



2020-2021
HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC PROFILE



THE SCHOOL

The Mission of Heritage Christian School is “to provide a challenging program of academic excellence from a Biblical point of view, partnering with parents to equip their children with a firm spiritual foundation while impacting the world for Christ.” Heritage Christian School (HCS) is a school with a prestigious legacy. It was created in July 2012 by the acquisition of Los Angeles Baptist Middle School/High School, which was founded in 1962 and by Hillcrest Christian School which was founded in 1976. HCS offers young people a challenging college preparatory education, interwoven with Judeo-Christian religious and spiritual values. HCS believes that in order for students to develop their greatest potential, the formative school years (TK-12) should be directed toward an understanding of the love of God, a love for fellow human beings, and a love of knowledge. HCS fosters a nurturing environment in which students’ spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and artistic abilities can grow and expand.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Heritage Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Institute for Learning Development. Additionally, HCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, the California Scholarship Federation, and the California Interscholastic Federation.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

HCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality or ethnic origin in admissions or in any school administered program. HCS seeks students who desire a challenging academic program combined with the opportunity for personal and spiritual growth, along with involvement in the school community. The Admissions Committee bases its decisions on the applicant’s previous school record as well as a personal interview evaluation.

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Martin Frenedt

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMICS

Mrs. Cynthia Peterson

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Mr. Brent Huff

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

Mrs. Peggy Pratts

COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Irene Kendrick

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

For the 2020-2021 school year, our high school has 343 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, of which 89 are seniors. There are sixty faculty members all holding earned degrees including 24 master’s degrees and one earned doctorate.

ETHNICITY INFORMATION

South Campus – 2020-2021

ETHNICITY

African-American	64 / 12%
Asian	46 / 9%
Filipino	8 / 2%
Hispanic	142 / 26%
Left Blank	7 / 1%
Multicultural	63 / 12%
Other	39 / 8%
White-Caucasian	156 / 30%
American-Indian	1 / 0%
Pacific Islander	1 / 0%

CAMPUS MINISTRY, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Weekly chapel assemblies are conducted, often with student-led worship and participation. Students attend Bible class daily and may also attend prayer breakfasts and “Praise and Worship” nights. Diakonos is our community service group that serves our local community in the San Fernando Valley and Greater Los Angeles Area. It is comprised of student volunteers and lead by a faculty advisor. Additionally, students are given the opportunity to participate in several international missions trips annually, varying in location and duration.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Heritage Christian School student leadership is comprised of two branches:

1. The Associated Student Body Council (ASB) is comprised of students that have been nominated by staff and elected by the student body. Students must have faculty recommendations and also administrative approval to run for office. The ASB is responsible for school wide events and activities. Once elected, officers remain in office for an entire school year.
2. The Student Class Council is comprised of students elected by their specific class. Students must have administrative approval to run for office. Class council officers are responsible for planning, organizing and promoting events specific to their class. Once elected, officers remain in office for an entire school year.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The curriculum at Heritage is carefully selected to enhance the academic program. Academic counselors guide students in their pursuit of learning to be prepared for acceptance at the UC and Cal State Campuses, and other prestigious colleges and universities. Refer to the Course Offerings for honors and AP classes that are offered. The general education requirements include: English, 40 units; Social Science, 30 units; Bible Studies, 40 units; Mathematics, 30 units; Science, 20 units; Physical Education, 20 units; and Visual and Performing Arts, 10 units. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement and Honors courses in areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences. Two hundred and forty (240) total units are required for graduation. Our Academic Support Center is available for students who have learning differences.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR SPECIFICS

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP French Language
AP Physics
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP U.S. Government
AP U.S. History
AP World History
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors English 9, 10
Honors French
Honors Pre Calculus

OTHER ELECTIVES

Advanced Choir
Advanced Journalism
American Cinema as Literature**
Biotechnology**
Ceramics
Choir
Commercial Art & Design
Computer Graphics
Dance
Digital Game Design**
Digital Photography
Drama
Film and Media Production
Food and Nutritional Science
Intro to Animation
Jazz Band
Journalism
Music Theory
Orchestra
Personal Finance
Physical Science
Physics
Physiology
Psychology
Robotics
Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre Arts
Wood Design

Students are restricted to 3 AP/Honors courses per year or 4 with administrative approval.

