



**2023-24**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ACADEMIC PROFILE**





## THE SCHOOL

The Mission of Heritage Christian School is “to glorify God by providing a rigorous academic program from a Biblical perspective, and by partnering with parents to provide their children with a firm spiritual foundation to impact the world for Christ.”

Heritage Christian School (HCS) celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the merger of Los Angeles Baptist Middle/High School (1962) and Hillcrest Christian School (1976). HCS strives to lead with this prestigious legacy, preparing our young scholars for higher education through our intensive college preparatory programs and college advising. HCS also offers extensive extracurricular activities, providing enrichment opportunities for our students to develop in the areas of athletics, arts, music, science, technology, community outreach and more. HCS is dedicated to students in their formative school years (TK-12 grades) by fostering 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 (ASCI), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD). Additionally, HCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

## 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

#### HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mr. Jeremy Hoff

#### PRINCIPAL

Dr. Esther Choi

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMICS

Mrs. Cynthia Peterson

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Melanie Orellano

#### DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

Mrs. Peggy Pratt

#### COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Irene Kendrick

## STUDENTS AND FACULTY

For the 2023-24 school year, our high school has 397 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, of which 101 are seniors. There are 48 faculty members all holding earned degrees including 25 master’s degrees and two earned doctorates.

## ETHNICITY INFORMATION

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### ETHNICITY

African-American	70 / 18%
Asian	23 / 7%
Filipino	8 / 2%
Hispanic	103 / 26%
Multicultural	48 / 12%
Other	23 / 6%
White-Caucasian	102 / 26%
Not Reported	10 / 3%

# 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. For the 2022-23 school year, Heritage has transitioned to a full block 4x4 schedule. Our Academic Support Center is available for students who have learning differences.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

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

### OTHER ELECTIVES

Advanced Journalism  
Advanced Woodworking  
Biotechnology\*\*  
Ceramics  
Child Development  
Choir  
Commercial Art & Design  
Computer Graphics  
Creative Writing  
Dance  
Digital Game Design\*\*  
Digital Photography  
Drama  
Film and Media Production  
Food and Nutritional Science\*\*  
Internal Combustion Engines  
Intro to Animation  
Intro to Unmanned Aircraft Systems  
Jazz Band  
Orchestra  
Personal Finance  
Physical Science  
Physics  
Physiology  
Psychology  
Robotics  
Speech and Debate  
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

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

Due to the limitations/restrictions amid COVID-19 pandemic, testing reports are unavailable. SAT/ACT examinations were not accessible to our students within a reasonable geographic distance.

**A 4.0   B 3.0   C 2.0   D 1.0   F 0**

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2023

GPA Range	# of students
4.48-4.00	20
3.99-3.50	27
3.49-3.00	21
2.99-2.50	14
2.49-2.00	9

# 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  
Arizona State University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor University  
Biola University  
Boise State University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Cal Poly Pomona  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
California Baptist University  
California Lutheran University  
California State University (all campuses)  
Chapman University  
Claremont Colleges  
Cornell University

Dartmouth College  
Georgetown University  
Grand Canyon University  
Harvard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Liberty University  
Loyola Marymount University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Point Loma University  
Pomona College

Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University  
Texas Christian University  
The Master's College  
University of California (all campuses)  
University of Colorado  
University of La Verne  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of the Pacific  
Vanderbilt University  
Westmont College

# INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS: REMOTE/ON-CAMPUS/HYBRID LEARNING

As the COVID-19 State of Emergency was declared in Los Angeles County, Heritage Christian School (HCS) quickly transitioned to a remote/online learning platform as of March 16, 2020 through the end of the school year in adherence to the Safer At Home mandate. In September of 2020, HCS launched the new school year with virtual instructions until February of 2021. In compliance with the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH) guidelines, HCS offered hybrid learning options: Approximately 40% of the students returned on-campus, while the rest remained on remote learning.

Heritage has fully resumed in-person instruction and all traditional students attend classes on campus.

## 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 all the AP courses/Electives that are regularly part of our options.

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

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

### 2020-21

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP French Language, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language, 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, Dance, Digital Photography, Drama, Film and Media Production, 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

### 2022-23

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, 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 Pre Calculus

**Other Electives** Animation 2, Biotechnology, Ceramics 1, 2, Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Computer Coding, Computer Graphics, Commercial Art, Dance, Digital Photography, Drama, Film and Media Production, Introduction to Animation, Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Personal Finance, Physical Science, Physics, Physiology, Psychology, Robotics 1, 2, Speech and Debate, Sports Medicine/Athletic Training, Statistics, Studio Art, Theatre Arts, Wood Design 1, 2, 3, 4

### 2021-22

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science, AP English Language, AP English Literature, 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 Pre Calculus

**Other Electives** Advanced Choir/Rendered, Advanced Journalism, Animation 2, Ceramics 1, 2, Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Computer Coding, Computer Graphics, Dance, Digital Photography, Drama, Introduction to Animation, Jazz Band, Journalism, Orchestra, Personal Finance, Physical Science, Physiology, Psychology, Robotics 1, 2, Sports Medicine/Athletic Training, Studio Art 1, 2, Theatre Arts, Wood Design 1, 2, 3, 4

### 2023-24

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

**Other Electives** Animation 2, Ceramics 1, 2, Choir 1, 2, 3, 4, Computer Coding, Computer Graphics, Commercial Art, Dance, Digital Photography, Drama, Internal Combustion Engines, Introduction to Animation, Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Personal Finance, Physical Science, Physics, Physiology, Psychology, Robotics 1, 2, Speech and Debate, Sports Medicine/Athletic Training, Statistics, Studio Art, Theatre Arts, Women's Choir, Wood Design 1, 2, 3, 4