

2025-2026 PROFILE

Mission

SDJA empowers each student to learn for life, guided by Jewish values and rooted in strength of community.

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.

Class Rank

SDJA does not rank students numerically because of our high academic expectations, outstanding student learners and small class size. Instead, the school reports individually weighted grade point averages.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 6 courses per year; maximum of 8

4 years

- English
- Judaic Studies (2 years for international students)
- 3 years Science + 1 year Technology

3 years

- Mathematics
- History

2 years

- World language: Hebrew (levels 1-10H+) and Spanish (1-4, AP)
- Electives: 1 year of visual or performing art is required; in addition students may take up to 2 electives, beyond core coursework per year.
- One season per year: Co-curricular participation (athletics, robotics, musical performance, theatre)

AP Courses:

- Art History*
- Biology*
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry*
- Comparative Government*
- Computer Science A*
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science*
- European History*
- Macroeconomics*
- Music Theory*
- Physics I
- Physics 2*
- Precalculus
- Psychology*
- Spanish Language
- Studio Art* (2D arts and design, 3D art and design, drawing)
- US Government*
- US History
- World History (new for 2023-2024, 10th grade only)

*AP Courses offered in alternating years.

Honors Courses 2025-2026:

- Algebra II
- English 9
- English 10
- Geometry
- Hebrew 5-10
- Moot Beit Din (Jewish debate)
- Social Studies

SDJA does not limit the number of AP and/or honors classes a student can take, but students must meet prerequisites where applicable.



CLASS SIZES

2024-2025 High School Size:

Class of 2026: 36
Class of 2027: 39
Class of 2028: 24
Class of 2029: 23

Maximum class size: 24
Average class size: 14

STANDARDIZED TESTING

ACT and SAT Averages

Due to an insufficient number of testers to generate meaningful data we do not have an ACT or SAT average to report for the class of 2025

As part of the college counseling for the class of 2025 students were encouraged to carefully consider whether or not they would score high enough on a standardized test to make sending a score valued added to test optional applications.

AP Exams - 2025

83 students in grades 9-12 wrote 161 exams.
86% scored 3 or higher.

Starting in 2024-2025 all students enrolled in an AP class are required to take the AP exam, with the exceptions of seniors who are participating in the senior trip to Poland and Israel at the time of the AP exams.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Attended by Classes of 2022-2025

American University
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)
Arizona State University (Tempe)
Babson College*
Baylor University
Berklee College of Music*
Binghamton University
Brandeis University* (2)
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)*
California State Polytechnic University (Pomona)
California State University (Bakersfield)
California State University (Channel Islands)
California State University (Chico)
California State University (East Bay)
California State University (Fullerton)
California State University (Long Beach)
California State University (Los Angeles)
California State University (Monterey Bay)
California State University (Northridge)
California State University (San Bernardino)
California State University (San Marcos)
Chapman University
Clark University
College of Charleston
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University*
Fordham University*
George Washington University
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University
Hult International Business School (Boston)*
IE University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University* (2)
Ithaca College
Loyola Marymount University
Lynn University
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
MiraCosta College*
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University*
Oklahoma State University (Main Campus)
Oregon State University
Parsons Paris at The New School
Penn State University (University Park)
Reichman University (IDC Herzliya)*
Rice University*
Rollins College
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
San Diego Miramar College*
San Diego State University* (2)
San Jose State University*
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University* (3)
Stanford University*
Suffolk University* (2)
Syracuse University
The American University of Paris*
The University of Alabama*
The University of Tampa*
Tulane University of Louisiana* (3)
University of Arizona* (2)
University of California (Davis)*
University of California (Los Angeles)*
University of California (Merced)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (Santa Barbara)*
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado Boulder* (2)
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Hawaii at Manoa*
University of Houston
University of La Verne
University of Maryland (College Park)*
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami* (2)
University of Michigan*
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri (Columbia)
University of Nevada (Reno)
University of Oregon
University of Redlands*
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of South Florida
University of Southern California*
University of Utah*
University of Virginia (Main Campus)
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University of Wisconsin (Madison)* (2)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington University in St. Louis*
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Westminster College
Whittier College

*School attended by the class of 2025