

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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 & BELONGING

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, Biology, American History and World Religions in History 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.

105 STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2024

422 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12



56%

STUDENTS OF COLOR (PREK-12)



25%

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



100%

OF THE CLASS OF 2023 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. For the **Peer Leadership Program**, seniors are chosen through a rigorous application process. Peer Leaders develop activities and guide 9th graders in their transition to high school while also attending a year-long leadership class.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

CLASS OF 2023 AVERAGE SCORES

EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING **680**

MATH **670**

COMPOSITE ACT **31**

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 (Advanced Chinese and Ancient Greek).
- 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 2021-2023

Babson College (3)	Providence College
Bates College (2)	Purdue University (4)
Baylor University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Berklee College of Music	Rice University (3)
Boston College (4)	Ringling College of Art and Design
Boston University (4)	Roanoke College
Bowdoin College	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brandeis University	Rollins College
Brown University (5)	Rowan University (2)
Bucknell University (2)	Rutgers University (6)
California Institute of the Arts	Savannah College of Art and Design
Carleton College (2)	Skidmore College (3)
Carnegie Mellon University	Smith College
Case Western Reserve University (5)	St Lawrence University
Chapman University	St. Olaf College
Clarkson University	Stanford University
Clemson University (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology
Colby College (2)	Swarthmore College
Colgate University (2)	Syracuse University (8)
College of Charleston	Texas A & M University-College Station
Colorado College (2)	The College of New Jersey (5)
Columbia University (3)	The George Washington University (3)
Connecticut College	The Juilliard School
Cornell University (6)	The New School
Dartmouth College (2)	The Ohio State University
Davidson College (3)	The Pennsylvania State University (2)
Denison University (2)	The University of Alabama
Dickinson College (3)	The University of Texas at Austin
Drew University	Tufts University (3)
Drexel University (2)	Tulane University of Louisiana (2)
Duke University (4)	University of Arizona
Elon University	University of California-Berkeley (4)
Emory University (2)	University of California-Los Angeles
Fairfield University	University of California-San Diego
Florida Atlantic University	University of Chicago
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Colorado Boulder (3)
Furman University	University of Connecticut (3)
Georgetown University (4)	University of Delaware
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Florida (2)
Gettysburg College	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Grinnell College	University of Maryland-College Park (2)
Hamilton College (4)	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Harvard University (4)	University of Miami (5)
Haverford College (4)	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of New Hampshire
Howard University (2)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Indiana University-Bloomington (4)	University of Notre Dame (2)
Jacksonville University	University of Pennsylvania (9)
Johns Hopkins University (4)	University of Pittsburgh (2)
King's College	University of Rhode Island
Lehigh University (7)	University of Rochester (2)
Lincoln University	University of South Florida
Loyola University Maryland (2)	University of Southern California (5)
Marist College	University of St Andrews (2)
Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Toronto (2)
Miami University-Oxford	University of Vermont (2)
Middlebury College (2)	University of Virginia
Muhlenberg College	University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)
New York University (10)	Vanderbilt University (2)
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Vassar College (4)
Northeastern University (3)	Villanova University
Northwestern University (2)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Occidental College	Wake Forest University (2)
Pomona College (2)	Washington University in St Louis (7)
Pratt Institute	Williams College (3)
Princeton University (13)	Yale University



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