli Moore, counselor (Pr-S)
- John Schreiner, lead counselor (T-Z)

### GRADING SCALE

• A	90-100	4.0
• B	80-89	3.0
• C	70-79	2.0
• D	60-69	1.0
• F	< 60	0.0

### STANDARD DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Departments	Credits
English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	2.0
American Gov	1.0
U.S. History	1.0
World History/World Geography	1.0
PE/HSROTC	2.0
Arts/Humanities/CTE	1.0
Computer Literacy	0.5
Health	0.5
Electives	6.0
Flex Credit	1.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>

### ACCREDITATION

A member of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

### COVID-19:

The school temporarily closed its campus March 2020 due to COVID-19. Students completed coursework via distance learning, earning academic letter grades for courses. The campus reopened in a hybrid model in Fall 2020. Extracurriculars remain suspended through a majority of the 2020-2021 school year.

## WCSD DIPLOMA OPTIONS

### HONORS Diploma

24 credits  
3.4 GPA  
4 credits of Math  
3 credits of Science  
2 credits of World Language  
8 Honors credits  
No course failures 11th/12th

### ADVANCED Diploma

24 credits  
3.25 GPA  
4 credits of Math  
3 credits of Science

### STANDARD Diploma

23 credits

\*All diploma options require students to complete a college and career readiness exam and civics exam.

## CLASS OF 2023 SNAPSHOT

Class size: 496

Highest weighted GPA: 5.5

Lowest weighted GPA: .45

Approximately 40% to 4-year institutions

Approximately 20% to 2-year institutions

Approximately 40% to work, military or technical

ACT Administration March 2022

467 students in grade 11 tested

Section	Mean
Math	18.9
Reading	19.8
Science	19.7
English	18.1
Writing	7.2
<b>Composite</b>	<b>18.0</b>

## COLLEGES ATTENDED BY RECENT DAMONTE RANCH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
Baylor University  
Boise State University  
Brigham Young University  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
Colby College  
John Paul the Great Catholic University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Nevada State College  
Northern Arizona University  
Pace University  
Pepperdine University  
Saint Mary's College  
Santa Clara University  
Skidmore College  
Southern Oregon University  
Southern Utah University  
The New School University  
Truckee Meadows Community College  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
UC Berkeley  
UC Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Michigan  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Nevada, Reno  
University of Texas, Dallas  
University of Utah  
Utah State University  
Western Nevada College

