



# School Profile 2021-2022

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (PMA) is a four year co-ed high school for students in grades 9-12 owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Formerly known as the all-girl's St. Matthias High School (1998-2013) and co-ed Pius X High School (1953 - 1998), the school serves the vital mission of serving students and families with a quality Catholic education that prepares them for success in college and life. Located in Downey, California, the campus has served countless students from the surrounding neighborhoods since 1953.

## MISSION

The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging Catholic college-preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, by preparing them for a life that fosters: *Pride* arising from humility and service, *Virtue* shaped by faith and morals, and *Purpose* driven by goals and determination. Inspired by the values and philosophy of Catholic education, we provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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President

**MRS. VERONICA ZOZAYA**  
Principal

**MR. AUSTIN JACKSON**  
Assistant Principal of Operations

**MRS. MONIQUE SAENZ-MORENO**  
Dean of Academics

**MS. LILIAN VALENZUELA**  
Dean of Student Success

**MR. GABRIEL REYES**  
Dean of Campus Ministry

**MR. PETE RAMOS**  
Dean of Student Life

**MR. ERIC BRAY**  
Dean of Character

**MS. AISLING SERKI**  
Dean of Faculty

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## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ENROLLMENT

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's population represents 90% Roman Catholic and 10% other Christian and non-Christian families. In the 2021-22 school year, demographics and enrollment were as follow:

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic/Latino	88%
Caucasian	3%
African American	6%
Asian	1%
Native American	1%
Other	1%

### ENROLLMENT

9th	140
10th	140
11th	125
12th	72

### 2021-2022 TITLE I STUDENTS SERVED

Grade	Total	Students Served
9	16	8
10	7	2
11	18	5
12	7	0
Total	48	15

## FINANCIAL AID

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is committed to a strong need-based financial aid program. Ninety three percent of the PMA student population received some form of financial assistance in the 2021-2022 school year.



## HONOR ROLL

Students who receive between a 3.0-3.49 are recognized as Academic Excellence students. Students who receive between a 3.5-3.99 are recognized as Honor Roll students. Students who receive above a 4.0 are recognized as Principal's Honor Roll students.

In Spring 2022, 19% of the student body were recognized as Academic Excellence students, 19.2% as Honor Roll students, and 28% as Principal's Honor Roll. 66% of the entire PMA student body achieved above a 3.0 GPA.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy provides a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum that addresses the disciplines of English, Mathematics, History/Social Science, Science, Theology (Religion), Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages. Theology (Religion) courses are graded and receive full academic credit. Students are graded on comprehension of subject matter and not on their religious beliefs. As part of the Theology course offerings students are required on an annual basis to attend one spiritual retreat and meet the requirements of Christian Service commitment as outlined. Due to enrollment numbers, in some instances St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is not able to offer a particular course. To better meet the needs of academically strong students we have established a partnership with UC Scout to enable students to access the courses they need to be competitive for college. All the offered courses at PMA can be found in the [Course Catalog](#).

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATIONS

A student's grade point average (GPA) is based on a 4.0 grading scale. GPA reflects the composite of all grades earned by the end of each academic semester. Transcripts provide weighted and unweighted GPA calculations for grades 9-12.

Letter Grade	Percentage	GPA Point	Note: GPA point values in parentheses reflect the GPA point value assigned to honors and AP courses.
◦ A	90 - 100%	4 (5)	
◦ B	80 - 89%	3 (4)	
◦ C	70 - 79%	2 (3)	
◦ D	60 - 69%	1 (1)	
◦ F	59% or below	0	

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PMA offers the opportunity for students to take college level classes as part of the Dual Enrollment Program or the Dual Enrollment Program. The Early College Program is a partnership between St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy and Cerritos Community College. PMA students will have the opportunity to take Cerritos College courses that meet high school graduation requirements and earn college credit at the same time. More information can be found at [Academy Experience](#).

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's graduation requirements fulfill the subject requirements of both the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU).

To graduate from St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, a student must earn a minimum of 240 semester credits. In keeping with the Catholic mission, a full year of Theology is required for each grade level. In addition, each student must complete a minimum of 100 hours of Christian Service during the four years at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy.

The academic graduation requirements for the class of 2022 (unless otherwise individually modified for transfer and international students) were as follows:

Theology	40 units
English	40 units
Mathematics	40 units
History/Social Science	30 units
Laboratory Science	20 units
World Languages	20 units
Visual & Performing Arts	10 units
Physical Education/Health	10 units
Electives	30 units
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Total	240 units

## CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

For the Class of 2022, **48%** of students matriculated to a 4-year university in California, **27%** matriculated to a 2-year university, and **16%** matriculated to a 4-year university out of state.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

PMA invites high achieving students to the following organizations:

California Scholastic Federation (CSF)  
National Art Honor Society (NAHS)  
National English Honor Society (NEHS)  
National Honor Society (NHS)  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH)

More information can be found at [Honor Societies](#).

Average  
Class Size

**23**

Student  
Teacher  
Ratio

**13:1**

Educators who have  
or are working  
towards Masters  
Degree

**83%**

Alumni  
Faculty/Staff

**19%**