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.

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

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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 Latin
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Art History
AP Comparative Government
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP US Government and Politics
AP Music Theory

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics

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)
Bates College (2)
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College (4)
Boston University (4)
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University (5)
Bucknell University (2)
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College (2)
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University (5)
Chapman University
Clarkson University
Clemson University (2)
Colby College (2)
Colgate University (2)
College of Charleston
Colorado College (2)
Columbia University (3)
Connecticut College
Cornell University (6)
Dartmouth College (2)
Davidson College (3)
Denison University (2)
Dickinson College (3)
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University (4)
Elon University
Emory University (2)
Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Franklin & Marshall College
Furman University
Georgetown University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Grinnell College
Hamilton College (4)
Harvard University (4)
Haverford College (4)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Howard University (2)
Indiana University-Bloomington (4)
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University (4)
King's College
Lehigh University (7)
Lincoln University
Loyola University Maryland (2)
Marietta College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Miami University-Oxford
Middlebury College (2)
Muhlenberg College
New York University (10)
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University (3)
Northwestern University (2)
Occidental College
Pomona College (2)
Pratt Institute
Princeton University (13)

Providence College
Purdue University (4)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University (3)
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rowan University (2)
Rutgers University (6)
Savannah College of Art and Design
Skidmore College (3)
Smith College
St Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University (8)
Texas A & M University-College Station
The College of New Jersey (5)
The George Washington University (3)
The Juilliard School
The New School
The Ohio State University
The Pennsylvania State University (2)
The University of Alabama
The University of Texas at Austin
Tufts University (3)
Tulane University of Louisiana (2)
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley (4)
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder (3)
University of Connecticut (3)
University of Delaware
University of Florida (2)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland-College Park (2)
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Miami (5)
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3)
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Pennsylvania (9)
University of Pittsburgh (2)
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester (2)
University of South Florida
University of Southern California (5)
University of St Andrews (2)
University of Toronto (2)
University of Vermont (2)
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)
Vanderbilt University (2)
Vassar College (4)
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University (2)
Washington University in St Louis (7)
Williams College (3)
Yale University

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