Francis Parker School 2019-2020
CEEB code number: 052843

The School and Community
Founded in 1912, Francis Parker School is San Diego’s oldest and largest independent, non-denominational, coeducational day school. Located just 22 miles north of the international border, Parker draws a culturally and economically diverse student body from 80 zip codes throughout San Diego County and the Northern Baja region of Mexico. Parker’s two campuses serve 1,308 students. Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12 and 22 percent of the students receive financial aid. The Lower School – JK through Grade 5 – resides on the Mission Hills Campus with 430 students attending. The Linda Vista Campus is home to 339 Middle School students in Grades 6 to 8 and 539 Upper School students in Grades 9 to 12. The Class of 2020 has 130 students.

Students seeking admission to Parker are evaluated on past academic achievement and good citizenship records (as indicated on transcripts from the applicant’s previous school and by letters of recommendation), ability (evidenced by standardized tests in reading and math), and a personal interview with the applicant and his or her parent(s).

College Counseling Philosophy
With the Parker community, we support, encourage and celebrate the educational journey of each student. We believe the college search and selection to be a private and individualized process where students engage in self-reflection and learn to make informed decisions about their future. Counselors offer guidance to students as they seek the appropriate fit for college based on personal criteria and interests. We encourage a healthy student-led, educationally based, and family appropriate approach to the college search. To facilitate a smooth transition to life after Parker, our goal is to provide a stable foundation upon which they can become self-reliant, empowered, confident, engaged citizens of the world.

Accreditation/Memberships
The School is accredited by or holds membership in the following organizations: California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC), Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) and College Board.

Diversity
At Parker, we know our learning is enhanced by the different stories, backgrounds, and experiences of each member of our community. We aim to educate our students to value and embrace the enriching roles of culture, identity, similarities, and differences. The demographics within our Upper School community strengthens us all and represents 40 percent diversity share among its students.

Faculty
Francis Parker School employs 132 teaching faculty with 87 holding advanced degrees (master’s and above). On average, individual Parker faculty and staff have served in the field of education for 16 years. The student-faculty ratio at Parker is 15 to 1 in Upper School.
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