



# Prestonwood Christian Academy

P U R S U E C H R I S T A L W A Y S

A ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church  
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## Upper School Profile

School Code: 441796

### Class of 2021

125 Students

Prestonwood Christian Academy provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum for all students and does not rank.

### National Merit Honors

Class of 2021 National Merit Commended – 6

Class of 2021 National Recognition Program Recipient - 1

### 2020 AP Scholars

AP Scholars with Distinction – 12

AP Scholars with Honor – 12

AP Scholars – 17

### Class of 2021 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative weighted GPA through August 2020

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0 +	32	25%
3.5 – 3.99	47	37%
3.0 – 3.49	28	22%
2.5 – 2.99	13	11%
Below 2.5	3	2%
None*	4	3%

\*Includes students new to PCA who have not established a GPA

### Class of 2020 Standardized Test Scores

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
<b>SAT</b>	1318	1228	1059*	1020*

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
<b>ACT</b>	29	23	20.7*	20.5*

\*2019 national and state score reports

### Calendar

36 Weeks; two-semester grading system; Eight 90-minute class periods, four class periods alternate every other day.

### School and Community

PCA was established in 1997 as a biblically-based, Christ-centered school. The school's commitment to Kingdom Education philosophy unites the church, home and school for the purpose of scholastic and spiritual discipleship. Now the largest Christian school in the DFW Metroplex with nearly 1,600 students in grades Pre-K through 12, PCA is recognized as one of the leading Christian schools in the country with over 1,500 graduates. Prestonwood Christian Academy is located in the north Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas. The local economy is based upon banking, telecommunications, technology, manufacturing, insurance, medical services, and real estate.

PCA was well positioned to make the shift to on-line learning during the Co-vid 19 school closure, with rigor and subject mastery remaining core objectives. Traditional numerical grading of assignments, exams and class projects remained in place, resulting in grades and GPA calculations consistent with historical practices. delivery during the Co-vid 19 pandemic, without any missed days of instruction.

### GPA Computation & Grading Scale

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the equivalent of grade quality points divided by the number of semester credits. PCA's cumulative GPA includes only classes taken at Prestonwood Christian Academy in grades 9-12.

98-100	A+	4.0	
93-97	A	3.75	AP level classes receive a 1.0 extra weight.
90-92	A-	3.5	
87-89	B+	3.25	
83-86	B	3.0	Pre-AP and honors level classes receive a .50 extra weight
80-82	B-	2.75	
77-79	C+	2.50	
73-76	C	2.25	
70-72	C-	2.0	

### Graduation Credit Requirements

Course	Recommended	Distinguished
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Lab Science	4	4
History	4	4
World Language	2	3
Bible	4	4
Health(Life Calling) Speech	0.5 / 0.5	0.5 / 0.5
Technology	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1

### Advanced Placement Course Offerings

Art History*	Spanish Language
Biology	Statistics
Calculus AB	Studio Art: 2-D
Calculus BC	Studio Art: 3-D
Chemistry	Studio Art: Drawing
Physics 1	United States Gov and Politics
Physics C	United States History
Computer Science	Macroeconomics*
English Language and Comp (11 <sup>th</sup> )	Microeconomics*
English Literature and Comp (12 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>*online courses offered through PCAplus</i>

### PreAP / Honors Course/ Dual Credit Offerings\*

English I-IV	Business Analysis*	French II-IV
Creative Writing	Statistics*	Choir, PCA Singers
World History I-II	Biology	Band
US History	Chemistry	Theatre III
Econ & Government	Physics	Technical Theatre II-III
Algebra I	Anatomy & Physiology	Ceramics; Sculpture
Algebra II	Engineering Physics	Drawing; Painting
Geometry	Computer Science II	Film & Broadcasting
Pre-Calculus*	Spanish II-V*	Future Problem Solvers
Societal & Legal Perspectives on Diversity*		

## Prestonwood Christian Academy Experience

**CODE OF HONOR:** Drawn from the school's motto, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, (all things to the glory of God) the Code of Honor is a standard of excellence by which all members of the school community conduct themselves to cultivate an environment of self-governance and integrity.

