Presentation HIGH SCHOOL

2025–26 SCHOOL PROFILE
CEEB: 053097



## About Presentation

Presentation High School was established in 1962 and is the last remaining high school in the United States established by the Sisters of the Presentation. We are a college preparatory school for girls whose purpose and dedication flow from the teaching missions of the Roman Catholic Church. Nestled in a suburb of San Jose called Willow Glen, we serve a community of young women that reflects the diverse face of the Northern California Bay Area. Presentation High School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

## Who We Are

TOTAL ENROLLMENT:

- 549 students
- 31% of students receive tuition assistance
- Over $3.1 million awarded in tuition assistance
- 67% of our students identify as students of color
- 19% of our students are first-generation

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|---|---|
| Asian | 33% |
| Hispanic | 21% |
| Multi | 8.3% |
| Middle Eastern | 1.7% |
| Black/African American | 1.3% |
| Am. Ind/Alaskan Native | .7% |
| Native Hawaiian | .6% |
| White | 33% |

## Class of 2026

69 STUDENTS TESTED

SAT SUMMARY:

| Section | Middle 50% | Mean |
|---|---|---|
| EWR | 600-720 | 652 |
| MAT | 570-710 | 638 |
| Total | 1195 - 1425 | 1290 |

***As test centers continue to remain limited in the Bay Area, Presentation strongly supports students who choose to opt out of testing. On the side of educational equity and access, we do not encourage nor support our students traveling long distances for a seat.***


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35 STUDENTS TESTED

ACT SUMMARY:

| Section | Middle 50% | Mean |
|---|---|---|
| Math | 27–33 | 28.3 |
| Science | 24–31 | 26.5 |
| English | 29–35 | 31.3 |
| Reading | 29–34 | 30.1 |
| Comp | 28–33 | 29.1 |

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## CURRICULUM NOTES:

Students must earn a D- or higher in each course to meet graduation requirements. Students may enroll in up to 7 classes per semester but take no fewer than 6 courses.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

GPA is determined by using a 4.0 system with one bonus point for honors and AP courses. It is cumulative from the 9th grade. Presentation High School does not rank students.

Our grading scale changed in the 2023–24 school year please see the note below for context.

| Graduation Requirements by Semester | |
|---|---|
| English | 8 semesters |
| Visual & Performing Arts | 3 semesters |
| Modern Language | 4 semesters |
| Mathamatics | 6 semesters |
| Physical Education | 2 semesters |
| Religious Studies | 7 semesters |
| Science | 6 semesters |
| Social Studies | 6 semesters |

## GRADING SCALE UPDATE (*effective Fall 2023*):

Presentation High School decided to eliminate the A+ from our grading scale for three reasons. We found that the pursuit of the A+ created an unhealthy atmosphere of competition and comparison among our students and that this increased stress. Eliminating A+ grades will help reduce this pressure. Furthermore, as a school, we are shifting toward master-based learning. In this approach, students are assessed on their ability to master specific concepts and skills rather than chasing higher and higher grades.

And finally, we seek to be more equitable and inclusive with our grading system as a whole. A+ grades disproportionately benefit students who have access to more resources, tutoring, or test preparation. In summary, it is clear that these students have already exceeded our expectations, an A indicates excellence. The mental health costs of striving for "excellence +" does not align with our mission.

| Grading Scale | | |
|---|---|---|
| **93+** | **A** | **4.0** |
| 90–92 | A- | 3.7 |
| 87–89 | B+ | 3.3 |
| 83–86 | B | 3.0 |
| 80–82 | B- | 2.7 |
| 77–79 | C+ | 2.3 |
| 73–76 | C | 2.0 |
| 70–72 | C- | 1.7 |
| 67–69 | D+ | 1.3 |
| 66–63 | D | 1.0 |
| 60–62 | D- | 0.7 |
| < 60 | F | 0.0 |

## TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION:

- Any failed course that a student has remediated will be added to the bottom of the transcript. Any “F” grade that is made up to meet graduation requirements will be included in the student’s grade point average and total units of credit.
- Athletic participation is listed as a Pass/Fail course in the semester of the corresponding athletic season.
- Participation in Speech & Debate and Robotics are listed as Pass/Fail courses.
- We do not include any summer school or enrichment coursework to our transcript.

## HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT:

Although we do not definitively limit our students’ enrollment in AP and Honors classes, we provide the following recommended cap per grade level. This is to promote our school’s theme of **Be Well, Do Well**. Understanding that the majority of our students participate in a minimum of 3 activities on campus, we implement the recommended cap to encourage balance and well-being. See **here** for our current AP/Honors course offerings.

| Grade Level | Recommended Cap |
|---|---|
| Freshmen | 2 |
| Sophomores | 3 |
| Juniors & Seniors | 4 (only if the student also has a Free Period) |

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION:

For a complete list of colleges and universities where our students have enrolled, see **here**.



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## Co-Curricular Programs

### ATHLETICS:

Presentation has a long and storied athletic tradition of success. With 14 sports offered, and half of the Presentation student body participates in the Presentation athletic program. Our athletes compete in the Western Catholic Athletic League (WCAL).

### CAMPUS MINISTRY:

Campus Ministry provides students opportunities such as class-level retreats, school liturgies, and lunchtime prayer services to encourage students to explore and grow in their faith. Students from all faith backgrounds are welcome to join the *Peer Ministry Program*, which is designed to deepen the spiritual experience of its members, as well as that of the school. Students in Peer Ministry are empowered to develop and share their unique gifts and faith interests through prayer, small group sharing, retreats, and participation in various forms of ministry.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM:

At Pres, "Not Words, But Deeds" isn't just a motto and service is the cornerstone of a Pres education. The Community Involvement department engages the entire school in grade-level fundraising, drives, and service. Extensive service-learning travel opportunities are offered each year in both U.S. and international destinations.

### DANCE TEAM:

Presentation's dance program offers an award-winning coaching staff, top-notch choreography, and modern facilities for novice and experienced dancers. Members of the competitive dance team are selected by an audition process. These students are advanced dancers who are committed to expanding their technique, knowledge, and professionalism in various dance styles, including jazz, lyrical, modern, musical theater, and hip-hop.

### DEEDS PROGRAM:

At Pres, we are always looking for ways to offer opportunities that will launch our graduates into successful futures. Our DEEDS program was designed to prepare our students for the future by providing the building blocks for job readiness. Students can learn administration, communication, and organizational skills through job preparedness workshops and on-campus internships. This program empowers our students with essential leadership skills, allowing those in the Junior class to put what they've learned into action within our community through job shadowing or a summer internship. These experiences culminate in a capstone reflection project where students can see how their work and education impact their community.

### FIRST LIGHT AFFINITY GROUP:

First Light, a student-founded affinity group supports Presentation's first-generation students through mentorship, academic and college readiness workshops, and family engagement events. The group fosters a strong sense of community while equipping members with resources to navigate the college process and develop as leaders within the school. Members also provide community service by welcoming and supporting incoming first-gen students, fostering leadership and a strong sense of belonging within the school.

### PRESENTATION AMBASSADOR CLUB (PAC):

The Presentation Ambassadors Club is an extension of the Office of Admissions. PAC students promote the school philosophy, curriculum and co-curricular program to interested students and their families through admissions events: high school information nights, school visitations, flyer delivery, letter writing, and serving as hostesses for seventh and eighth-grade visitors. Members of PAC serve as role models for the school and for visitors being introduced to the Presentation community.

### ROBOTICS:

The Robotics team gives students hands-on experience in the fields of engineering and technology. Together, the team creates and builds robots to enter competitions hosted by FIRST Robotics.

### SPEECH & DEBATE:

The Speech & Debate program involves students in original oratory, dramatic/humorous interpretation, debate, impromptu, and student congress. Members compete in local, state, and national tournaments.