

# PRESTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NORTH

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## PCA North Upper School Profile

**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: 95

Class of 2024: 17

PCA North All Divisions: 620

### Class of 2023 Standardized Test Scores

|            | PCA North Top 25% | Texas Avg. | National Avg. |
|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>SAT</b> | 1350              | 1001       | 1105          |

### 2023 AP Exams

| % of Scores of 3 or Higher per PCA North Test Takers | % of Scores of 3 or Higher per Class of 2023 |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 68.7%                                                | 66.7%                                        |

PCA North increased AP offerings by 500% for the 22-23 school year.

### 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

Prestonwood Christian Academy North was founded in 2014 in Prosper, Texas, a far north suburb of the Metro Dallas area in Collin County. As part of Prestonwood Christian Academy's System of Schools, PCA's original campus 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. As recently as May 2023, North celebrated its first graduating class.

As stated, PCA North is a cornerstone of the PCA System of Schools which also includes PCA Plano and the PCA Online Virtual Academy which allows a Shared Online program, combining virtual and brick and mortar options.

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 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**               | Studio Art: 2-D**              |
| Biology**                   | Studio Art: 3-D                |
| Calculus AB                 | Studio Art: Drawing            |
| BC Calculus**               | United States History          |
| Chemistry**                 | United States Gov and Politics |
| Physics 1                   | Microeconomics*                |
| Computer Science**          | Macroeconomics*                |
| English Language and Comp   |                                |
| English Literature and Comp |                                |

\*online courses offered through PCA Online

### Honors Course/ Dual Credit Offerings\*

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

\*\*Projected courses to be offered for the 24-25 Academic Year

## Prestonwood Christian Academy System of Schools: 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, Prestonwood Christian Academy School System  
 Clarence Williams, Ed. D., Deputy Superintendent and PCA North Head of School  
 Shannon Cole, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent and PCA Plano Head of School  
 Greg Wright, M.Ed., Upper School Principal  
 Kristin Dysart, M.Ed., Guidance Counselor / Registrar  
 Angie Gray, M.Ed., Chief Enrollment and Marketing Officer  
 Natalie Velez, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

### 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 System

|                             |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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                      |

Prestonwood Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, program and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its education, employment, admission policies, tuition assistance, athletic and other school-administered programs.