

College Matriculation 2019-2022

Overall, 522 students attend 160 different colleges in 30 states, Washington D.C., and six countries outside the U.S.

American University	George Washington University	Purdue University	University of California-Santa Barbara
American University of Paris	Georgetown University	Reed College	University of California-Santa Cruz
Amherst College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Chicago
Arizona State University	Gettysburg College	Roger Williams University	University of Colorado-Boulder
Barnard College	Gonzaga University	Saint Bonaventure University	University of Denver
Bates College	Grinnell College	Saint John's University	University of Georgia
Baylor University	Grossmont College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Boston College	Hamilton College	Salve Regina University	University of Lausanne
Boston University	Hampton University	San Diego Mesa College	University of Mannheim
Brown University	Harvard University	San Diego Miramar College	University of Miami
Butler University	Harvey Mudd College	San Diego State University	University of Michigan
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	Hillsdale College	Santa Clara University	University of Minnesota
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona	Indiana University	Santa Monica College	University of Oregon
California State University Maritime Academy	Johns Hopkins University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Pennsylvania
California State University-Sacramento	Lafayette College	Scripps College	University of Redlands
California State University-San Marcos	Lehigh University	Seattle University	University of Richmond
California State University-Stanislaus	Les Roches Schools of Hotel Management	Smith College	University of Rochester
Carleton College	Lewis & Clark College	Southern Methodist University	University of Saint Andrews
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola Marymount University	Stanford University	University of San Diego
Chapman University	Loyola University-Chicago	Swarthmore College	University of San Francisco
Claremont McKenna College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Syracuse University	University of Southern California
Colgate University	Marymount California University	Texas Christian University	University of the Pacific
College of Charleston	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The New School	University of the South
Colorado College	Michigan State University	Trinity College Dublin	University of Toronto
Colorado School of Mines	Michigan Technological University	Tufts University	University of Utah
Colorado State University	Millikin University	Tulane University	University of Virginia
Columbia University	Montana State University	Tuskegee University	University of Washington
Cornell University	New York University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Creighton University	Northeastern University	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of Wyoming
Davidson College	Northern Arizona University	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Vanderbilt University
DePaul University	Northwestern University	University of Alabama	Villanova University
Drexel University	Oberlin College	University of Arizona	Wake Forest University
Duke University	Occidental College	University of California-Berkeley	Washington University Saint Louis
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne	Ohio State University	University of California-Davis	Wesleyan University
Elon University	Pace University	University of California-Irvine	Westcliff University
Emerson College	Pepperdine University	University of California-Los Angeles	Wheaton College-Illinois
Emory University	Pitzer College	University of California-Merced	Whitman College
Fordham University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California-Riverside	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Franklin & Marshall College	Point Park University	University of California-San Diego	Xavier University of Louisiana
	Pomona University		Yale University
	Princeton University		
	Principia College		

Francis Parker School

School Profile

2022-2023

CEEB code number: 052843



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Francis Parker School Mission Statement

The Francis Parker School mission is to create and inspire a diverse community of independent thinkers whose academic excellence, global perspective, and strength of character prepare them to make a meaningful difference in the world.

College Counseling Mission Statement and Philosophy

Together with the Parker community, we support, encourage, and celebrate the ongoing educational journey of each student. As students embark on the path to college and beyond, our goal is to provide a solid foundation upon which they can become self-reliant, empowered, confident, involved members of society, and engaged citizens of the world.

We believe the college search and selection to be a private and individualized process where students engage in self-reflection, growth, and discovery, and learn to make informed, educated decisions concerning their future. We offer guidance to the students as they seek to find 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, ensuring a smooth transition to life after Parker.

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 1,320 students in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12, and 25 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 330 Middle School students in Grades 6 to 8 and 560 Upper School students in Grades 9 to 12. The Class of 2023 has 131 students.

Diversity

At Parker, we know our learning is enhanced by the different stories, backgrounds, and experiences of every member of our School 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, including 45 percent BIPOC students, strengthen us all.

Inclusive Community

We strive to create a community in which each person is given the opportunity to develop a healthy sense of self and empathy toward one another. We courageously lean into difficult conversations to cultivate an environment of inclusion and belonging. We continuously reflect on our practices to prioritize cultural competency in our curriculum, program, policies, and strategic goals.

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), and Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS).

Faculty

Francis Parker School employs 123 teaching faculty, 90+ holding advanced degrees (master’s and above). Our average class size is 16 students.

