

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025–2026

GRADING AND RANK

We do not use an official GPA or class rank. There are no weighted grades. Please contact a college counselor for more detailed information about our curriculum, grading policies, or individual students.

104

STUDENTS IN THE
CLASS OF 2026

437

STUDENTS IN
GRADES 9–12

991

STUDENTS IN
GRADES PreK–12

OUR CURRICULUM

- Upper School students typically take **five academic “major” classes** and one “minor” class 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 and honors levels.
- Beyond our AP offerings, we provide many opportunities for students to challenge themselves at a high level with courses that do not follow the College Board’s AP curriculum, including several post-AP classes.
- Students seeking advanced challenge and a deeper dive into Classical Languages can pursue Dual Enrollment options for Latin IV, Advanced Latin and/or Ancient Greek. These courses are offered in partnership with St. John’s University.
- All students complete a combined English/history research paper during their sophomore year as a culminating project that provides experience with independent research in the humanities.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

CLASS OF 2025 AVERAGE SCORES

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| EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING | 690 |
| MATH | 690 |
| COMPOSITE ACT | 31 |

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 V 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 III do not have an honors or DE option. These are taught at the same rigorous level and lead up to AP/DE Latin courses.
- Those who complete all of the highest level classes within math, physics, language, or music are eligible to apply to take classes at Princeton University

AP COURSES OFFERED

HISTORY

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

MATH

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

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

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

SCIENCE

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics

ART

AP Music Theory

POST-AP COURSES OFFERED

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

OUR APPROACH

Princeton Day School brings together a diverse Pre-K through Grade 12 community where intellectual vitality, strength of character, and joy in discovery flourish. In College Counseling, we carry this spirit forward by helping students identify next steps rooted in purpose, curiosity, and self-understanding. They graduate with a clear sense of where they're headed — and why it's the right fit for them.

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.



57%

OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9–12 WHO IDENTIFY AS STUDENTS OF COLOR



28%

OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9–12 WHO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID



100%

OF THE CLASS OF 2025 ACCEPTED TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

SELECT NOTABLE PROGRAMS

- The **Research Experience Program (REx)** provides select 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. Students must apply for REX and admission to the program is highly competitive.
- 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 2023–2025

American University
Arizona State University
Art Center College of Design
Auburn University
Babson College
Bates College (2)
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music (2)
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brandeis University
Brown University (2)
Bucknell University (3)
California Institute of the Arts
Carleton College (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)
Case Western Reserve University (7)
Clemson University (2)
Colby College
Colgate University (5)
Columbia University (3)
Connecticut College
Cornell University (5)
Denison University
Dickinson College (2)
Drew University
Drexel University (2)
Duke University (5)
Elon University (2)
Emory University
Fairfield University (2)
Florida Atlantic University
Framingham State University
George Washington University (4)
Georgetown University (5)
Hamilton College
Harvard University (3)
Haverford College (2)
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges (2)
Howard University
Indiana University (5)
James Madison University (3)
King's College
Lehigh University (9)
Marist University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Merrimack College
Miami University-Oxford
Middlebury College
Monmouth University
Muhlenberg College (2)
New York University (6)
Northeastern University (4)
Northwestern University (4)
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Pratt Institute-Main
Princeton University (17)
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rowan University
Rutgers University (12)
Sacred Heart University
Saint John Fisher College
Saint Joseph's University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Skidmore College
Smith College
Spelman College
Swarthmore College (2)
Syracuse University (8)
The College of New Jersey (2)
The New School
The Pennsylvania State University (5)
The University of Tampa (2)
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University (6)
Tulane University
University of California-Berkeley (5)
University of California-Los Angeles (5)
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara (2)
University of Cambridge
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder (4)
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida (2)
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Miami (4)
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (6)
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Pennsylvania (7)
University of Pittsburgh (6)
University of Rhode Island (2)
University of Rochester (2)
University of Southern California (4)
University of St Andrews
University of Toronto (2)
University of Vermont (2)
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
Vanderbilt University (2)
Vassar College (3)
Villanova University (5)
Wake Forest University (6)
Washington University in St Louis (6)
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University (3)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
William & Mary (4)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Yale University



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