SAN DIEGO JEWISH ACADEMY

The pluralistic community day school

Learning for life.

2011-2012 PROFILE

Mission

Serving infants to high school seniors, San Diego Jewish Academy challenges students to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong moral and ethical character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital and relevant aspect of their lives.

History

Since opening its doors in 1979, the San Diego Jewish Academy has served a diverse population, primarily divided among Jews from North America, South Africa, and Mexico. Initially offering a program of general and Jewish education to kindergarten through fifth grade students, the Academy expanded its program in 1988 to include middle school students. A high school program was introduced in 1999.

Location

The San Diego Jewish Academy overlooks the Pacific ocean on 40 acres of hillside property in Carmel Valley, between La Jolla (home to four highly regarded schools: Francis Parker, Bishop's, La Jolla Country Day, and La Jolla High) 5-15 miles to the south, and Del Mar (home to the well-respected public high school, Torrey Pines) one mile to the north.

Accreditation

The San Diego Jewish Academy is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the California Association of Independent Schools. Students' academic selections will enable them to fulfill admissions requirements as set forth by the Regents of the University of California.

Technology

The San Diego Jewish Academy is committed to offering and supporting technology that facilitates our students' learning. Computers, fully networked and internet accessible, are available for students to use in the Maimonides Upper School classrooms.

Daily Schedule

The San Diego Jewish Academy has structured a daily schedule to promote our integrated approach to learning.

- 75 minute classes meet every other day in three distinct blocks: Humanities – English and History; Math/Science; Judaic studies – Hebrew and topics in Judaica
- A fifth block of 55 minutes is designated as a reading and study period

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Academic Program

Coursework Requirements

4 years (40 units per subject):

- English
- History
- Judaica

Electives (including 1 year of a visual or performing art and 2 years of PE. Sports team participation may substitute for PE coursework.)

3 years (30 units per subject):

- Mathematics
- Science

2 years (20 units per subject):

- Hebrew (students who choose to pursue two years of Hebrew language study must take an additional Judaic Studies class in any year Hebrew language isn't studied.)

The 2011-2012 college preparatory general studies program offers a full complement of Advanced Placement coursework (some courses are offered on alternating years, based on the high school's enrollment):

- Human Geography
- European History
- US History
- Art History
- Macro Economics
- Micro Economics
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature
- Spanish Language
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics B and C
- Psychology
- Calculus AB and BC
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- Music Theory

Our Judaica program unites a study of Hebrew language (levels 1-9) with elective courses in Classical Jewish Texts, Modern Jewish History, and Jewish Thought and Culture.

Fine Arts Program

The San Diego Jewish Academy offers several curricular choices in the fine arts:

- Digital video production
- Digital photography
- Web design
- Instrumental music - Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced
- AP Music Theory
- Ceramics
- Visual arts - Beginning (drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and theory)
- AP Studio Art - 2-D and Drawing
- Graphic design - Foundation in graphic design with aid of computer
- WriteDesign - Integrated art, writing, design, and technology

Student Performance

- **SAT I Averages**
  Class of 2010: 592 Verbal, 588 Math, 614 Writing
- **ACT Average**
  Class of 2011: 27
- **AP Exams** - 2011
  61 of 169 students in grades 10-12 wrote 124 exams
  This number doesn't include seniors who took one or more AP classes but didn't take any AP exams because they spent half of their second semester in Israel.
  79% scored 3 or higher;
  53% scored 4 or higher.
- **National Merit** - 2011-2012
  3 National Merit Commended Students
  1 National Merit Finalists

Colleges and Universities Attended Classes of 2003-2011

- American Jewish University
- American University*
- Art Institute of California, San Diego
- Austin College*
- Barnard College
- Berkeley City College
- Brandeis University* (2)
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- CSU Northridge
- CSU San Marcos*
- CSU Sonoma
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chapman University* (2)
- Claremont McKenna College
- Coe College
- Colorado State University*
- College of Charleston
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Emory University*
- Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Grinnell College
- Grossmont College
- Hamilton College, New York
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College
- Hofstra University
- IDC Herzliya-Raphael Recanati International School* (2)
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Johns Hopkins University*
- Johnson & Wales University
- Kent State University
- Kenyon College
- Lake Forest College*
- Lewis and Clark College
- Loyola Marymount University*
- Miami University (Ohio)* (2)
- Michigan State University*
- Mira Costa College
- Miramar College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Nativ
- New York University*
- Northern Arizona University
- Northeastern University*
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- ORAYTA
- Palomar College*
- Pitzer College*
- Pomona College
- Princeton University
- Rhodes College
- Ripon College*
- San Diego State University* (3)
- San Diego Mesa College
- San Francisco State University
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Seattle University
- Skidmore College
- Sonoma State University
- Southwestern College
- Stanford University
- SUNY Binghamton
- Swathmore College*
- Syracuse University*
- The Evergreen State College
- The University of Arizona* (2)
- The University of Texas, El Paso
- Trinity College*
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- Universidad Anahuac
- UC Berkeley*
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UCLA* (2)
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Barbara* (2)
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of British Columbia
- University of Chicago*
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver*
- University of Florida
- University of Idaho
- University of Judaism
- University of Miami*
- University of Michigan
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania*
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands* (2)
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California* (2)
- University of Victoria
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Whittier College
- Willamette University
- Williams College*
- Woodbury University
- Yale University
- Yeshiva University
- Young Judaea

* Schools attended by the class of 2011.

Attached is a scattergram that identifies seniors' individual grade point averages. A chart of those averages locates a specific student's achievement with respect to the achievement of the class as a whole.