



Prestonwood Christian Academy

P U R S U E C H R I S T A L W A Y S

Upper School Profile

School Code: 441796

Class of 2018

121 Students

Prestonwood Christian Academy provides a rigorous college preparatory curriculum for all students and does not rank.

National Merit Honors

Class of 2018 National Merit Commended – 2

Class of 2018 National Merit Semi Finalist – 1

2017 AP Scholars

National AP Scholar - 3

AP Scholars with Distinction – 14

AP Scholars with Honor – 7

AP Scholars – 14

Class of 2018 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative weighted GPA through May 2017

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0 +	29	24%
3.5 – 3.99	37	31%
3.0 – 3.49	33	27%
2.5 – 2.99	19	16%
2.0 – 2.49	1	1%
None*	2	1%

*Includes students new to PCA who have not established a GPA

Class of 2018 Standardized Test Scores

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
SAT	1359	1228	1060	1020

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
ACT	29	24	21	20.7

Calendar

36 Weeks; two-semester grading system; eight 90-minute class periods, four class periods alternate every other day.

School and Community

PCA was established in 1997 as a biblically-based, Christ-centered school. The school's commitment to Kingdom Education philosophy unites the church, home and school for the purpose of scholastic and spiritual discipleship. Now the largest Christian school in the DFW Metroplex with nearly 1,600 students in grades Pre-K through 12, PCA is recognized as one of the leading Christian schools in the country with over 1,500 graduates. Prestonwood Christian Academy is located in the north Dallas suburb of Plano, Texas. The local economy is based upon banking, telecommunications, technology, manufacturing, insurance, medical services, and real estate.

A ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church

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Admissions Office: (972)930-4010

GPA Computation & Grading Scale

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is the equivalent of grade quality points divided by the number of semester credits. PCA's cumulative GPA includes only classes taken at Prestonwood Christian Academy in grades 9-12.

98-100	A+	4.0	
93-97	A	3.75	AP level classes receive a 1.0 extra weight.
90-92	A-	3.5	
87-89	B+	3.25	
83-86	B	3.0	Pre-AP and honors level classes receive a .50 extra weight
80-82	B-	2.75	
77-79	C+	2.50	
73-76	C	2.25	
70-72	C-	2.0	

Graduation Credit Requirements

Course	Recommended	Distinguished
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Lab Science	4	4
History	4	4
World Language	2	3
Bible	4	4
Health / Speech	0.5 / 0.5	0.5 / 0.5
Technology	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1

Advanced Placement Course Offerings

Art History*	Spanish Language
Biology	Statistics
Calculus AB	Studio Art: 2-D
Calculus BC	Studio Art: 3-D
Chemistry	Studio Art: Drawing
Physics I	United States Gov and Politics
Physics C	United States History
Computer Science*	Macroeconomics*
English Language and Comp (11 th)	Micro Economics*
English Literature and Comp (12 th)	<i>*online courses offered through PCAplus</i>

PreAP / Honors Course Offerings

English I-IV	Anatomy & Physiology	Choir, PCA Singers
World History I-II	Engineering Physics	Band, Strings
US History	Biology	Theatre
Econ & Government	Chemistry	Technical Theatre
Algebra I	Physics	Ceramics; Sculpture
Algebra II	Spanish II-V	Drawing; Painting
Geometry	French II-IV	Film & Broadcasting
Pre-Calculus	Computer Science	Web Design
Calculus		Mock Trial

Prestonwood Christian Academic Experience

CODE OF HONOR: Drawn from the school's motto, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, (all things to the glory of God) the Code of Honor is a standard of excellence by which all members of the school community conduct themselves to cultivate an environment of self-governance and integrity.

SENIOR CAPSTONE: Graduation from PCA requires every student to produce an interdisciplinary body of work – a “Capstone.” As a faculty adviser-led research project, the Capstone will demonstrate the student’s scholarship, biblical worldview, critical and creative thinking, and communication skills.

LIONS SCHOLAR PROGRAM: Lions Scholar Program (LSP) intentionally equips students to enter the most prestigious universities of America. LSP students focus on the great books and significant literature considered classical studies. Students are required to complete research and participate in Socratic debate including an in-depth research paper presented publicly.

STEM HONORS PROGRAM: The PCA Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program is an interdisciplinary sequence of AP level courses, jury reviewed project based innovation, science fair participation, and summer studies. Students are required to complete two research design courses.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: The Student Leadership Institute (SLi) is designed to assist young people in the development of their leadership philosophy and skills during a yearlong multifaceted program. SLi meets weekly to research and discuss current issues. The program focuses on individual and institutional commitments to becoming selfless and other-centered.

MINIMESTER: Ministering through missions is a priority and integral part of the culture, curriculum and character of Prestonwood Christian Academy. By facilitating local and global mission opportunities during minimester, the week before spring break, students are able to serve and learn in a variety of geographic and topical areas.

DIVERSITY: Based on God's creation of Diversity, we focus on His “Grace”: Gender, race, age & ability (academic and physical), culture and economic status.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW INSTITUE: Biblical Worldview Institute is a dynamic two-day training seminar covering important categories such as Christian Ethics, Heritage, Mindset/Discernment, Creation vs. Evolution, Current Cultural Trends, Doctrine and more for students and faculty.

School Administration

Larry Taylor, Ph.D., Head of School
 Dana Epperson, M.Ed., Assistant Head of School - Academics
 Wendy Morris, M.Ed., Upper School Principal
 Ron W. Moss, Ed.D, Director of Guidance and Counseling
 Jodi Benavidez, M.Ed., Director of Academic Advising and College Placement
 Angie Gray, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Admissions
 Tifini Lozano, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Curriculum & Instruction
 Julie Sparks, B.S., Registrar

School Affiliations & Accreditations

AdvancedED®
 Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
 Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)
 National Assoc of College Admission Counselors (NACAC)
 North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)
 Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools (SBACS)
 Texas Assoc of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)
 Texas Assoc of College Admission Counseling (TACAC)
 The College Board



PCA Graduates Invited to Matriculate

Anderson University	New York University
Arizona State University	Northwestern University
Auburn University	Ouachita Baptist University
Austin College	Oklahoma State University
Baylor University	Oral Roberts University
Belmont University	Pepperdine University
Bentley University	Princeton University
Boston College	Purdue University
Boston Conservatory	Samford University
Boston University	Sam Houston State
Bradley University	Savannah College of Art & Design
California Baptist	Southern Methodist University
California Lutheran	Southwestern University
Centenary College	Taylor University
Clemson University	Texas A & M University
Colgate University	Texas Christian University
College of William and Mary	Texas Tech University
Colorado School of Mines	The King's College
Columbia University	Trinity University
Cornell University	Tulane University
Dallas Baptist University	University of Alabama
Elon University	University of Arkansas
Emory University	UC Berkeley
Florida State University	United States Naval Academy
Fordham University	University of California-LA
Furman University	University of Chicago
Gordon College	University of Georgia
Hardin-Simmons University	University of Mississippi
Harding University	University of Missouri
Harvard College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Hendrix University	University of North Texas
Hillsdale College	University of Notre Dame
Houston Baptist	University of Oklahoma
Indiana University	University of Pennsylvania
Iowa State University	University of Southern CA
John Brown University	University of Texas-Austin
Kansas State University	University of Texas-Dallas
LeTourneau University	University of Tulsa
Liberty University	Vanderbilt University
Louisiana State University	Wake Forest University
Loyola University	Washington University
Mary Hardin-Baylor	Westmont College
Mississippi State	Wheaton College
Moody Bible Institute	Yale University

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