

# PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2024–2025

### 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.

**108**

STUDENTS IN THE  
CLASS OF 2025

**431**

STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 9-12

### 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, ethics 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.
- Starting in the 2024–2025 academic year, students seeking an advanced challenge in classical languages have the opportunity to enroll in Dual Enrollment Latin and/or Dual Enrollment Ancient Greek. These courses, offered in partnership with St. John's University, are designed to provide students with a more in-depth exploration of these ancient languages.
- All members of the sophomore class complete a research paper as a combined English/history department assignment, giving all students experience with independent research in the humanities.

### STANDARDIZED TESTING

#### CLASS OF 2024 AVERAGE SCORES

EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING	<b>680</b>
MATH	<b>680</b>
COMPOSITE ACT	<b>30</b>

### HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES

- 17 AP courses are offered; students enrolled in an AP class must take the corresponding exam.
- All junior and senior English courses are taught at the **college level**. We do not offer honors or AP English.
- All one semester History electives are taught at the **college level**.
- Chinese I through IV do not have an honors or AP level option. These are taught at the same rigorous level and lead up to Advanced Chinese.
- Latin I through IV do not have an honors option. These are taught at the same rigorous level and lead up to AP Latin and Dual Enrollment Latin.
- Those who complete all of the highest level classes within math, physics, language and music are eligible to apply to take classes at Princeton University.

### AP COURSES OFFERED

#### MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

AP French Language and Culture  
AP Latin  
AP Spanish Language and Culture

#### HISTORY

AP Art History  
AP Comparative Government  
AP European History  
AP Human Geography  
AP US Government and Politics

#### ART

AP Music Theory

#### MATH

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science Principles  
AP Statistics

#### SCIENCE

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics C: Mechanics

### POST-AP COURSES OFFERED

Advanced Chinese  
Advanced Computer Science: Coding With a Purpose  
Advanced French Literature  
Advanced Spanish: Latin American Identities  
Advanced Spanish: Topics in Spanish Literature  
Advanced Topics in Mathematics  
Ancient Greek  
Dual Enrollment Ancient Greek  
Dual Enrollment Latin

## 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.



**54.5%** STUDENTS OF COLOR (9-12)



**26%** STUDENTS RECEIVING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID (9-12)



**100%** OF THE CLASS OF 2024 ACCEPTED TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

## SELECT NOTABLE PROGRAMS

- The highly selective **Research Experience Program (REx)** 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.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

### CLASSES OF 2022-2024

American University  
Arizona State University  
Art Center College of Design  
Babson College (3)  
Bates College (2)  
Baylor University (2)  
Berklee College of Music (2)  
Boston College (2)  
Boston University (3)  
Bowdoin College (2)  
Brandeis University  
Brown University (4)  
Bucknell University (2)  
California Institute of the Arts  
Carleton College (2)  
Carnegie Mellon University (2)  
Case Western Reserve University (6)  
Clemson University  
Colby College  
Colgate University (3)  
College of Charleston  
Colorado College  
Columbia University (3)  
Connecticut College (2)  
Cornell University (5)  
Davidson College (2)  
Denison University  
Dickinson College (4)  
Drew University  
Drexel University (2)  
Duke University (5)  
Elon University  
Emory University (2)  
Fairfield University (2)  
Florida Atlantic University  
Framingham State University  
Furman University  
George Washington University (4)  
Georgetown University (5)  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Hamilton College (4)  
Harvard University (4)  
Haverford College (3)  
Hobart William Smith Colleges  
Howard University  
Indiana University (6)  
Jacksonville University  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University  
King's College  
Lehigh University (10)  
Loyola University Maryland (2)  
Marist College (2)  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Miami University-Oxford  
Middlebury College  
Monmouth University  
Muhlenberg College (3)  
New York University (11)  
Northeastern University (3)  
Northwestern University  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University (3)  
Pomona College (2)  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University (16)  
Purdue University (2)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)  
Rice University  
Ringling College of Art and Design  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rowan University (2)  
Rutgers University (10)  
Sacred Heart University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Skidmore College (3)  
Smith College  
Spelman College  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University (10)  
Texas A & M University-College Station  
The College of New Jersey (4)  
The Juilliard School  
The University of Alabama  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University (2)  
United States Coast Guard Academy  
University of Arizona  
University of California Berkeley (5)  
University of California Los Angeles (3)  
University of California San Diego  
University of California Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado Boulder (2)  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
University of Miami (3)  
University of Michigan (2)  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania (8)  
University of Pittsburgh (3)  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Rochester (2)  
University of South Florida  
University of Southern California (4)  
University of St Andrews (2)  
University of Toronto (2)  
University of Vermont (3)  
University of Wisconsin Madison (4)  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College (5)  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University (5)  
Washington University in St Louis (8)  
Wesleyan University (2)  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
William & Mary  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



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