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MISSION STATEMENT

To create and inspire a diverse community of independent thinkers whose academic excellence, global perspective, and strength of character prepare them to make a meaningful difference in the world.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

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2025-2026

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SCHOOL PROFILE

THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Founded in 1912, Parker is San Diego's oldest and largest independent, non-denominational, coeducational day school.

STUDENT BODY	1,330 <i>total students (Pre-K to 12)</i>	550 <i>students in Upper School</i>	124 <i>students in Class of 2026</i>
	47% <i>BIPOC students</i>	88 <i>ZIP codes represented</i>	25% <i>receive financial assistance</i>
	127 <i>teaching faculty</i>	65% <i>faculty with advanced degrees</i>	16 <i>average class size</i>

THE CLASS OF 2026

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

- We do not rank our students.
- GPA is based on all academic courses taken from Grades 9 to 12.
- An A+ on the standard grading scale is calculated as a 4.33. See the full grading scale on page 2.
- Trimester 1 grades are available for review at the end of November.

4.99 <i>highest GPA (weighted)</i>	4.29 <i>highest GPA (unweighted)</i>
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AP EXAMS

While in the Upper School, students in the Class of 2026 took a total of 547 AP exams in 27 subjects, with 87% scoring 3 or higher.

PARKER GRADUATES:

 THINK critically and creatively	 COMMUNICATE authentically and confidently
 DEMONSTRATE intellectual curiosity and resourcefulness	 LEAD with empathy, civility, and kindness
 PURSUE the best version of themselves	 ENGAGE the world as a conscientious citizen
 EMBRACE life's opportunities and challenges equally	 LIVE a well-balanced and meaningful life

SCHOOL PROFILE

AP AND HONORS COURSES

- Honors and AP courses are weighted 1 point above the standard GPA scale.†
- Honors and AP courses require a B+ or better in the first 2 trimesters of the prerequisite course.
- A typical Parker student will not enroll in AP courses until Grade 11 unless they have advanced standing in World Language or Mathematics.

† Honors/AP courses are not weighted for grades below a C-.

HONORS COURSES (42 OFFERED)

ARTS

Ceramics
Classical Guitar Ensemble 2, 3, 4
Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4
Lancer Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Theatre 2, 3, 4

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Advanced Programming 1, 2
Advanced Robotics Programming 1, 2

ENGLISH

English 12

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 2
Geometry
Multivariate Calculus*
Pre-Calculus

*Some students may have this course listed as Multivariate Calculus and Linear Algebra.

SCIENCE

Engineering 1, 2
Organic Chemistry
Physiology

SOCIAL STUDIES

Ethnic Studies
Global History 2
Leadership
United States History

WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese Literature & Culture
French 3, 4
French Literature & Culture
Mandarin 3, 4
Spanish 3, 4
Spanish Literature & Culture 1, 2

AP COURSES (26 OFFERED)

ARTS

Drawing
Music Theory
Studio Art: 2D Art & Design

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science A

ENGLISH

English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics 2
Physics C - Mechanics
Physics C - Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism

MATHEMATICS

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

SOCIAL STUDIES

African American Studies
Art History
Economics*
Government & Politics: U.S.
Human Geography
Psychology
U.S. History

WORLD LANGUAGES

Chinese Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture
French Language & Culture

* AP Economics teaches both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics in a single 1-year course.

GRADING PRACTICES

Our guidelines are designed to ensure a consistent and equitable experience for students, with grades that accurately reflect learning progress and mastery. Letter grades exclude factors unrelated to learning proficiency.

GRADING SCALE

	GPA <i>unweighted</i>	GPA <i>weighted</i>	%ILE
A+	4.33	5.33	97-100
A	4.00	5.00	93-96
A-	3.67	4.67	90-92
B+	3.33	4.33	87-89
B	3.00	4.00	83-86
B-	2.67	3.67	80-82
C+	2.33	3.33	77-79
C	2.00	3.00	73-76
C-	1.67	2.67	70-72
D+	1.33 [†]	1.33 [†]	67-69
D	1.00 [†]	1.00 [†]	63-66
D-	0.67 [†]	0.67 [†]	60-62
F	0.00 [†]	0.00 [†]	0-59

† Honors/AP courses are not weighted for grades below a C-.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science	3 years
World Language*	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Arts	2 years
Athletics/PE	2 years

* World Language courses must be successive years of the same language.

For a comprehensive list of course offerings and graduation requirements, click the button or visit francisparker.org/UpperCurriculumGuide.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Bold text indicates matriculation.

Numerals indicate the number of students matriculated.