**DIVERSITY:** Based on God's creation of Diversity, we focus on His "Grace": Gender, race, age & ability (academic and physical), culture and economic status.

**SENIOR CAPSTONE:** Graduation from PCA requires every student to produce an interdisciplinary body of work – a "Capstone." As a faculty adviser-led research project, the Capstone will demonstrate the student's scholarship, biblical worldview, critical and creative thinking, and communication skills.

**LIONS SCHOLAR PROGRAM:** Lions Scholar Program (LSP) intentionally equips students to enter the most prestigious universities of America. LSP students focus on the great books and significant literature considered classical studies. Students are required to complete research and participate in Socratic debate including an in-depth research paper presented publicly.

**STEM HONORS PROGRAM:** The PCA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program is an interdisciplinary sequence of AP level courses, jury reviewed project-based innovation, science fair participation, and summer studies. Students are required to complete two research design courses.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:** The Student Leadership Institute (SLi) is designed to assist young people in the development of their leadership philosophy and skills during a yearlong multifaceted program. SLi meets weekly to research and discuss current issues. The program focuses on individual and institutional commitments to becoming selfless and other-centered.

**MINIMESTER:** Ministering through missions is a priority and integral part of the culture, curriculum and character of Prestonwood Christian Academy. By facilitating local and global mission opportunities during minimester, the week before spring break, students are able to serve and learn in a variety of geographic and topical areas.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW INSTITUTE:** Biblical Worldview Institute is a dynamic two-day training seminar covering important categories such as Christian Ethics, Heritage, Mindset/Discernment, Creation vs. Evolution, Current Cultural Trends, Doctrine and more for students and faculty.

## School Administration

Larry Taylor, Ph.D., Strategic Advisor

John Klingstedt, Interim Head of School

Dana Epperson, M.Ed., Assistant Head of School – Academics

Tifini Lozano, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Wendy Morris, M.Ed., Upper School Principal

Tamika Barnett, M.Ed., Upper School Assistant Principal

Jodi Benavidez, M.Ed., Director of Guidance and Counseling

Ron W. Moss, Ed.D, College Counselor

Toni King, Associate Director of Academic and College Advising

Julie Sparks, B.S., Registrar

Angie Gray, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Admissions

## School Affiliations & Accreditations

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), AdvancedED®

National Assoc of College Admission Counselors (NACAC)

Texas Assoc of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

Texas Assoc of College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)

The College Board (National and Southwestern Region)

Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)

National Association of Christian Schools (NACS)



**PCA Graduates Invited to Matriculate**

Anderson University

Arizona State University

Auburn University

Austin College

Baylor University

Belmont University

Binghamton University

Boston College

Boston University

Bradley University

California Polytechnic

Clemson University

Colorado School of Mines

Columbia University

Cornell University

Dallas Baptist University

Dartmouth University

Dordt College

Drake University

Duke University

Emory University

Florida State University

Furman University

Georgia Tech University

Georgetown University

Gordon College

Hardin-Simmons University

Harvard University

Hillsdale College

Howard University

Indiana University

Iowa State University

John Brown University

Johns Hopkins University

Kansas State University

LeTourneau University

Liberty University

Louisiana State University

Louisiana Tech University

Mary Hardin-Baylor

Miami University-Ohio

Moody Bible Institute

New York University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Ouachita Baptist University

Oklahoma State University

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Pratt Institute

Princeton University

Purdue University

Rice University

Ringling College of Art & Design

Samford University

Sam Houston State

Savannah College of Art & Design

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Stephen F. Austin State University

Taylor University

Texas A & M University

Texas Christian University

Texas Tech University

Trinity University

Tulane University

University of Alabama

University of Arkansas

UC Berkeley

United States Naval Academy

University of California-LA

University of California – San Diego

University of Chicago

University of Georgia

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri

UNC at Chapel Hill

University of North Texas

University of Notre Dame

University of Oklahoma

University of Pennsylvania

University of Southern CA

University of Tennessee

University of Texas-Austin

University of Texas-Dallas

University of Tulsa

Vanderbilt University

Wake Forest University

Washington University

West Point Military Academy

Westmont College

Wheaton College

William and Mary

Yale University