VERBUM DEI
JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

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ABOUT VERBUM DEI JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Founded in 1962 by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and entrusted to the Fathers and Brothers of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), Verbum Dei Jesuit High School is a member of the Cristo Rey Network comprised of 39 schools across 24 states, whose mission is to deliver a career-focused college preparatory education that integrates a rigorous academic curricula with four years of professional work experience and support to and through college. Members of the Society of Jesus (SJ) joined the staff in 2000.

MISSION STATEMENT

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School is a Catholic, Jesuit, Cristo Rey Network high school that offers young men from supportive families of limited resources a college prep curriculum, corporate work experience, and faith formation that prepares them to graduate from college as men-with-and-for-others who serve their communities and pursue a more just and humane world for all.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School draws students from the southern metropolitan Los Angeles area. We serve students from Watts and surrounding neighborhoods such as Long Beach, Inglewood and Downey. **100% of our students receive high school tuition assistance.**

STUDENT POPULATION

Total	HS Enrollment	273
Class of 2026	Enrollment	53
Class of 2027	Enrollment	65
Class of 2028	Enrollment	82
Class of 2029	Enrollment	73



- Hispanic 70%
- Black 30%



100% Male

CORPORATE WORKSTUDY PROGRAM

Every student participates in the Corporate Work Study Program all four years of high school, working once a week at Fortune 500 company where they gain professional work experience and skills, develop a network, and practice what they are learning in the classroom, all while helping cover the cost of their education!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics

- Football
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Golf

Clubs

- Anime
- D&D Club
- Journalism Club
- Financial Club
- E-Sports
- Media Club
- Chess Club
- ALAS
- Black Student Union
- Comic Book Club
- Verb Zephyr Club
- Intramurals
- Sports Management
- Mock Trial
- Masa
- Health & Wellness
- Yearbook

CORPORATE PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- The Aerospace Corporation
- Raytheon Technologies
- Payden & Rygel
- City National Bank
- Latham & Watkins
- ASM Global Los Angeles Convention Center
- California Science Center
- LA County Metro
- Torrance Memorial Medical Center

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Class of 2026 Data

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

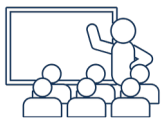
Content: The traditional Liberal Arts disciplines: English, Mathematics, History and Social Studies, Modern Language, Science, Religious Studies, Art, and Physical Education are offered at Verbum Dei Jesuit High School.

Honors/Advanced Placement Courses: *All Verbum Dei Jesuit High School Students follow a college preparatory curriculum.*

AP English Language & Composition
AP Micro Economics
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Spanish Language & Culture*
Honors English 10, 11, 12
Honors Spanish 1
Honors Spanish 2

AP World History: Modern
AP US History
AP US Gov & Politics
Honors World History
Honors US History
Honors Economics

Honors Geometry
Honors Env. Science
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics



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Students Enrolled
AP Courses

Students must enroll in AP US Government & Politics to be eligible to enroll in AP Micro Economics.
The most rigorous course load a senior has taken is comprised of 11 AP and honors courses.

Graduation Requirements:

History/Social Science 30 credits
English 40 credits
Mathematics (Algebra 1 and higher) 40 credits
Language Other than English 20 credits
Visual & Performing Arts 10 credits
Science 30 credits
Health/PE 10 credits
CWSP 40 credits
Elective 10 credits
Theology 40 credits
College Access Program 10 credits
Service Hours 100 hours

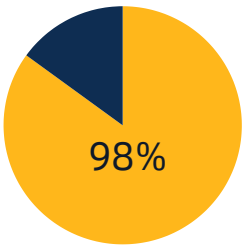
College Access Program, yearlong class to assist all 12th grade students and their families with the college, FAFSA, and scholarships application process.

Grading: GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale, with .3 deducted for a minus and .3 added for a plus. All D grades must be remediated by senior year via Silicon Valley online (SVHS) or summer school.Class rank was eliminated in 2000.

A 93-100	B+ 87-89	B- 80-82	C 76-70 F 59- Below
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C+ 77-79	D 69-60

CLASS OF 2026DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1ST Generation College Bound Students



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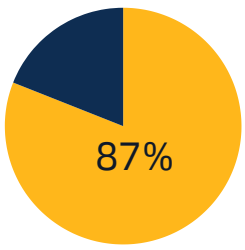

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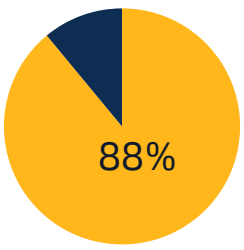

FALL 2025 ANTICIPATED COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

	4 Year	2 Year	Other
Class of 2026	94%	5%	1%

4 YEAR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES INCLUDE:

California State University: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Northridge, Pomona
Columbia University
University of California: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Berkeley, San Diego, Riverside, Merced, Davis
Duke University
Santa Clara University
University of Notre Dame
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
St. John's University
Morehouse College
Marist University
Northwestern University
Williams College
Chapman University
Georgetown University
Standford University
Grinell College
Regis University
University of Southern California
Boston College