



SAN DIEGO Jewish Academy

2017-2018 PROFILE

Mission

A pluralistic preschool – 12th grade school serving the Jewish community, our mission is to further academic excellence, social responsibility, and active Jewish living.

History

Since opening its doors in 1979, 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.

Accreditation

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.

Daily Schedule

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

- ▶ 75-minute classes meet every other day in a rotating block schedule
- ▶ Every day ends with a 40-minute Pod period
 - Teachers from each academic department co-locate themselves throughout the campus
 - Students designate which subject they will spend additional time learning, by attending one or more departments' Pod
 - Students can also opt for a silent study, arts, or athletics Pod

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COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 6 courses per year; maximum of 8

4 years

- English
- Judaic Studies (6 years for students who elect not to take Hebrew)

3 years

- Mathematics
- Science
- History

2 years

- Foreign language: Hebrew (levels 1-9+) and Spanish (1-4, AP) available on campus; Online World Language available for those who elect such coursework.
- Electives: 1 year of visual or performing art is required; in addition students may take up to 2 electives, beyond core coursework per year.

AP Courses 2017-2018:

- Calculus AB
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Macro Economics
- Physics I
- Physics II
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Studio Art
- US History

Honors Courses 2017-2018:

- Algebra II
- American Jewish History
- English 9
- English 10
- Geometry
- Great Jewish Thinkers
- Hebrew 5-9+
- History of the Holocaust and Israel
- Israel/Palestinian Conflict
- Jewish Ethics
- Jewish Rituals
- Judaism as a Civilization
- Science, Religion and the Meaning of our Lives
- Social Studies
- Tanakh
- World History

INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING (IJET)

The IJET will prepare students to think and function as innovative and entrepreneurial problem solvers. Through coursework and external connections with Israel, collaborations with local universities, incubators and global businesses, students in the IJET will develop skills that will prepare them for collegiate studies and the complexities of the modern global economy.

HUMANITIES TOPICS

A "Topics" program offers a study of contemporary issues of importance through the lens of literature and the social sciences. These courses' reading and writing assignments, as well as their critical discussion component, which defines the class period, are designed with the depth and rigor of an AP experience in mind without abiding by a prescribed test-preparatory curriculum. Topics classes are available to a heterogeneous student population; no prerequisite courses or grades are required to register for the experience.

2017-18 Humanities Topics courses:

- Public Speaking
- World Literature

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

SAT Averages

Class of 2017:
615 EBRW, 635 Math
A minority of seniors take the SAT

ACT Average

Class of 2017: 28.1
The majority of seniors take the ACT

AP Exams - 2017

64 students in grades 10-12 wrote 101 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.
69% scored 3 or higher;
36% scored 4 or higher.

National Merit - Class of 2018

One National Merit Commended Scholar

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Attended by Classes of 2014-2017

Agnes Scott College
American University
Arizona State University*
Babson College*
Bentley University
Boston University*
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo* (2)
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, San Marcos
Chapman University*
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado College
Duke University
Emory University
IDC Herzliya- Raphael Recanati International School
Indiana University at Bloomington* (3)
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola Marymount University
MiraCosta College

New York University*
Northeastern University* (2)
Occidental College
Oklahoma City University
Oregon State University
Pace University, New York City*
Pace University, Westchester Campus
Palomar College
Pennsylvania State University
Pomona College*
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design*
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego Miramar College
San Diego State University*
Santa Barbara City College*
School of Visual Arts* (2)
Simmons College
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Suffolk University* (2)
Swiss Hotel Management School
The George Washington University
The New School - All Divisions
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona*
The University of Edinburgh
Tufts University
Tulane University*
Universidad Iberoamericana
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley* (6)
University of California, Davis*
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside* (3)
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Barbara*
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Denver
University of Kansas*
University of Louisville*
University of Miami*
University of Michigan
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania*
University of Redlands*
University of Rochester
University of San Diego*
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California*
University of Sydney
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Whitman College
Willamette University
Yale University*(2)

**School attended by the class of 2017*