

2013-2014 PROFILE

Learning for life.

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, 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.

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Location

San Diego Jewish Academy overlooks the Pacific ocean on 40 acres of hillside property in Carmel Valley.

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 schedule to promote our integrated approach to learning.

- 75 minute classes meet every other day in a block schedule
- Every day ends with a 55 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.

Academic Program

Coursework Requirements

4 years (40 units per subject):

- English
- History
- Judaic Studies
- Electives (including 1 year of visual or performing art and 2 years of PE/Sports team participation.)

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 2013-2014 college preparatory general studies program offers a full complement of Advanced Placement coursework (some classes are offered on alternating years, based on the high school's enrollment)

- Biology
- Calculus AB and BC
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Macroeconomics
- Physics B
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- US History

Fine Arts Program

San Diego Jewish Academy is prepared to offer several curricular choices in the fine arts based on student registration:

- Digital video production
- Digital photography
- Instrumental music—Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced
- Visual art
 - Drawing, painting
 - Ceramics

STEM

The High School Advanced STEM program is a two-three year elective program offered to students with the goal of developing and executing high level research projects in a wide range of topics that may range from robotics to cell biology. STEM engages students in work outside of the confines of a traditional curriculum and promotes the development of independent critical and scientific thinking. Students go on to present and publish their work at a variety of venues and patent if appropriate.

Humanities Topics

A "Topics" program, which 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 an associated 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.

Student Performance

SAT I Averages

Class of 2013: 557 Verbal, 587 Math, 587 Writing

ACT Average

Class of 2013: 26

AP Exams - 2013

66 students in grades 10-12 wrote 129 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.

80% scored 3 or higher;

51% scored 4 or higher.

National Merit - Class of 2013

3 National Merit Commended Scholars

National Hispanic Recognition

Program - Class of 2013

1 National Hispanic Scholar

Colleges and Universities

Attended by Classes of 2009-2013

American University
The University of Arizona*
The Art Institute of California -- San Diego
Austin College
Babson College*
Bar-Ilan University
Barnard College*
Bates College*
Berkeley City College
Boston University
Bradley University*
Brandeis University*
Brown University
University of California at Berkeley
University of California at Davis
University of California at Irvine
University of California at Los Angeles
University of California at Merced
University of California at San Diego
University of California at Santa Barbara*(2)
University of California at Santa Cruz
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, San Marcos
Carnegie Mellon University
Chapman University*(3)
University of Chicago
Claremont McKenna College
Coe College*
University of Colorado at Boulder*
Cornell University*
University of Denver

Drexel University*

Emory University

The Evergreen State College

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising

University of Florida

The George Washington University

Grinnell College

Grossmont College

Gustavus Adolphus College*

Hamilton College - NY

Hampshire College*

Haverford College

IDC Herzliya

Indiana University at Bloomington

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lake Forest College

Lewis & Clark College

Loyola Marymount University*(2)

Miami University, Oxford

University of Miami*

Michigan State University

University of Michigan

MiraCosta College

Mount Holyoke College

Muhlenberg College

New York University

Northeastern University*(3)

Northern Arizona University

The Ohio State University

Ohio Wesleyan University

ORAYTA

University of Oregon

Palomar College

University of Pennsylvania*

Pitzer College*(2)

Pomona College

Pratt Institute*

Princeton University*

University of Puget Sound*(2)

University of Redlands*

Ripon College

San Diego Mesa College

San Diego Miramar College*

San Diego State University*(2)

University of San Diego*(2)

San Francisco State University

Santa Barbara City College

Seattle University

Sonoma State University*

University of Southern California

Southern Methodist University*(3)

Stanford University*(2)

Swarthmore College*

Syracuse University

The University of Texas, El Paso

Trinity College

Tufts University

Tulane University*

Universidad Anahuac

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College

University of Victoria

Wesleyan University*

Whittier College

Willamette University*(2)

Williams College

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Yale University

*Schools attended by the class of 2013