ARROWHEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY UPPER SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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The School and Community

Arrowhead Christian Academy Upper School is a division of Redlands Christian Schools, a school system founded in 1921. Arrowhead Christian Academy (ACA) is a comprehensive, nondenominational Christian high school for grades 9-12. Special programs include Spanish immersion, academic distinctives, international students, and specialized academic instruction.

Mission Statement

The school's mission is to provide Christ-centered excellence in education while partnering with the church and home to advance God's kingdom.

School Demographics

High School Enrollment	405	Full-time HS Faculty	23
Pre-K through 12 Enrollment	1,366	Part-time HS Faculty	12
Percentage of Students Receiving Financial Aid	40%	HS Teacher-Student Ratio	1:14

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

ACA offers 12 AP courses and 19 Honors courses. The school does not limit the number of Honors or AP classes a student may take each year.

Advanced Placement

Calculus AB	U.S. Government and Politics	Spanish Language
English Language & Composition	Macroeconomics	Statistics
English Literature & Composition	Physics 1	United States History
Environmental Science	Psychology	World History

Honors

Advanced Drawing & Painting	Editorial Leadership	Spanish 2
Advanced Theater Arts	English 9 / Language & Literature	Spanish 3
Algebra 1	Geometry	Spanish Lang, Lit & Culture 10
Algebra 2	Kerygma	Wind Ensemble
Biology	Jazz Band	World Literature
British Literature	Philosophy of Life 11	
Chemistry	Pre-Calculus	

Graduation Requirements

Students are required to take 240 credits to graduate. Each full-year course is 10 credits.

Number of semesters required in each discipline					
Bible	9	Natural Science	5	Visual & Performing Arts	2
English	9	Social Science	7	Physical Education	2
Mathematics	6	Foreign Language	2	Electives	6

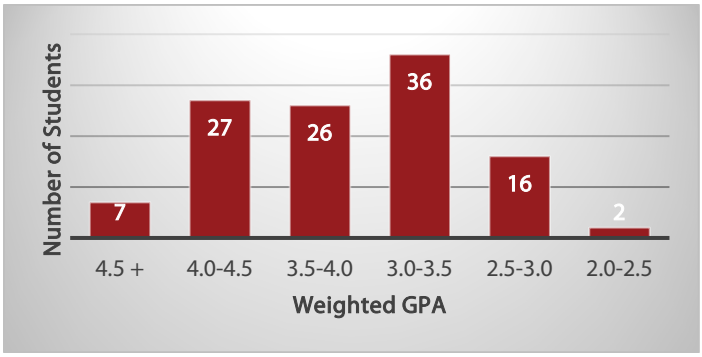
Grading Scale

Percent	96.5	92.5	89.5	86.5	82.5	79.5	76.5	72.5	69.5	66.5	62.5	59.5
Letter	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
GPA	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0

Class of 2026 Highlights

114 Graduates; 90% attending higher education; 10% going to military or workforce

GPA DISTRIBUTION



GLOBAL SEAL OF BILITERACY

Students who have completed a fourth year of advanced language study in Spanish or ASL, as well as the 10th grade Spanish Immersion students, are eligible to test for the Global Seal of Biliteracy. The percentage of students who received the seal in these languages is given below.

Spanish (functional fluency)	100%	ASL (functional fluency)	85%
		ASL (working fluency)	15%

SAT and ACT RESULTS

ACA tests all students in grades 9-12 to assist in identifying areas of growth in curriculum and individual student needs. Because of this, SAT and ACT averages reflect a significant percentage of the graduating class, not just those aiming to attend a four-year university.

	SAT		ACT
Class Average	1081	**Class Average**	24.6
Participation	79%	**Participation**	31%
Top 25%	1297	**Top 25%**	30.3
Top 50%	1218	**Top 50%**	28.1
Meets EBRW College Readiness Benchmark	78%		
Meets Math College Readiness Benchmark	73%		

Advanced Placement Results

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Students enrolled in AP classes	106	Overall AP pass rate	85%
Exams administered	197	AP Scholars	13
AP students with scores of "3" or higher	89	AP Scholars with Honors	8
Graduates with at least one "Pass"	45%	AP Scholars with Distinction	15

School-Wide Learner Outcomes

Followers of Christ

- Comprehend the gospel, salvation, and how to communicate these to others with confidence.
- Practice spiritual disciplines such as Bible study and prayer.
- Participate actively in a local church.
- Engage in communal worship such as chapel and small groups.
- Apply Biblical truth to daily decision making.

Pursuers of Wisdom

- Creatively and critically apply learning to solve real-world problems.
- Communicate effectively and purposefully in both spoken and written language.
- Utilize technology responsibly and productively.
- Gain appreciation for the Fine Arts through participation.
- Know the Bible through study and memorization.

Practitioners of Healthy Living

- Demonstrate healthy lifestyle choices based on Biblical principles.
- Differentiate between the consequences of harmful and healthy behaviors.

