

# PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2022-2023

### OUR SCHOOL

Princeton Day School is a college-preparatory, PreK-12 independent day school that nurtures the mind, body and character of each student. We engage students through challenging, inquiry-based academic and co-curricular programs built on caring and inclusive community relationships. Our students leave well equipped for college and beyond: prepared to act knowledgeably, lead thoughtfully, share generously and contribute meaningfully.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

PDS aspires to create a diverse, equitable and inclusive community in which all members are seen, challenged, affirmed, respected and valued. We believe that in actively cultivating such an environment, we foster intellectual, social and emotional growth for all of our constituents. It is our objective to transform our community so that all members enjoy an authentic sense of belonging. We aim to transcend mere tolerance of differences through creating and sustaining safe spaces for PDS students, faculty and staff that encourage courageous conversations, leaning into discomfort, deep listening and personal reflection.

### OUR CURRICULUM

- Upper School students typically take five academic majors and one minor per year. Students must be approved to take a sixth academic major.
- All students take English IX, English X, American History, World Religions in History and Biology at the same level, typically in grades 9 and 10.
- Our religion and philosophy offerings are secular in nature and should be viewed as social science courses.
- In the Math department, courses labeled accelerated are between the regular level and the honors level.
- In addition to our AP classes, there are many opportunities for challenging oneself at a high level within the curriculum that do not follow the College Board's AP curriculum, including several post-AP classes.

**101** STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2023

**423** STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12



**56%**

STUDENTS OF COLOR (PREK-12)



**24%**

STUDENTS RECEIVING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID (PREK-12)



**100%**

OF THE CLASS OF 2022 ACCEPTED TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

### SELECT NOTABLE PROGRAMS

The highly selective **Research Experience Program** provides juniors with first-hand knowledge of scientific practices in real world settings by combining a rigorous inquiry-based class with a 6-8 week laboratory research summer internship. For those with outstanding vocal or instrumental music talent, the highly intensive **Jacobson Music Scholar Program** consists of private lessons, performances, ensemble participation at school, completion of AP Music Theory and a yearly capstone recital.

### STANDARDIZED TESTING

#### CLASS OF 2022 AVERAGE SCORES

EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING **700**

MATH **700**

COMPOSITE ACT **30**

## HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES

- **17 AP** courses are offered; students enrolled in an AP class must take the corresponding exam.
- All **English** courses for juniors and seniors are considered honors level given the reading and writing expectations in each course.
- In addition to year-long AP courses, we also offer several semester-long intensive **History** electives designed to be taught at or above the honors level.
- In the **Classical and Modern Languages** department, the Chinese and Latin courses do not carry the honors label, but lead up to post-AP courses (Ancient Greek and Advanced Chinese).
- Those who complete all of the highest level classes within a particular subject are eligible to apply to take classes at Princeton University.

### AP COURSES OFFERED

AP French Language and Culture	AP Calculus AB
AP Latin	AP Calculus BC
AP Spanish Language and Culture	AP Statistics
AP Art History	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Comparative Government	AP Computer Science A
AP European History	AP Biology
AP Human Geography	AP Chemistry
AP US Government and Politics	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Music Theory	

### POST-AP COURSES OFFERED

Advanced Topics in Mathematics  
Advanced Computing: Coding With a Purpose  
Advanced Chinese  
Advanced French Literature  
Advanced Spanish - Topics in Spanish Literature  
Advanced Spanish - Latin American Identities  
Ancient Greek

## GRADING AND RANK

**We do not rank students or calculate a GPA.** No classes are given weighted grades. Please contact a college counselor for more detailed information about our curriculum, grading or individual students.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION CLASSES OF 2020-2022

American University  
Amherst College  
Babson College (3)  
Bard College  
Baylor University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College (5)  
Boston University (2)  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University (2)  
Brown University (7)  
Bucknell University (2)  
Carleton College  
Case Western Reserve University (2)  
Chapman University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Colby College (2)  
Colgate University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado College (2)  
Columbia University (5)  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University (6)  
Dartmouth College (2)  
Davidson College (3)  
Denison University  
Dickinson College (3)  
Drew University (4)  
Drexel University  
Duke University (2)  
Elon University (2)  
Emerson College  
Emory University (3)  
Franklin & Marshall College (2)  
Furman University  
Georgetown University (5)  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Grinnell College  
Hamilton College (3)  
Harvard University (4)  
Haverford College  
Howard University (2)  
Indiana University - Bloomington (3)  
Jacksonville University  
Johns Hopkins University (6)  
Lehigh University (7)  
Lincoln University  
Loyola University Maryland (3)  
Marist College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Miami University - Oxford  
Middlebury College (6)  
Muhlenberg College (2)  
New York University (10)  
North Carolina State University  
at Raleigh  
Northeastern University (3)  
Northwestern University (2)  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College (2)  
Pennsylvania State University (2)  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College (2)  
Pratt Institute (2)  
Princeton University (11)  
Providence College  
Purdue University (4)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)  
Rice University (2)  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University - Camden  
Rutgers University - New Brunswick  
Saint Joseph's University  
Skidmore College (3)  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Swarthmore College (2)  
Syracuse University (7)  
Texas A&M University - College Station  
Texas Christian University  
The College of New Jersey (5)  
The George Washington University (3)  
The Juilliard School  
The New School  
The University of Alabama  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Chicago (2)  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Trinity College  
Tufts University (4)  
Tulane University of Louisiana (2)  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
University of California - Berkeley (2)  
University of California - Los Angeles  
University of Colorado Boulder (3)  
University of Connecticut (3)  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign  
University of Maryland (2)  
University of Miami (3)  
University of Michigan (2)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Notre Dame (4)  
University of Pennsylvania (10)  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California (3)  
University of St Andrews  
University of Toronto  
University of Vermont (2)  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin - Madison (3)  
Vanderbilt University (4)  
Vassar College (2)  
Villanova University (3)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University  
Wake Forest University (2)  
Washington University in St. Louis (7)  
Wellesley College  
West Virginia University  
Williams College (4)  
Yale University



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