



**2020-21 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROFILE
PRESENTATION HIGH SCHOOL**

PRES



A Pres Graduate is

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

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).

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."

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.

WHO WE ARE



**TOTAL ENROLLMENT
709 STUDENTS**



**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



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

CLASS OF 2021

ACT Summary (as of August 19, 2020)

Section	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	STUDENTS TESTED
ELA	27 - 32	28.3	
English	28 - 35	32.3	
Math	28 - 31	29.8	
Reading	30 - 36	32.0	
Science	25 - 34	29.5	
STEM	26 - 32	28.6	
Writing	8 - 9	8.9	
Composite	28 - 34	31	25

230 students

SAT Summary (as of August 19, 2020)

Section	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	STUDENTS TESTED
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	620 - 720	668	
Math	31 - 37	34	
Mathematics	610 - 730	672	
Reading	31 - 36	33	
Writing	31 - 38	34	
Composite	1250 - 1475	1340	56

** 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.

Grading Scale

POINTS	GRADE	GPA
97+	A+	4.0
93-96	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
63-66	D	1.0
60-62	D-	0.7
< 60	F	0.0

Graduation Requirements (by semester)

English	8 (including American Literature or Honors English 3)
Visual and Performing Arts	4
Modern Language	6
Mathematics	6
Physical Education	2 (including 1 semester of PE Health)
Religious Studies	7 (including 1 semester of Moral Theology and 1 semester of Social Justice)
Science	6 (including 2 semesters of laboratory life science and 2 semesters of laboratory physical science)
Social Studies	7 (including 1 semester of Civics or AP Government and 1 semester of Economics or AP Macroeconomics)
Computer Applications	1

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.

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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 I & 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, rhythmic 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



Adelphi University	Fordham University	Roosevelt University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
American University	Franklin and Marshall College	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Idaho
Arizona State University	George Mason University	Saint Edward's University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Azusa Pacific University	George Washington University	Saint Louis University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Baylor University	Georgia Institute of Technology-MainCampus	Saint Mary's College of California	University of La Verne
Bentley University	Gonzaga University	Salve Regina University	University of Manchester
Binghamton University	Guilford College	San Diego State University	University of Maryland, College Park
Boise State University	Haverford College	San Francisco State University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Boston University	Hofstra University	San Jose State University	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Brandeis University	Humboldt State University	Santa Clara University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Brown University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Missouri, Columbia
Bryn Mawr College	Kettering University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Bucknell University	King's College London	Scripps College	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
California Baptist University	Knox College	Seattle Pacific University	University of Nevada, Reno
California College of the Arts	Lehigh University	Seattle University	University of New England
California Institute of Technology	Lewis & Clark College	Seton Hall University	University of New Hampshire
California Lutheran University	Linfield College	Smith College	University of Northern Colorado
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Loyola Marymount University	Sonoma State University	University of Oklahoma
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo	Loyola University Chicago	Southern Methodist University	University of Oregon
California State University, Channel Islands	Loyola University Maryland	Southern Oregon University	University of Pennsylvania
California State University, Chico	Loyola University New Orleans	St Bonaventure University	University of Pittsburgh
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Marist College	St. John's University	University of Portland
California State University, East Bay	Marquette University	Suffolk University	University of Puget Sound
California State University, Fresno	Maryland Institute College of Art	Syracuse University	University of Redlands
California State University, Fullerton	Marymount California University	Texas A&M University	University of Rhode Island
California State University, Long Beach	Marymount Manhattan College	Texas Christian University	University of Rochester
California State University, Los Angeles	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	The American University of Paris	University of San Diego
California State University, Monterey Bay	Menlo College	The College of Saint Rose	University of San Francisco
California State University, Northridge	Middle Tennessee State University	The Evergreen State College	University of South Alabama
California State University, Sacramento	Middlebury College	The New School - All Divisions	University of South Florida
California State University, San Marcos	Mills College	The Ohio State University	University of Southern California
Calvin University	Mississippi State University	The University of Alabama	University of Sydney
Cardiff University	Montana State University	The University of Arizona	University of the Pacific
Carnegie Mellon University	Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	University of Utah
Case Western Reserve University	Muhlenberg College	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Vermont
Catholic University of America	New York University	Trinity College Dublin	University of Washington, Seattle
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Northeastern University	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Chapman University	Northern Arizona University	Union College	Utah State University
Clemson University	Notre Dame de Namur University	University of Bath	Vassar College
College of the Holy Cross	Occidental College	University of California, Berkeley	Villanova University
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	Oregon State University	University of California, Davis	Virginia Commonwealth University
Columbia University	Otterbein University	University of California, Irvine	Virginia Tech
Connecticut College	Pace University	University of California, Los Angeles	Wagner College
Cornell University	Pacific University	University of California, Riverside	Washington State University
Creighton University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Wentworth Institute of Technology
De Anza College	Pepperdine University	University of California, Santa Cruz	West Valley College
Denison University	Pitzer College	University of California, Merced	Western Oregon University
DePaul University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California, San Diego	Western Washington University
Dominican University of California	Portland State University	University of Chicago	Whitman College
Drew University	Pratt Institute	University of Cincinnati	Whittier College
Drexel University	Purdue University	University of Colorado, Boulder	Whitworth University
Emerson College	Reed College	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Willamette University
Emory University	Regis University	University of Colorado, Denver	Woodbury University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Connecticut	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Southern College	Rhodes College	University of Dallas	Wright State University
Florida State University	Rice University	University of Denver	Xavier University
	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Florida	
	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Hawaii at Hilo	

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