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Class of 2026 Profile

Pacifica Christian High School is a four-year, college-preparatory day school located in Newport Beach, California. The school opened its doors in August of 2015 and enrolls students in grades 9-12. Pacifica is a liberal arts and sciences high school devoted to teaching students to think critically and wisely, instilling heart-felt joy and interest in learning, while encouraging lives of faith, character, and service to the glory of God. We expect 100% of our students to attend college. Typically, 95% of our graduates are accepted to four-year colleges and the majority will attend directly from Pacifica. The Class of 2026 will be Pacifica's eighth graduating class.

ENROLLMENT

366 students in grades 9-12

90 students in the Class of 2026

40% of students receive need-based financial aid

74.3% Caucasian

11.5% Hispanic/Latino

8.4% Asian

1.4% Black/African American

1.4 % Native American & Pacific Islander

3.0% Other

ACCREDITATION

Pacifica is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and most recently received a six-year accreditation renewal in 2025.

FACULTY

30 full and part-time teachers hold a total of 38 advanced degrees. The student to faculty ratio is 12:1. The average class size is 16-18.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Pacifica school year includes two semesters averaging approximately 16 weeks. Each day is divided into four 70-minute block periods. Classes meet either two or three times per week depending on the rotation of that week.

GRADING AND RANK

Pacifica does not rank students. Each student's curriculum is college preparatory and grading is rigorous. Pacifica uses a traditional A-F, 4.0 grading scale. Honors course grades are given an extra .5 and AP / Dual Credit courses are given an additional 1.0 in the grade point calculation. Grade point average calculations displayed on the transcript include academic classes completed at Pacifica only. Transfer courses are not included in the calculations displayed on the transcript. Physical education, sports, and TA grades are not included in the grade point average calculation.

The additional point designations are based on the following scale: A=92.5-100; A-=89.5-92.5; B+=86.5-89.4; B=82.5-86.4; B-=79.5-82.4; C+=76.5-79.4; C=72.5-76.4; C-=69.5-72.4; D+=66.5-69.4; D=62.5-66.4; D-=59.5-62.4; F=59.4 or below.

CURRICULUM

Pacifica offers a college preparatory liberal arts and sciences curriculum that is founded upon the Western tradition of thinking and living well. Students study the canon of Great Books in Socratic seminars in order to engage in the Great Conversation, providing a foundation from which they can think critically and wisely about the history of ideas shaping modern cultures. English and history classes are taught sequentially and are integrated with Christian theology. Students are challenged in mathematics to gain not only a conceptual understanding of skills and principles, but also knowledge of and experience with pure reasoning. The Science Department endeavors to provide students with opportunities to develop an inquiring mind and a systematic approach to problem solving by providing a solid foundation in the scientific method. Each four-year graduate engages in over 900 hours of seminar training, as well as 100 hours of community service.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of History (transfer students are only required to have three)
- 3 years of Mathematics (completion through Algebra II required)
- 3 years of Laboratory Science
- 2 years of World Language (one language through level 2)
- 1 year of Visual & Performing Arts
- 1 year of Theology
- 2 years of Physical Education or a Varsity Sport
- 3 years of Electives

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Associated Students (AS) is the name of our inward facing student leadership program. It is made up of an executive council that consists of the president and vice president, as well as six committees each with their own chair. The executive council is elected by the students.

Our **Prefect Program** is an outward facing internship-based leadership program for students in grades 10-12 who submit an application and go through a rigorous selection process. There are 19 prefects selected each year to work in collaboration with their appointed staff person who are given responsibilities in accordance with the staff person with whom they work.

THE GREAT CONVERSATION HONORS PROGRAM

“The Great Conversation” (TGC) Honors Program is available for those students wishing to graduate with honors. TGC Honors provides three unique pathways to enhanced learning. The **Liberal Arts Pathway** encourages students toward a solid general education with periodic deep dives into the individual subjects. The **STEAM Pathway** offers specialization in Science and Math and is balanced by languages and the arts. The **Humanities Pathway** provides a captivating deep study of English, History, languages, and arts.

TGC SCHOLARS

Each of these pathways offers a special senior-study course called **TGC Scholars**, a one-on-one guided project with a faculty advisor. This project reflects each student’s personal academic journey and interests, and acts as a capstone presentation for their time at Pacifica.

