



**2021-22 College Admissions Profile  
Presentation High School**





## 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 2021 Recap

The majority of our students and faculty members concluded the 2020-2021 academic year in a virtual format. A number of students were able to return to school for in-person learning via cohort rotations. 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 2021 Overview

All students are returning to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 academic year. Extracurricular activities will resume in full capacity according to the recommendations established by the County Department of Public Health. Masks are required indoors on campus throughout the school day. Masks are optional but encouraged outdoors 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**  
628 STUDENTS



**65.28% OF OUR STUDENTS IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS OF COLOR.**

Of the 65.28%, students identify as:

- 37.67% Asian
- 28.52% White
- 18% Hispanic
- 6.2% Other
- 5.27% Multiracial
- 2.8% Middle Eastern
- 0.78% Black
- 0.62% Pacific Islander
- 0.16% Asian Indian or Alaskan Native



**MORE THAN 20% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID**

**OVER 2.4 MILLION GIVEN IN FINANCIAL AID**

# CLASS OF 2022

**176 STUDENTS** (36% have taken at least one SAT/ACT (as of August 22, 2021))

## ACT Summary (as of August 22, 2021)

SECTION	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	STUDENTS TESTED
Math	28 - 32	28.6	
Science	25 - 35	28.7	
English	29 - 35	31.7	
Reading	30 - 35	31.1	
Composite	29 - 34	30.2	29

## SAT Summary (as of August 22, 2021)

SECTION	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	STUDENTS TESTED
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	640 - 740	670	
Mathematics	650 - 760	690	
Total	1290 - 1500	1360	41

*\* 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.*

## About Us

[www.presentationhs.org](http://www.presentationhs.org)

mylifeisplaid  
CEEB: 053097

## Contact Us

2281 Plummer Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95125  
P: (408) 264-1664

## The College Counseling Team

**Chelsea Althouse**  
Co-Director of College Counseling  
[calthouse@presentationhs.org](mailto:calthouse@presentationhs.org)  
(408) 264-1664, ext. 2038

**Sam Foster**  
Co-Director of College Counseling  
[sfoster@presentationhs.org](mailto:sfoster@presentationhs.org)  
(408) 264-1664, ext. 2954

**Tajinder Kaur**  
Co-Director of College Counseling  
[tkaur@presentationhs.org](mailto:tkaur@presentationhs.org)  
(408) 264-1664, ext. 2942

## School Leadership

**Holly Elkins**  
President  
[helkins@presentationhs.org](mailto:helkins@presentationhs.org)

**Katherine Georgiev**  
Principal  
[kgeorgiev@presentationhs.org](mailto:kgeorgiev@presentationhs.org)

**Stacey Stebbins**  
Vice Principal of Student Affairs  
[sstebbins@presentationhs.org](mailto:sstebbins@presentationhs.org)

# 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.

## 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 2021, 269 students took 534 advanced placement exams in 19 different subjects. 79% of students passed the Advanced Placement exams with a score of 3 or higher.

### 2021-22 Honors and AP Courses

AP Biology  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Chemistry  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Environmental Science  
AP French Language  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Psychology  
AP Spanish Language

AP Statistics  
AP Studio Art 2-D  
AP United States Govt. & Pol.  
AP United States History  
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 and Robotics are listed as Pass/Fail courses.

---

## 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.

### Affinity Groups

Affinity groups such as the Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (APISU), LatinX, Black Student Union (BSU), and the Desi Student Association (DSA) provide students with a safe space where they can engage in meaningful conversations and celebrate their cultures and heritage.

### 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 Team

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 techniques, 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 2021 College Acceptances & Matriculation

