What We Believe

Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God.

Faith is a gift from God that must be nurtured.

The role of education is to empower young women.

Students and faculty must embody the motto “Not Words, But Deeds.”

ABOUT PRESENTATION

Presentation High School was established in 1962 and is the last remaining high school in the United States established by the Sisters of the Presentation. We are a college preparatory school for girls whose purpose and dedication flow from the teaching missions of the Roman Catholic Church. Nestled in a suburb of San Jose called Willow Glen, we serve a community of young women that reflects the diverse face of the Northern California Bay Area. Presentation High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and College (WASC).

Spring 2020 Recap

Presentation transitioned to distance learning on March 16, 2020. Students continued to attend classes on the school’s normal block schedule from 7:30 am - 2:45 pm. Beginning April 20, students were not assigned homework beyond the work that was expected of them for a given class period. Students were given letter grades at the end of the semester.

Fall 2020 Overview

All instruction will occur remotely for the duration of the fall semester. If conditions allow, students will be welcomed back to campus in cohorts and will continue to engage in virtual instruction. Students are attending class from 8:05 am - 12:55 pm on a modified block schedule. The new bell schedule includes 45 minutes of synchronous time and an additional 35 minutes of asynchronous work per class.

A Pres Graduate is

» A woman of faith
» Intellectually competent
» Dedicated to working with others
» Committed to personal growth

A Pres Graduate is
WHO WE ARE

TOTAL ENROLLMENT
709 STUDENTS

20% OF STUDENTS
RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID
2.4 MILLION GIVEN
IN FINANCIAL AID

60% OF OUR STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS OF COLOR.

Of the 60%, students identify as:

- 15% Hispanic
- 10.96% Indian
- 8.09% Asian
- 6.06% Multiracial
- 5.07% Vietnamese
- 3.37% Hindu
- 3.37% Filipino
- 2.1% Chinese
- 1.26% Black
- .28% Pacific Islander
- .28% Pakistani
- .28% Punjabi
- .28% Native American or Alaskan Native

CLASS OF 2021

ACT Summary (as of August 19, 2020)

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230 students

SAT Summary (as of August 19, 2020)

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* Due to COVID-19, the majority of our seniors were unable to take the SAT/ACT in their junior year. While many students are hoping to register for the upcoming test dates, we are not encouraging them to risk their health and safety for a standardized test. Our hope is that you will closely examine our students’ academic performance and course offerings as they are much stronger indicators of their academic preparation and success in college.

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**ACADEMICS AT PRES**

**Curriculum Notes**

Students must earn a D- or higher in each course to meet graduation requirements. Students may enroll in up to 7 classes per semester, but take no fewer than 6 courses. 90% of our students take 4 years of math, 70.5% of students take 4 years of science, and 36% of our students take 4 years of modern language.

**Grade Point Average**

GPA is determined by using a 4.0 system with one bonus point given for honors and AP courses. It is cumulative from the 9th grade. Presentation High School does not rank students.

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**Graduation Requirements (by semester)**

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**Honors and Advanced Placement**

Students must meet prerequisites to gain admittance into Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Taking AP exams is not a requirement of AP classes. AP English Literature and Composition is offered in alternating years with Honors English 3 and 4. AP Physics and AP Chemistry are offered in alternating years. We do not limit the amount of AP and Honors classes a student takes per year.

In 2019-20, 326 students took 665 online advanced placement exams in 18 different subjects. 87% of students passed the Advanced Placement exams with a score of 3 or higher.

**2020-21 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses**

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Environmental Science
- AP French Language
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art 2-D
- AP United States Govt. & Pol.
- AP United States History

**2020-21 Honors Courses**

- Honors Algebra II
- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors English 9A/9B
- Honors English 10A/10B
- Honors English 3/4
- Honors French II
- Honors French III
- Honors French V
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Multi-Variable Calculus
- Honors Physics
- Honors Precalculus
- Honors Spanish II
- Honors Spanish III
- Honors World History A/B
Transcript Information

- All remediated coursework will appear on the official high school transcript. The original course and grade remain on the transcript and will also remain in the GPA.
- Any “F” grade that is made up to meet graduation requirements will be added to the transcript and included in the student’s grade point average and total units of credit.
- Courses taken for enrichment or to meet college entrance requirements will not be added to the transcript and will not be included in the GPA.
- Athletic participation is listed as a Pass/Fail course in the semester of the corresponding athletic season.
- Participation in Speech & Debate, Robotics, and Math & Science Academy are listed as a Pass/Fail courses.