Caretakers of God's Creation

- Seek out community service.
- Respect self and others as created in the image of God.
- Value cultural differences.
- Act as a steward of the environment.

Impact Programs

SPANISH IMMERSION

Started at the Kindergarten and 1st grade levels in 2015, ACA will graduate its first cohort of Spanish immersion students in 2027. These students were taught exclusively in Spanish in K-5, half of their subjects in grades 6-8, and completed a special immersion track in upper school. By graduation, they will have completed up to 24 college credits of Spanish along with the Global Seal of Biliteracy. This includes 4 dual-credit courses with Azusa Pacific University. Growth is anticipated as the program matures.

Achievement levels are high for the Spanish Immersion students, as demonstrated by a 100% pass rate on the AP Spanish exam after 10th grade.

ACA DISTINCTIVES

Students have the option to pursue one of five "Distinctive" programs in upper school – STEM, Global Studies, Exercise Science, Visual & Performing Arts, and Journalism – in which they complete specified advanced coursework to accompany an internship and subsequent portfolio. The school had 9 Distinctive graduates in 2026.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

ACA offers 6 dual enrollment classes with Colorado Christian University. 40% of eligible students participated in this program in 2025-2026.

FINE ARTS

Music

ACA features four performing music groups – Cambiata (choir), Kergyma (auditioned choir), Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band (auditioned) – each of which perform and compete at local and regional festivals throughout the year. Members of band also participate in drumline to perform at athletic events and pep rallies. ACA bands & choirs participate yearly in festival competitions including Forum, SCSBOA, and ACDA festivals where they consistently receive gold ratings (top 10% score of all who attend). Students have been selected to participate in honor groups including the Southern California Christian Schools honor band, CBU honor Band, ACDA Honor Choir, All-State Honor Choir, and the Orange County Youth Symphony.

Theater

The theater arts program includes advanced theater courses and opportunities to perform in up to five shows in a school year. Students have achieved top placements in university programs and are consistently competitive in local awards, including the Jimmy Awards and A Voice Within Teen Monologue Festival.

Visual Arts

The visual arts program features opportunities to learn ceramics, advanced drawing and painting, design and print-making, and digital art. Students compete in local and regional art competitions, with artwork on display in the San Bernardino County Visual Arts Showcase.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Since 2002, the International Program has welcomed students from more than a dozen countries around the world to achieve academic success in an immersive learning experience. Students are prepared for competitive university placements through academic support in all subjects, a progressive sequence of English language development courses, and college admission guidance. Students stay with host families, build connection and relationships through community field trips, and celebrate the diverse cultures represented in the program through all-school events like International Week.

SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

The Study Center program provides academic support, tutoring, mentoring and accommodations to qualified students as a part of a commitment to supporting the diverse learning needs of the student population.

Students with mild to moderate learning disabilities receive individualized instruction in skill and social development and have learning opportunities in the regular classroom when it is best suited for them. Students in the program are actively involved in school events as an integral part of the community.

MISSION TRIPS

Students have many opportunities for community service during InterSession week, including multiple mission trips to countries around the world. Students benefit from the diversity of the cultures they experience, and practice learned languages as they serve and share the Gospel in these countries. Approximately 25% of students have participated in each of the last three years.

ATHLETICS

The ACA Eagles compete in the Ambassador League in the California Southern Section. Former students have advanced to compete in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, MLS, MLB, and the Banana Ball Championship League.

21 Sports Offered

34 Athletic Teams

67% Student Participation

15 League Titles since 2021

4 Division Finalists since 2021

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University Acceptances since 2015

Abilene Christian University
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Chicago
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
Biola University
Boise State University
Cal Baptist University
Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly SLO
Cal State Chico
Cal State Easy Bay
Cal State Fullerton
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Los Angeles
Cal State Monterey Bay
Cal State Northridge
Cal State San Bernardino
Cal State San Marcos
Calvin University
Carnegie Mellon University
Colorado Christian University
Colorado State University
Concordia University
Covenant College
Dordt University
Fashion Institute of Design
Florida Institute of Technology
Franklin University (Switzerland)
Fresno State University
George Fox University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Gordon College
Grand Canyon University
Grove City College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hope International University
Idaho State University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana Wesleyan University
Kent State University
King's College
La Sierra University
Liberty University
Life Pacific University
Lipscomb University
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University
Montana State University
Moody Bible Institute
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Colorado University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Oregon State University
Ottawa University
Pacific University
Parsons School of Design, Paris
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Providence Christian College
Puget Sound University
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rutgers University
Sacramento State University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
Savannah College of Art
Seattle Pacific University
Sonoma State University
Southern Adventist University
Stony Brook University
Summit College
Syracuse University
Taylor University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Citadel
The Master's University
The Ohio State University
Trinity Christian University
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC San Bernardino
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
US Air Force Academy
US Coast Guard Academy
US Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Idaho
University of Illinois
University of Indiana
University of Iowa
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
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University of North Florida
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
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