



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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