



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 2020

128 Students

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

National Merit Honors

Class of 2020 National Merit Commended – 5
 Class of 2020 National Hispanic Merit Finalist - 1

2019 AP Scholars

AP Scholars with Distinction – 15
 AP Scholars with Honor – 10
 AP Scholars – 7
 National AP Scholars - 5

Class of 2020 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Cumulative weighted GPA through August 2019

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0 +	26	20%
3.5 – 3.99	46	36%
3.0 – 3.49	39	30%
2.5 – 2.99	10	8%
Below 2.5	2	2%
None*	5	4%

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

Class of 2019 Standardized Test Scores

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
SAT	1374	1244	1059	1020

	PCA Top 25%	PCA	National	Texas
ACT	29	25	20.7	20.5

*2019 national and state score reports

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(Life Calling) 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 1	United States Gov and Politics
Physics C	United States History
Computer Science	Macroeconomics*
English Language and Comp (11 th)	Microeconomics*
English Literature and Comp (12 th)	<i>*online courses offered through PCAplus</i>

PreAP / Honors Course/ Dual Credit Offerings*

English I-IV	Business Analysis*	French II-IV
Creative Writing	Statistics*	Choir, PCA Singers
World History I-II	Biology	Band
US History	Chemistry	Theatre III
Econ & Government	Physics	Technical Theatre II-III
Algebra I	Anatomy & Physiology	Ceramics; Sculpture
Algebra II	Engineering Physics	Drawing; Painting
Geometry	Computer Science II	Film & Broadcasting
Pre-Calculus*	Spanish II-V*	Future Problem Solvers

Prestonwood Christian Academy 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

John Klingstedt, Executive Director

Dana Epperson, M.Ed., Assistant Head of School – Academics

Tifini Lozano, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Wendy Morris, M.Ed., Upper School Principal

Tamika Barnett, M.Ed., Upper School Assistant Principal

Ron W. Moss, Ed.D, Director of Guidance and Counseling

Jodi Benavidez, M.Ed., Director of Academic Advising and College Placement

Julie Sparks, B.S., Registrar

Angie Gray, M.Ed., Sr. Director of Admissions

School Affiliations & Accreditations

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), AdvancedED®

National Assoc of College Admission Counselors (NACAC)

Texas Assoc of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

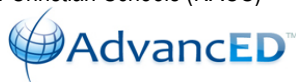
Texas Assoc of College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)

The College Board

Council on Educational Standards & Accountability (CESA)

National Association of Christian Schools (NACS)



PCA Graduates Invited to Matriculate

Anderson University	Pennsylvania State University
Arizona State University	Pepperdine University
Auburn University	Princeton University
Austin College	Purdue University
Baylor University	Rice University
Belmont University	Samford University
Binghamton University	Sam Houston State
Boston College	Savannah College of Art & Design
Boston University	Southern Methodist University
Bradley University	Southwestern University
California Polytechnic	Stephen F. Austin State University
Centenary College	Taylor University
Clemson University	Texas A & M University
Colorado School of Mines	Texas Christian University
Columbia University	Texas Tech University
Cornell University	The King's College
Dallas Baptist University	Trinity University
Dartmouth University	Tulane University
Dordt College	University of Alabama
Drake University	University of Arkansas
Duke University	United States Naval Academy
Emory University	University of California-LA
Florida State University	University of California - Berkeley
Fordham University	University of Chicago
Furman University	University of Georgia
Georgia Tech University	University of Mississippi
Gordon College	University of Missouri
Hardin-Simmons University	UNC at Chapel Hill
Harvard University	University of North Texas
Hillsdale College	University of Notre Dame
Howard University	University of Oklahoma
Houston Baptist	University of Pennsylvania
Indiana University	University of Southern CA
Iowa State University	University of Tennessee
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
Louisiana Tech University	Washington University
Mary Hardin-Baylor	West Point Military Academy
Moody Bible Institute	Westmont College
New York University	Wheaton College
Northwestern University	William and Mary
Ouachita Baptist University	Yale University
Oklahoma State University	