Academics

First trimester grades for seniors are available for review during the last week of November. Francis Parker School does not rank students numerically because of our highly academic nature and small class size. Instead, individual weighted grade point averages are reported. Grade point average is based on all courses (except Life Skills and Physical Education) taken at Parker from Grades 9 to 12. Courses taken for Credit (CR) and Pass (P) are not computed in the grade point average.

Graduation Requirements

Students in Grades 9 to 12 take at least five to six academic courses with the vast majority taking six to seven classes. Although students typically take four years each of English, world language, mathematics, science, and social studies, the minimum requirements for graduation from Parker include the satisfactory completion of four years of English, three successive years of the same world language, three years of mathematics (two years of algebra and one year of geometry), three years of science (biology, chemistry, and physics), three years of social studies, two years of art, 12 credits of physical education/athletics, and the completion of four annual interim programs.

Grading Scale

LETTER GRADE	PERCENTILE	REGULAR COURSE	AP & HONORS
A+	97-100	4.33	5.33
A	93-96	4.00	5.00
A-	90-92	3.67	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	4.33
B	83-86	3.00	4.00
B-	80-82	2.67	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	3.33
C	73-76	2.00	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.67
D+	67-69	1.33	1.33*
D	63-66	1.00	1.00*
D-	60-62	0.67	0.67*
F	0-59	0.00	0.00*

* not weighted

Community Engagement

The mission of the Parker Community Engagement Office is: 1) to raise awareness of social issues affecting our area, nation, and the world; 2) to emphasize off-campus community engagement’s connection to kinship and character development; 3) to promote social justice, activism, and advocacy; 4) to empower students and help them become better leaders; and 5) to promote service-learning as a pedagogical tool for teachers. We invite the entire Parker community to build long-lasting and equitable relationships with partner organizations. We ask all Parker constituency groups to “think, act, and reflect” when seeking to understand different communities’ assets and needs.

Interim Program

Since 2010, the Parker Interim Program has used the diverse talents, interests, and experiences of our faculty to expose students to a variety of alternative learning experiences, including special interest projects, internships, and travel abroad. Traditional classes are paused for a week in the spring in order to accommodate the Interim Program.

National Merit

With their performance on the PSAT during their junior year, 11 members of the Class of 2023 earned semi-finalist status in the National Merit Program. An additional 19 students in the class were recognized as Commended Scholars.

Cumulative GPAs through Junior Year for Class of 2023

Highest weighted GPA: 4.93
Highest unweighted GPA: 4.22

Advanced Placement Program

Over the last three years, the 131 students from the Class of 2023 have taken:

- 448 AP exams
- in 23 disciplines
- with 88 percent of the results being scores of 3 or higher.

The average score for the Class of 2023 on AP tests stands at 3.79.

Honor Courses

Students must be recommended for Honors courses based upon achievements in previous, related disciplines.

Arts:

Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4
Lancer Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Theatre 2, 3, 4

English:

English 12

Computer Science :

Advanced Programming 1, 2

Mathematics:

Geometry
Algebra 2
Pre-Calculus
Multivariate Calculus & Linear Algebra

Science:

Engineering 1, 2, 3
Physiology
Organic Chemistry

Social Studies:

Global History 2
United States History

World Languages:

French 3, 4
French Literature & Culture
Chinese Language 1
Mandarin Chinese 3, 4
Spanish 3, 4
Spanish Literature & Culture 1, 2

AP Courses

Students must be recommended for AP courses based upon achievements in previous, related disciplines.

Art:

Studio Art: 2D Design
Studio Art: Drawing

English:

English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition*

Social Studies:

Psychology
U.S. History
Government & Politics: U.S.
Human Geography
Economics
Art History

Computer Science:

Computer Science A

Mathematics:

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

Science:

Physics 1
Physics 2
Physics C - Mechanics
Physics C - Mechanics, Electricity & Magnetism
Chemistry
Biology
Environmental Science

World Languages:

Chinese Language & Culture
Spanish Language & Culture
French Language & Culture

To view Parker’s complete Upper School Curriculum Guides, visit www.francisparker.org/upper-school/ or scan the QR code below:



Francis Parker School’s COVID-19 Response

While the pandemic forced all instruction to move to an online format for the third trimester of the 2019-2020 academic year, the school was able to reopen for some in-person classes at the start of the next cycle. Upper School students were assigned to grade level cohorts for the 2020-2021 school year. However, all math and world language courses were taught online the first two trimesters. Students were given the option of participating in classes from home or in person for the first two trimesters that year. Once it was known that all classes would be taught in person for the start of the 2021-2022 school year, Parker made the decision that all faculty, staff and students needed to be fully vaccinated. Safety protocols remain in place on campus.