DUAL CREDIT

Dual credit courses are offered in grades 10-12 through a partnership with the University of Texas for Engineering and with Colorado Christian University for all others courses. Courses offered for 2025-26 include:

Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Economics
Honors Engineering Design & Analysis
Honors European History
Honors Faith & Culture
Honors Introduction to Koine Greek

Honors Latin III
Honors Latin IV
Honors Medieval World History
Honors US History
Honors World Literature & Composition

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND HONORS OFFERINGS

Pacifica offers 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as Honors level courses in all subjects except world language. Enrollment is contingent upon meeting the prerequisite grade requirement and teacher approval. It is uncommon for students to take any AP courses before their junior year and students must get permission to take more than three AP courses in a given year.

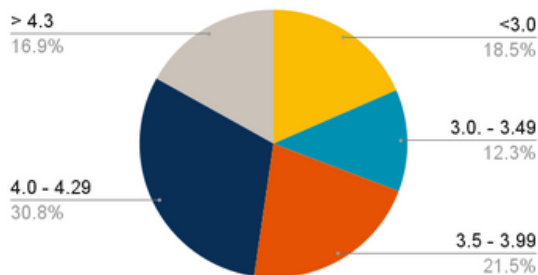
AP Biology	AP English Language
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Language
AP Chemistry	AP Statistics
AP Computer Science	AP 2-D Art & Design
AP Drawing	AP 3-D Art
AP English Literature	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM RESULTS

In 2025, 123 students took 199 exams; 83% of the scores were a 3 or higher. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the exam.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY *(Based on academic GPA at the end of junior year)*

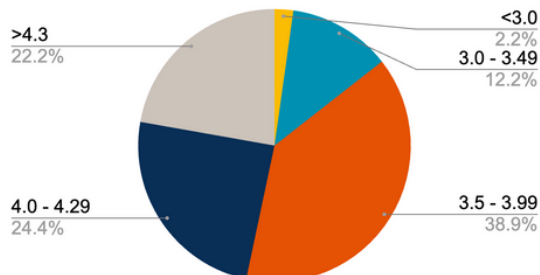
Class of 2025



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Highest GPA	4.65
Lowest GPA	1.99
Mean GPA	3.73

Class of 2026



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Highest GPA	4.72
Lowest GPA	2.83
Mean GPA	3.94

SAT & ACT TESTING STATEMENT

Pacifica utilizes the ACT as our yearly standardized testing for all students. Each Spring, as part of their school day, students are required to take a version of the ACT; Freshmen take the ACT 8/9, Sophomores take the PreACT, and Juniors take an official ACT. Therefore, the ACT averages stated here represent the average of every student in the class, not just those who chose to submit scores. The SAT score average is based on a smaller sample size from the class.

Class of 2025		Class of 2026	
ACT Mean	23.1	ACT Mean	23.1
Middle 50%	20-27	Middle 50%	20 - 27
SAT Mean	1183	SAT Mean	1231
Middle 50%	1070 - 1290	Middle 50%	1160 - 1270

SUMMARY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES (2020-2024)

The Class of 2025 received acceptances to 126 different 4-year colleges and universities in 41 states and 9 countries. The list below is a representative sampling of our college acceptances over the past four years.

Arizona State University	Colorado State University	University of Maryland	Smith College
University of Arizona	University of Denver	Miami University, Oxford	University of Southern California
Babson University	Denison University	University of Miami	Southern Methodist University
Baylor University	Dickinson College	University of Michigan	University of St. Andrews
Belmont University	Duke University	New York University	St. John's College
Biola University	Elon University	Northeastern University	Syracuse University
Boise State University	Embry Riddle University	Northwestern University	Texas Christian University
Boston College	Fairfield University	University of Notre Dame	The University of Texas
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Fordham University	Oregon State University	University of Utah
California State University (Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, San Marcos)	Furman University	Patrick Henry College	Trinity College
University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz)	George Fox University	Pepperdine University	University of Oregon
Calvin University	George Washington University	Point Loma University	University of Utah
Carleton College	Gonzaga University	University of Puget Sound	Villanova University
Chapman University	Grinnell College	Reed College	Wake Forest University
Clemson University	High Point University	Rice University	Washington State University
Colgate University	Hillsdale University	University of Richmond	University of Washington
University of Colorado	College of the Holy Cross	Saint Mary's College	Washington University (St. Louis)
Colorado Christian University	Hope College	Samford University	Westmont College
Colorado School of Mines	Kenyon College	San Diego State University	Wheaton College
	The King's College	University of San Diego	Whitman College
	Lafayette College	Santa Clara University	Whitworth University
	Loyola Marymount University	Sarah Lawrence College	Willamette University
	Marist College	Scripps College	University of Wisconsin
	Marquette University	Seattle Pacific University	Yale University

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think and live well.