231 students



49% will be attending college in California



91.3% will attend a 4-year institution

7.4% will attend a 2-year institution

1.3% will be taking a gap year and serving in the military



Allegheny College  
**American University**  
 Arizona State University  
**Azusa Pacific University**  
**Barnard College**  
 Baylor University  
**Belmont University**  
 Benedictine College  
**Bentley University**  
 Binghamton University  
 Biola University  
**Boise State University**  
**Borough of Manhattan Community College**  
**Boston College**  
**Boston Conservatory at Berklee**  
**Boston University**  
**Brandeis University**  
**Brown University**  
 Butler University  
**California Institute of Technology**  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Northstate University  
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
**California State Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**  
 California State University, Channel Islands  
**California State University, Chico**  
 California State University, Dominguez Hills  
 California State University, East Bay  
 California State University, Fresno  
 California State University, Fullerton  
**California State University, Long Beach**  
 California State University, Los Angeles  
**California State University, Monterey Bay**  
 California State University, Northridge  
 California State University, Sacramento  
 California State University, San Bernardino  
 California State University, San Marcos  
 California State University, Stanislaus  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
 Carroll College  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Chaminade University of Honolulu  
**Chapman University**  
 Clark University  
 Clemson University  
**College of Charleston**  
 College of Saint Benedict  
 College of the Holy Cross  
**College of William and Mary**  
**Colorado State University, Fort Collins**  
 Columbia College Chicago  
 Columbia University in the City of New York  
 Concordia University Irvine

**Cornell College**  
**Cornell University**  
 Creighton University  
**De Anza College**  
 DePaul University  
**Dominican University of California**  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Duquesne University  
 Eastern Washington University  
**Emmanuel College**  
 Emory University  
 Fairfield University  
**Folsom Lake College**  
**Fordham University**  
**Franklin W Olin College of Engineering**  
 George Fox University  
**George Mason University**  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgetown University**  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
**Gonzaga University**  
 Hampton University  
 Harvey Mudd College  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
**Hofstra University**  
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
**Howard University**  
**Humboldt State University**  
 Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Indiana University, Bloomington  
 Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
 Ithaca College  
 James Madison University  
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Kent State University  
 Lawrence University  
 Lehigh University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield University  
 Louisiana State University  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 Macalester College  
 Marist College  
 Marshall University  
 Marymount California University  
**Marymount Manhattan College**  
 Miami University  
 Michigan State University  
 Mississippi State University  
 Molloy College  
**Montana State University**  
 Montclair State University  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Mount Saint Mary's University  
 Nazareth College  
**New York University**  
**Northeastern University**  
**Northern Arizona University**  
 Occidental College  
 Ohio University  
**Oregon Institute of Technology**  
**Oregon State University**

**Pace University**  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
**Pepperdine University**  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Point Park University  
 Portland State University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Providence College  
**Purdue University**  
 Quinnipiac University  
**Reed College**  
 Regis University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
**Rhodes College**  
 Rider University  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Rollins College**  
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
 Saint Edward's University  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Martin's University  
**Saint Mary's College of California**  
 Saint Norbert College  
**San Diego State University**  
**San Francisco State University**  
**San Jose State University**  
**Santa Barbara City College**  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Sciences Po - UC Berkeley Dual Degree**  
**Seattle University**  
 Seton Hall University  
 Simmons University  
**Sonoma State University**  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
 St. Bonaventure University  
 St. John's College  
**St. John's University**  
 St. Olaf College  
**Stanford University**  
 Stony Brook University  
 Suffolk University  
 Syracuse University  
 Temple University  
**Texas Christian University**  
**Texas State University**  
 Texas Tech University  
**The American University of Paris**  
 The College of Wooster  
**The New School**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**The University of Arizona**  
 The University of Edinburgh  
 The University of Montana  
 The University of Tampa  
 The University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
 The University of Texas at Dallas  
 University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 University of British Columbia  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**University of California, Davis**  
 University of California, Irvine  
**University of California, Los Angeles**

**University of California, Merced**  
 University of California, Riverside  
**University of California, San Diego**  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
**University of California, Santa Cruz**  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
**University of Colorado Colorado Springs**  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Denver  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of Hartford  
**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
 University of Idaho  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**University of Iowa**  
 University of Maine  
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
 University of Massachusetts Boston  
 University of Miami  
**University of Michigan**  
**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**  
**University of Mississippi**  
**University of Nevada, Reno**  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of New Haven  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
**University of Oregon**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Portland**  
 University of Puget Sound  
**University of Redlands**  
 University of Rochester  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of San Francisco**  
 University of Southern California  
 University of St. Thomas, Minnesota  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Utah  
**University of Washington**  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Utah State University  
 Vanguard University of Southern California  
**Villanova University**  
**Virginia Tech**  
 Washington & Jefferson College  
 Washington State University  
**West Valley College**  
 West Virginia University  
 Western Washington University  
 Westmont College  
 Whitman College  
 Whittier College  
 Willamette University  
 Woodbury University  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 Xavier University  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**  
**Yale University**

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