



## 2023-24 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

### School Code: 441796

### ABOUT

Prestonwood Christian Academy (PCA) enrolls students from grades PK3-12. PCA is a ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church, located in the north Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas. Local economy is based upon telecommunications, technology, petrochemicals, banking, insurance, manufacturing, medical and real estate opportunities. The school accepts students worldwide.

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

### ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATIONS

- 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)

## CLASS OF 2023

### 140 Students

Prestonwood Christian Academy provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum for all students and does not rank.

### National Merit Honors

- Class of 2023 National Merit Scholar Finalists - 4
- Class of 2023 Semi-Finalists - 4
- Class of 2023 National Merit Commended - 8
- Class of 2023 National Recognition Program Recipients - 9

### 2023 AP Scholars

- AP Scholars with Distinction - 28
- AP Scholars with Honor - 18
- AP Scholars - 23

### Class of 2023 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative weighted GPA through August 2021

GPA	#of Students	% of Class
4.0 +	39	27%
3.5 - 3.99	59	42%
3.0 - 3.49	34	24%
2.5 - 2.99	7	5%
Below 2.5	4	2%
None*	2	1%

\*students new to PCA who have not established a GPA

### Calendar

36 Weeks; two-semester grading system; Eight 90-minute class periods, four class periods alternate every other day.

### Class of 2023 Standardized Test Scores

	PCA Top 25%	National	Texas
SAT	1398	1050	1001
ACT	30	20	22

### 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 in grades 9-12.

98-100	A+	4.0	AP level classes receive a 1.0 extra weight.
93-97	A	3.75	Pre-AP and honors level classes receive a .50 extra weight.
90-92	A-	3.5	
87-89	B+	3.25	
83-86	B	3.0	
80-82	B-	2.75	
77-79	C+	2.50	
73-76	C	2.25	
70-72	C-	2.0	

### Graduation Credit Requirements

Course	College Prep	Distinguished
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Lab Science	4	4
History	4	4
World Language	2	3
Bible	4	4
Health*/Life Calling/Speech	0.5*/0.5/0.5	0.5*/0.5/0.5
Technology	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1

\*Required for Class of 2023

### Advanced Placement Course Offerings

- Art History\*
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Physics 1
- Physics C
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Comp (11th)
- English Literature and Comp (12th)
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2-D
- Studio Art: 3-D
- Studio Art: Drawing
- United States Gov and Politics
- United States History
- Macroeconomics\*
- Microeconomics\*

### Honors Course/ Dual Credit Offerings\*

- English I-IV
- Creative Writing II
- World History I-II
- US History
- Econ & Government
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus\*
- Business Analysis\*
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Engineering Physics
- Computer Science II
- Spanish II-V\*
- French II-IV
- Choir, PCA Singers
- Band
- Theatre III
- Technical Theatre II-III
- Ceramics; Sculpture
- Drawing; Painting
- Film & Broadcasting
- Future Problem Solvers

# MISSION STATEMENT

In pursuit of excellence in education the mission of Prestonwood Christian Academy is to assist Christian parents by helping equip students to embrace biblical truth, strive for academic excellence, and model Christ-like leadership to influence their homes, churches and communities for Christ.

## PCA DIFFERENCE FACTORS

### 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 environment of self-governance 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 requires every student to 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, and communication skills.

### 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 literature considered classical studies. Students are required to complete research and participate in Socratic debate including an in-depth research paper presented publicly.

### STEM Honors Program

The PCA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program is an interdisciplinary sequence of AP level courses, jury reviewed project-based innovation, science fair participation, and summer studies. Students are required to complete two research design courses.

### 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 Prestonwood Christian Academy. By facilitating local and global mission opportunities during minimester, students are able to serve and learn in a variety of geographic and topical areas.

### Biblical Worldview Conference

Biblical Worldview Conference is a dynamic two-day training seminar covering important categories such as Christian Ethics, Heritage, Mindset/Discernment, Creation vs. Evolution, Current Cultural Trends, Doctrine and more for students and faculty.



## PCA Graduates Invited To Matriculate

Anderson University  
Arizona State University  
Auburn University  
Austin College  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bradley University  
California Polytechnic  
Clemson University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dallas Baptist University  
Dartmouth University  
Dordt College  
Drake University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Furman University  
Georgia Tech University  
Georgetown University  
Hamilton University  
Hardin-Simmons University  
Harvard University  
Hillsdale College  
Howard University  
Indiana University  
Iowa State University  
John Brown University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kansas State University  
LeTourneau University  
Liberty University  
Louisiana State University  
Louisiana Tech University  
Mary Hardin-Baylor  
Miami University-Ohio  
Moody Bible Institute  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Oklahoma State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art & Design  
Samford University  
Sam Houston State  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Southern Methodist University  
Southwestern University  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Taylor University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Tech University  
Trinity University  
Tulane University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas  
UC Berkeley  
United States Naval Academy  
University of California-LA  
University of California – San Diego  
University of Chicago  
University of Georgia  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri  
UNC at Chapel Hill  
University of North Texas  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern CA  
University of Tennessee  
University of Texas-Austin  
University of Texas-Dallas  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University  
West Point Military Academy  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College  
William and Mary  
Yale University

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