

## School Profile – 2022-2023

### THE SCHOOL

James Irwin Charter High School (JICHS) is a four-year college preparatory charter high school located in Harrison District Two in Colorado Springs, Colorado. James Irwin is committed to preparing students in grades 9-12 for college through an academically rigorous, content-rich program based on the great ideas and values of our Western Heritage with an equal emphasis on character development. The five pillars of character upon which JICHS was founded and continues to instill in its students consist of honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and excellence.

### ENROLLMENT 22-23

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
87	86	107	123

Total Enrollment 403

Total Male/Female: 182/221

Ethnic Minority Population: 72.21%

### DISTINCTION

Winner of the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award (2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2016)

Gold Medal for being in the top 500 high schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016); and ranked 469<sup>th</sup> out of 21,000 in the nation and 11<sup>th</sup> out of 468 high schools in the State of Colorado (2016) Top 13% of High Schools in the Nation (US News and World Report, 2020)

America's Most Challenging High Schools by *The Washington Post*; ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the State of Colorado (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Best of the Springs Reader's Choice by *The Gazette* Silver Award (2013, 2016, 2017, 2018) and Gold Award (2019, 2020, 2021)

Mean ACT and SAT composite score for the Class of 2023 ACT = 20.5 SAT = 1113.5.

- The last three graduating classes have had:
  - 1 National Merit Semi-Finalist / 2 Commended Students
  - 1 National Hispanic Merit Scholar
  - 5 Recipients of full-ride university scholarships
  - 2 National Match Scholars
  - 23 AP Scholars; 4-AP Scholar with Honor; 2-AP Scholar with Distinction
  - 2022 Gazette's Best and Brightest recipient

### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT & ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

23% of juniors participated in the Concurrent Enrollment program. CE Classes offered: History 121 and History 122

43.6% of seniors and 31.3% of juniors participated in the Advance Placement Program, the only honors courses option for upper level courses. AP courses are offered for the following subjects:

Calculus AB, BC	Biology	English Language & Comp	Physics
Statistics	Chemistry	English Literature	Anatomy
Computer Science	Psychology	Economics	

### Grading System

#### Regular Courses

A+ = 4.0	B+ = 3.0	C+ = 2.0	D+ = 1.0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A- = 4.0	B- = 3.0	C- = 2.0	D- = 1.0

#### Concurrent Enrollment, Honors and Advanced Placement Courses are weighted as follows:

A+ = 5.0	B+ = 4.0	C+ = 3.0	D+ = 2.0
A = 5.0	B = 4.0	C = 3.0	D = 2.0
A- = 5.0	B- = 4.0	C- = 3.0	D- = 2.0

Class rank is determined by GPA.

### Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH	8 credits
HISTORY	8 credits
MATHEMATICS (Algebra 1 & Higher)	8 credits
SCIENCE (min. 3 lab courses)	6 credits
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	6 credits
FINE ARTS (1 art, 1 music)	2 credits
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 credits
CHARACTER & ETHICS	1 credit
SPEECH AND LOGIC	1 credit
ELECTIVES	<u>6 credits</u>
TOTAL REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION	48 credits

\*Credit is granted by semester – 1 credit per semester for each course taken and passed

Graduates from James Irwin Charter High School have attended the following colleges and universities in the last four years:

**Boston University**

**Colorado Christian University**

**Rowan University, NJ**

**Colorado College**

**Colorado School of Mines**

**Colorado State University**

**Pensacola Christian College**

**Tuskegee University, TN**

**Universidad San Francisco de Quito**

**Embry-Riddle (FL)**

**Grand Canyon University (AZ)**

**BYU – Provo, UT and Idaho**

**United States Air Force Academy**

**University of Colorado at Boulder**

**University of Colorado at Colo. Springs**

**University of Colorado at Denver**

**University of Wyoming**

**University of Miami**

**University of Denver**

**University of North Carolina**

**University of Nebraska - Lincoln**

**University of Northern Arizona**

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