Agnes Scott College	Emory University (1)	Purdue University (10)	UC, Santa Barbara (10)
American University (3)	Fairfield University	Queen's University Belfast	UC, Santa Cruz (11)
Arizona State University (2)	Florida State University	Quinnipiac University	University of Chicago (2)
Auburn University (1)	Fordham University (2)	Reed College (1)	University of Cincinnati (1)
Bard College	Franklin & Marshall College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)	University of Colorado Boulder (11)
Barnard College (2)	Furman University	Rhode Island School of Design (2)	University of Colorado Denver
Bates College (2)	George Fox University	Rice University (2)	University of Connecticut (1)
Baylor University (1)	George Mason University	Rochester Institute of Technology (1)	University of Delaware
Belmont University (1)	George Washington University (5)	Roger Williams University	University of Denver (2)
Bentley University (1)	Georgetown University (3)	Rollins College	University of Florida
Boise State University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Georgia (1)
Boston College (4)	Gettysburg College	Rutgers University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Boston University (4)	Gonzaga University	Saint Louis University, Madrid (1)	University of Illinois, Urbana (1)
Bowdoin College (4)	Grossmont College (1)	Saint Mary's College of California (1)	University of Iowa (1)
Brandeis University (1)	Hamilton College	Salve Regina University (1)	University of Kansas
Brown University (6)	Harvard University (2)	San Diego State University (20)	University of La Verne (1)
Bryn Mawr College (1)	Harvey Mudd College	San Francisco State University	University of Maine
Bucknell University (2)	Haverford College (1)	San Jose State University (1)	University of Maryland
Butler University	Hawai'i Pacific University (1)	Santa Clara University (5)	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
California Baptist University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	University of Miami (3)
California College of the Arts	Hofstra University (1)	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Michigan (18)
California Institute of the Arts	Howard University (1)	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Minnesota (2)
California Lutheran University (1)	Indiana University, Bloomington (5)	School of Visual Arts	University of Missouri
Cal Poly Humboldt	Ithaca College	Scripps College (7)	University of New Hampshire (2)
Cal Poly Maritime Academy (1)	James Madison University	Seattle University	University of New Mexico
Cal Poly Pomona (2)	Johns Hopkins University (4)	Seton Hall University	UNC, Chapel Hill (1)
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (21)	Kenyon College	Sewanee: University of the South (1)	University of Notre Dame
CSU, Bakersfield	King's College London	Skidmore College	University of Oklahoma (1)
CSU, Channel Islands	Lafayette College (2)	Smith College	University of Oregon (8)
CSU, Chico (2)	Lehigh University (1)	SOAS University of London	University of Pennsylvania (3)
CSU, Dominguez Hills	Lewis & Clark College (1)	Sonoma State University	University of Pittsburgh (1)
CSU, Fresno	Louisiana State University	Southern Methodist University (4)	University of Portland
CSU, Fullerton (1)	Loyola Marymount University (10)	Southern Utah University (1)	University of Puget Sound (2)
CSU, Long Beach (2)	Loyola University Chicago (4)	Spelman College (1)	University of Redlands (2)
CSU, Los Angeles	Loyola University Maryland (1)	St. John's University (1)	University of Rhode Island
CSU, Monterey Bay (1)	Macalester College	Stanford University (4)	University of Richmond
CSU, Northridge (1)	Marist University (1)	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Rochester (2)
CSU, Sacramento	Marquette University (1)	Suffolk University	University of San Diego (9)
CSU, San Marcos (4)	Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY University at Buffalo	University of San Francisco (1)
Carleton College	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (4)	Swarthmore College (1)	University of South Carolina
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	McGill University	Syracuse University (1)	University of South Florida
Case Western Reserve University (1)	Miami University (Oxford)	Temple University	University of Southern California (12)
Catholic University of America	Michigan State University	Texas A&M University	University of St Andrews (4)
Chapman University (5)	Michigan Technological University (1)	Texas Christian University (4)	University of the Pacific
Claremont McKenna College (4)	Middlebury College (1)	The American University of Paris (1)	University of Toronto (1)
Clark University	Montana State University (1)	The Courtauld Institute of Art (1)	University of Utah (3)
Clemson University	Mount Holyoke College (2)	The New School	University of Vermont
Colby College	Mount Saint Mary's University	The Ohio State University	University of Virginia (1)
Colgate University	New York University (11)	The University of Alabama (2)	University of Washington (11)
College of Charleston	Newcastle University (1)	The University of Edinburgh	University of Wisconsin (11)
College of the Holy Cross (1)	North Carolina State University (1)	The University of Montana	Vanderbilt University (1)
Colorado College (3)	Northeastern University (11)	The University of Tennessee (2)	Vanguard University (1)
Colorado School of Mines (2)	Northern Arizona University	The University of Texas at Austin	Yassar College (1)
Colorado State, Fort Collins (1)	Northwestern University (2)	Trinity College (1)	Villanova University (4)
Columbia College, Chicago (1)	Oberlin College (1)	Trinity University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1)
Columbia University (1)	Occidental College (4)	Tufts University (2)	Wake Forest University (2)
Connecticut College (1)	Oklahoma State University	Tulane University of Louisiana (4)	Washington State University
Cornell University (4)	Olin College of Engineering	Union College	Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Cornish College of the Arts (1)	Oregon Institute of Technology	US Air Force Academy (2)	Wellesley College (2)
Creighton University (2)	Oregon State University (1)	US Coast Guard Academy (1)	Wesleyan University (2)
Dartmouth College (1)	Otis College of Art and Design	US Merchant Marine Academy (1)	Westcliff University (1)
Davidson College (1)	Oxford College of Emory (2)	US Military Academy at West Point (1)	Western Washington University
Denison University (1)	Pace University (1)	US Naval Academy (1)	Westmont College
DePaul University (1)	Pacific University	University College London	Wheaton College - IL
Dickinson College (1)	Parsons School of Design	University of Arizona (1)	Whitman College
Dominican University of California	Penn State University (3)	University of British Columbia (1)	Whittier College
Drexel University (3)	Pepperdine University (3)	UC, Berkeley (24)	Willamette University
Duke University (2)	Pitzer College (2)	UC, Davis (4)	William & Mary
Duquesne University (1)	Point Loma Nazarene University (1)	UC, Irvine (4)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Durham University	Pomona College (1)	UC, Los Angeles (12)	Xavier University
Elon University (2)	Portland State University	UC, Merced (1)	Yale University (4)
Embry-Riddle (1)	Pratt Institute (1)	UC, Riverside (2)	
Emerson College	Princeton University (2)	UC, San Diego (8)	