



FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL

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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

CAIS • WASC • NAIS
NACAC • WACAC • ACCIS

2026-2027

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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

1,343

*total students
(Pre-K to 12)*

542

*students in
Upper School*

139

*students in
Class of 2027*

DIVERSITY

56%

*BIPOC
students*

81

*ZIP codes
represented*

25%

*receive financial
assistance*

FACULTY

69

*teaching
faculty*

81%

*faculty with
advanced degrees*

16

*average
class size*

THE CLASS OF 2027

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.

4.05

*average GPA
(weighted)*

3.67

*average GPA
(unweighted)*

AP EXAMS

While in the Upper School, students in the Class of 2027 took a total of 513 AP exams in 30 subjects, with 94% scoring 3 or higher.



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

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

ARTS

Ceramics
Classical Guitar Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Lancer Orchestra
Theatre

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
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

ARTS

Art History
Drawing
Music Theory
Studio Art: 2D Arts & Design
Studio Art: 2D Photography

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
Economics*
Government & Politics: U.S.
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 unweighted	GPA weighted	%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 francisarker.org/UpperCurriculumGuide.

2023-2026 FRANCIS PARKER SCHOOL COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Bold text indicates matriculation.

Numerals indicate the number of students matriculated.

Aberystwyth University
 Agnes Scott College
 Alabama State University
American University (5)
Arizona State University (2)
 Art Center College of Design
Auburn University
 Bard College
Barnard College (2)
Bates College
 Baylor University
Belmont University
 Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee School of Music
 Boise State University
Boston College (2)
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (4)
 Bowling Green State University
 Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University (6)
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (2)
 Butler University
Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Poly Maritime Academy
Cal Poly Pomona (2)
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (16)
 California Baptist University
 California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
 California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
 CSU Bakersfield
 CSU Channel Islands
CSU Chico (2)
 CSU Dominguez Hills
 CSU Fresno
CSU Fullerton (2)
CSU Long Beach (2)
 CSU Los Angeles
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
 CSU Sacramento
CSU San Marcos (3)
 CSU Stanislaus
 Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University (4)
 Charleston Southern University
Claremont McKenna College (2)
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Clemson University
 Colby College
Colgate University
 College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross (2)
Colorado College (2)
Colorado School of Mines (2)
 Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia University (Montreal)
Connecticut College
 Coppin State University
Cornell University (4)
Cornish College of the Arts
Creighton University
Dartmouth College

Davidson College (2)
Denison University
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
Dickinson College
 Dominican University of California
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
 Durham University
Eindhoven University of Technology
Elon University (2)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emerson College
Emory University (2)
 Fairfield University
 Fisher College
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
Fordham University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 Furman University
 George Fox University
 George Mason University
George Washington University (4)
Georgetown University (4)
 Georgia Tech
 Gettysburg College
 Gonzaga University
 Grambling State University
 Grossmont College
 Hamilton College
Harvard University (2)
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hawai'i Pacific University
 Hillsdale College
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University (2)
 Hope College
Howard University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University (7)
Iona University
 Ithaca College
 Jackson State University
 James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University (3)
 Juniata College
Kenyon College
 King's College London
Lafayette College
 Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Les Roches University (Spain)
 Lewis & Clark College
 Long Island University
 Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (11)
Loyola University Chicago (2)
Loyola University Maryland (2)
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Luther College
 Macalester College
 Manhattanville University
Marist University
Marquette University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
 and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3)

Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 McGill University
 Merrimack College
 Messiah University
 Miami University
 Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Middlebury College
 Millikin University
 Minerva University
 Monmouth University
Montana State University
 Montclair State University
 Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College (3)
 Mount Saint Mary's University
New York University (11)
Newcastle University
 North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University (12)
 Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
 Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College (3)
 Oklahoma State University
 Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
 Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University
 Pacific University
 Parsons School of Design at The New School
Penn State University (3)
Pepperdine University (2)
 Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University (2)
 Point Park University
Pomona College
 Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
 Providence College
Purdue University (9)
 Queen's University Belfast
 Quinnipiac University
Reed College
 Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University (3)
 Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
 Roger Williams University
 Rollins College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University, Madrid
 Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University (17)
 San Francisco Conservatory of Music
 San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University (7)
Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
Scripps College (8)
 Seattle Pacific University

Seattle University
Seton Hall University
 Shaw University
 Shenandoah University
 Skidmore College
 SOAS University of London
 Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University (2)
Southern Utah University
Spelman College
 St. John's University
 St. Lawrence University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stanford University (4)
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stonehill College
 Stony Brook University
 Suffolk University
 SUNY Buffalo
Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (5)
 The American University of Paris
 The American University of Rome
 The Catholic University of America
The Courtauld Institute of Art
 The New School
 The Ohio State University
The University of Edinburgh
 The University of Manchester
 The University of Sheffield
Trinity College
 Trinity University
Tufts University (3)
Tulane University (4)
 Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy (3)
 University College London
University of Alabama
 University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Arizona
 University of Austin
 University of Birmingham
University of British Columbia
UC Berkeley (25)
UC Davis (4)
UC Irvine (4)
UC Los Angeles (11)
UC Merced
UC Riverside (3)
UC San Diego (7)
UC Santa Barbara (8)
UC Santa Cruz (13)
University of Chicago (3)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado (Boulder) (15)
 University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
 University of Colorado (Denver)
University of Connecticut
 University of Dayton
 University of Delaware
University of Denver (3)
 University of Exeter
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Hartford
 University of Hawaii
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)
University of Iowa

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CONTINUED

University of Kansas
 University of Kent
University of La Verne
 University of Liverpool
 University of Louisville
 University of Maine
 University of Maryland
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
 University of Memphis
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan (21)
University of Minnesota
 University of Missouri
 University of Nebraska
 University of Nevada Reno
University of New Hampshire (2)
 University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina

University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon (11)
University of Pennsylvania (5)
University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
University of Puget Sound (2)
University of Redlands
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
University of Rochester (2)
University of San Diego (9)
University of San Francisco (2)
 University of Scranton
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida
University of Southern California (13)
University of St Andrews (5)
 University of Surrey
 University of Sussex
 University of Tampa

University of Tennessee (2)
 University of Texas
 University of the Pacific
 University of Tokyo
 University of Toronto
University of Utah (2)
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
University of Washington (12)
University of Wisconsin (9)
 Ursinus College
 Utah State University
Vanderbilt University (3)
Vanguard University
Vassar College (2)
Villanova University (3)
 Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech (2)
Wake Forest University
 Washington College

Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis (2)
 Weber State University
Wellesley College (3)
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
 Western Washington University
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
Willamette University
 William & Mary
 Williams College
 Wofford College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University
Yale University
 York College of Pennsylvania