Discipline Disclosure Policy

If a student has been suspended due to discipline or academic integrity violations, or has developed a pattern of discipline and or academic integrity violations, she and her college counselor must report the suspension to colleges.

Enhanced Learning Opportunities

Math & Science Academy
It is an aim of the Academy to bring bright, curious, and creative students together to explore mathematical, scientific, and engineering knowledge. Students apply to become members and are required to participate in 2 activities provided by the academy. Students can engage in an independent research course that offers the opportunity for students to be involved in mathematics, science, and engineering research at a level beyond the normal curriculum. Integrated Science and Technology Seminar course, PHS Robotics, a colloquium series, and the Mu Alpha Theta honors society are also activities within the academy.

Co-Curricular Programs

Campus Ministry
Campus Ministry provides students opportunities such as class level retreats, school liturgies and lunchtime prayer services to encourage students to explore and grow in their faith. Students from all faith backgrounds are welcome to join the Peer Ministry Program that is designed to deepen the spiritual experience of its members, as well as that of the school. Students in Peer Ministry are empowered to develop and share their unique gifts and faith interests through prayer, small group sharing, retreats, and participation in various forms of ministry.

Community Involvement Program
At Pres, “Not Words, but Deeds” isn’t just a motto and service is the cornerstone of a Pres education. The Community Involvement department engages the entire school in grade level fundraising, drives, and service. Extensive service learning travel opportunities are offered each year in both U.S. and international destinations.

Platinum Projects
When a student at Presentation High School discovers a cause or issue she feels passionate about, she is encouraged to complete a Platinum Project under the supervision of the Community Involvement Department. The goal of a Platinum Project is to fulfill a need in society by designing and implementing a service project that benefits a local organization. Students complete a final paper and present their project at the Platinum Project Symposium in May.

Speech & Debate
The Speech & Debate program involves students in original oratory, dramatic/humorous interpretation, debate, impromptu and student congress. Members compete in local, state, and national tournaments.

PHS Robotics
The Robotics team gives students hands-on experience in the fields of engineering and technology. Together, the team creates and builds robots to enter into competitions hosted by FIRST Robotics.

Leadership Academy
Presentation High School’s Leadership Academy prepares students for leadership positions at school and in the community with workshops designed and presented by faculty and staff and offers 16 workshops. Workshops teach core leadership skills such as goal-setting, mission development, project management, verbal and non-verbal communication and team building.

Athletics at Pres
Presentation has a long and storied athletic tradition of success. With 12 sports offered, more than half of the Presentation student body participates in the Presentation athletic program. Our athletes compete in the Western Catholic Athletic League (WCAL).

Performing Arts at Pres

Dance Team
Presentation's dance program offers an award-winning coaching staff, top-notch choreography and modern facilities for novice and experienced dancers. Members of the competitive dance team are selected by an audition process. These students are advanced dancers who are committed to expanding their technique, knowledge and professionalism in a range of dance styles, including jazz, lyrical, modern, musical theater, and hip hop.

Theater Program
The performing arts program presents three major productions each year, including a fall musical, a winter show, and a spring drama. The International Thespian Society presents four evening showcases, which are student-written and produced.

Choral Program
The vocal music program at Presentation includes two auditioned choirs: Bella Voce and Cantabile. Cantabile (Choral 1 & II) is Presentation’s auditioned freshman ensemble. Students will learn the basics of proper singing technique, explore various styles of choral music from multiple genres and time periods, learn to read music, begin basic music theory, and work on sight singing, rhythm, reading, and ear training. Bella Voce (Vocal Jazz Choir) is Presentation’s premier choral ensemble.
**Class of 2020 College Acceptances & Matriculation**

**173 students**

60% will be attending college in California.

90.8% will attend a 4-year institution
7.5% will attend a 2-year institution
1.7% will be taking a gap year

*Bold type indicates matriculation by at least one student.*