



# Prestonwood Christian Academy

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### PCA North Upper School Profile

#### First Graduating Class in 2023

School Code: 440569

Guidance and Counseling: (972) 798-6791

Admissions Office: (972) 798-6780

#### Class Rank Computation

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

#### School Size

Upper School Students: 82

PCA North All Divisions: 534

#### Class of 2023 Standardized Test Scores (October 2021)

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National
PSAT/NMSQT	1315	1150	994

#### Class of 2023 Inaugural AP US History (May 2022)

% of Scores of 3 or Higher PCA North	National	Texas
66.7%	48.2%	39.3%

#### Calendar

36 Weeks; two-semester grading system; Eight 90-minute class periods, four class periods alternate every other day (A/B Block Schedule).

#### School and Community

The North Campus of Prestonwood Christian Academy (PCA) was founded in 2014 in Prosper, Texas, a far north suburb of the Metro Dallas area in Collin County. Originally, PCA was established in 1997 in Dallas proper as a college preparatory, biblically based, Christ-centered school. In 1999 the original school moved to its current location in Plano, TX adjacent to Prestonwood Baptist Church and the thriving economic and professional Dallas North Tollway Corridor. This significant movement north of faith, opportunity, and population gave birth to Prestonwood Christian Academy North in 2014. North's is excited to celebrate its first graduating class in the Spring of 2023.

PCA North and PCA Plano are two cornerstones of the PCA System of five schools which also includes The King's Academy, a Pre-K-4 non-tuition accredited school located in and serving impoverished urban south Dallas children, and St. Timothy Christian Academy which specifically focuses on the needs and growth of those students with significant special needs. The PCA School System also includes both PCA Online Virtual Academy and PCA Hybrid, combining virtual and brick and mortar options as an additional degree program.

PCA Schools are fully committed to the Kingdom education philosophy which partners with the church, home, and school for the purpose of advancing excellent scholastic preparation and spiritual discipleship. PCA is now recognized as one of the strongest and largest college preparatory Christian Schools Systems in the country. In that spirit, PCA was well positioned to make the shift to online learning during the COVID-19 school closures of 2020, 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. Content delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic continued 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 North 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	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
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**	Studio Art: 2-D**
Calculus AB	Studio Art: 3-D**
Chemistry**	Studio Art: Drawing
Physics 1**	United States History
Computer Science**	United States Gov and Politics
English Language and Comp	Microeconomics*
English Literature and Comp**	Macroeconomics*

*\*online courses offered through PCA Online*

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

English I-IV	BC Calculus**	Ceramics; Sculpture**
World History I-II	Chemistry	Drawing; Painting
US History	Physics	Future Problem Solvers
Econ & Government	Anatomy & Physiology	
Algebra I	Theatre III-IV	
Algebra II	Computer Science II**	
Geometry	Spanish II-V	
Pre-Calculus*		
Intro. to Philosophy*		

\*\*Projected courses to be offered for the 23-24 Academic Year

## Prestonwood Christian Academy North: Programs of Distinction

**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 academic and behavioral environment of self-responsibility 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 North requires each student to investigate and 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, interdisciplinary analysis, and written and presentation skills. The Capstone anchors the Liberal Arts aspect of a PCA North education.

**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 literary works central to classical. Students are required to complete in-depth research and participate in Socratic debate clusters including a juried in-depth research paper.

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

**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 PCA School System. By facilitating local and global mission opportunities during Minimester, the week before Spring Break, students can serve and learn in a variety of geographic and topical areas. Faith sharing and direct delivery of educational, emotional, and basic living needs comprise the focus of Minimester.

**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, Racism, Social Justice, Doctrine and more for students and faculty.

### School Administration

Michael Goddard, Ed.D., Superintendent  
 Clarence Williams, Ed. D., Deputy Superintendent  
 Shannon Cole, Ed. D., Chief Academic Officer  
 Greg Wright, M.Ed., Middle School/ Upper School Principal  
 Kristin Dysart, M.Ed., Guidance Counselor/Registrar  
 Angie Gray, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Admissions  
 Angela Emens, M.Ed., PCA North Admissions

### School Affiliations & Accreditations

Cognia  
 Association of Christian Schools International Exemplary (ACSI)  
 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)  
 Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)



## Representative Offers of Admission Extended to PCA Plano Students

Anderson University	Pennsylvania State University
Arizona State University	Pepperdine University
Auburn University	Pratt Institute
Austin College	Princeton University
Baylor University	Purdue University
Belmont University	Rice University
Binghamton University	Ringling College of Art & Design
Boston College	Samford University
Boston University	Sam Houston State
Bradley University	Savannah College of Art & Design
California Polytechnic	Southern Methodist University
Clemson University	Southwestern University
Colorado School of Mines	Stephen F. Austin State University
Columbia University	Taylor University
Cornell University	Texas A & M University
Dallas Baptist University	Texas Christian University
Dartmouth University	Texas Tech University
Dordt College	Trinity University
Drake University	Tulane University
Duke University	University of Alabama
Emory University	University of Arkansas
Florida State University	UC Berkeley
Furman University	United States Naval Academy
Georgia Tech University	University of California-LA
Georgetown University	University of California – San Diego
Gordon College	University of Chicago
Hardin-Simmons University	University of Georgia
Harvard University	University of Mississippi
Hillsdale College	University of Missouri
Howard University	UNC at Chapel Hill
Indiana University	University of North Texas
Iowa State University	University of Notre Dame
John Brown University	University of Oklahoma
Johns Hopkins University	University of Pennsylvania
Kansas State University	University of Southern CA
LeTourneau University	University of Tennessee
Liberty University	University of Texas-Austin
Louisiana State University	University of Texas-Dallas
Louisiana Tech University	University of Tulsa
Mary Hardin-Baylor	Vanderbilt University
Miami University-Ohio	Wake Forest University
Moody Bible Institute	Washington University
New York University	West Point Military Academy
Northeastern University	Westmont College
Northwestern University	Wheaton College
Ouachita Baptist University	William and Mary
Oklahoma State University	Yale University

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