



Rancho Mirage High School, the fourth comprehensive high school within the Palm Springs Unified School District, was completed in Spring 2013 and opened in Fall 2013. This first year, the school is serving more than 800 freshmen and sophomores, and at full capacity will be able to house

more than 2,200 students within 87 classrooms. The first graduating class will be the class of 2016. The school's colors are maroon, silver and Columbia blue, and its mascot is the Rattler, chosen by a district-wide vote of students, staff and community members.



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The school, designed and operated much like a college campus, consists of eight main buildings and covers a 330,000-square-foot area. The buildings are one and two-level predominantly steel structures with concrete slabs-on-grade and plaster finish. The football stadium is lower than the rest of the campus by roughly 30 feet in elevation, making for a true stadium feel. There are separate parking areas for students, staff, and visitors.



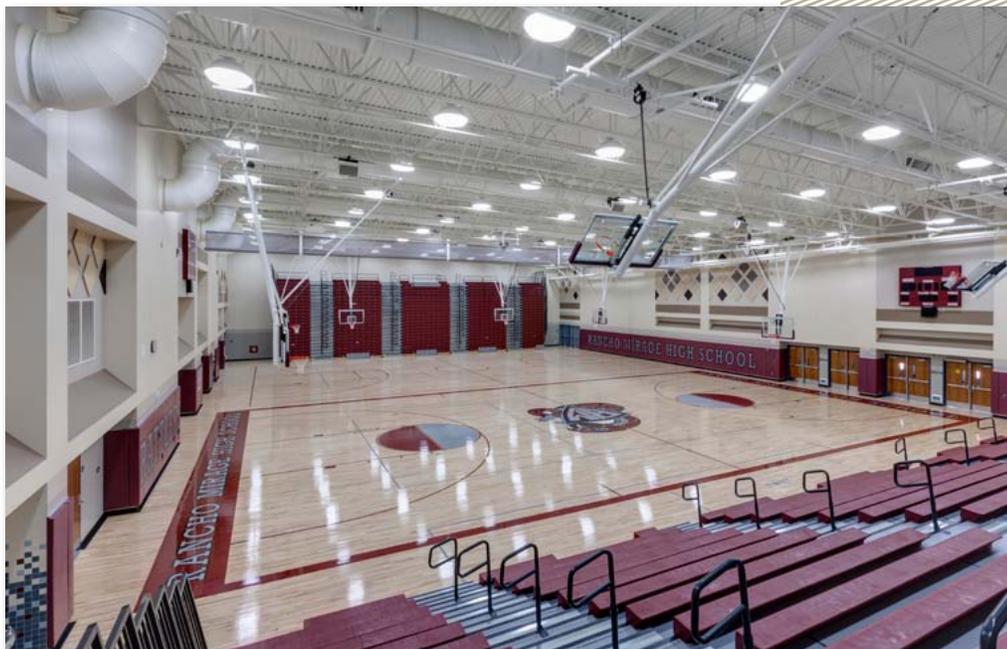
Rancho Mirage High boasts two career academies – performing arts and culinary arts. The Helen Galen Performing Arts Center is a state-of-the-art theater building which seats 607 attendees. It is named in honor of Helen Galen, who donated \$1.5 million to establish an endowment for the performing arts at the school. The theater is already being utilized, not only by the school’s performing arts department, but also by the after-school Musical Theatre University program (for all local high school students interested in performing arts) and community productions and performances.

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