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Offered as needed/
requested

GRADING

HCS operates on a semester calendar with an A-F grading system. One extra point is given for honors and advanced placement grades at any grade level.

A 4.0 B 3.0 C 2.0 D 1.0 F 0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2020

GPA Range	# of students
4.47-4.00	18
3.99-3.50	23
3.49-3.00	29
2.99-2.50	11
2.49-2.00	2

SAT RESULTS

Average Mean from 2014-2018

	ERW	Math	Total Score
Heritage	611	585	1195
State/2018	540	536	1076

ACT RESULTS

Average Mean from 2014-2018

	Heritage	State/2018
English	26.3	22.5
Mathematics	25.2	22.5
Reading	27.5	23.0
Science	25.8	22.1
Composite	26.3	22.7

AP EXAM SCORES PASSING RATE

All Students in an AP class are required to take the exam. In 2019, 229 AP exams were administered to 129 students with 62% earning a passing score of 3 or higher.

Examples of passing rates achieved:

Biology	72%	Chemistry	92%	French Language	89%
Physics	100%	Spanish Language	89%	US Government	75%

COLLEGE PLANNING

HCS's college counselors provide individual counseling and financial aid/scholarship information for high school students. Counselors also provide workshops for parents/students to assist in college planning. Counselors and students utilize Naviance as a college planning resource in grades 9 through 12. Counselors are available for college planning for students at all grade levels. The following is a list of some of the universities and colleges accepting Heritage Christian Students over the last few years.

98% of the students that applied to a 4-year university were accepted to one of their choices.

Arizona Christian University	Dartmouth College	Southern Methodist University
Arizona State University	Georgetown University	Stanford University
Azusa Pacific University	Grand Canyon University	Texas Christian University
Baylor University	Harvard University	The Master's College
Biola University	Johns Hopkins University	University of California*
Boise State University	Liberty University	University of Colorado
Boston College	Loyola Marymount University	University of La Verne
Boston University	New York University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Cal Poly Pomona	Northeastern University	University of Notre Dame
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Northern Arizona University	University of Oregon
California Baptist University	Occidental College	University of San Diego
California Lutheran University	Ohio State University	University of San Francisco
California State University*	Pennsylvania State University	University of Southern California
Chapman University	Pepperdine University	University of the Pacific
Claremont Colleges	Point Loma University	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Pomona College	Westmont College

*All Campuses

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

Due to enrollment changes year to year and course preferences among our students the electives and AP courses offered change. COVID-19 has also played a role this year in enrollment and our student population, therefore we are unable to offer a couple of the AP courses/Electives that are regularly part of our options.

Below is a list of the Electives/AP's specifically offered the last two years.

2019-2020

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP French Language
AP Physics 1
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP U.S. Government
AP U.S. History
AP World History
Honors Biology
Honors English 9, 10
Honors French 4
Honors Pre Calculus
Honors Spanish 4

OTHER ELECTIVES

Advanced Choir/Rendered
Advanced Journalism
Ceramics
Choir
Computer Graphics
Digital Photography
Drama
Film and Media Production
Jazz Band
Journalism
Orchestra
Personal Finance
Physical Science
Physiology
Psychology
Robotics
Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
Studio Art
Theatre Arts
Wood Design 1,2,3,4

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Honors French 4
Honors Pre Calculus
Honors Spanish 4

*Please note: We transitioned to a Block Schedule this year.

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Dance
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Introduction to Animation
Jazz Band
Journalism
Orchestra
Personal Finance
Physical Science
Physiology
Psychology
Robotics
Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
Studio Art
Theatre Arts
Wood Design 1,2,3,4