



# HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

At Heritage Christian School, our utmost goal is to exalt God. We are committed to providing a comprehensive education that encompasses academic excellence, spiritual growth, social and emotional well-being, physical development, and cultural awareness, all rooted in a biblical perspective. Our mission is to support parents in their endeavor to raise their children according to the teachings and guidance of the Lord. We are dedicated to helping our students foster a meaningful relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

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### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American	10%
Asian	6%
Filipino	2%
Hispanic	30%
Multicultural	12%
Other	9%
White-Caucasian	30%
Not reported	1%

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION (2025)

GPA	# of Students
4.42-4.00	25
3.99-3.50	25
3.49-3.00	17
2.99-2.50	16
2.49-2.00	7

### GPA CALCULATION

Grade	Points
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0

### About

Heritage Christian leads with a prestigious legacy, preparing our young scholars for higher education through our intensive college preparatory programs and college advising. HCS also offers extensive extracurricular activities, providing enrichment opportunities for our students to develop in the areas of athletics, arts, music, science, technology, community outreach and more. HCS is dedicated to students in their formative school years (TK-12 grades) by fostering a nurturing environment in which students' spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and artistic abilities can grow and expand. The middle and high school campus is located in a diverse suburban community about 20 miles northwest of Los Angeles in the city of Northridge.

### Accreditation and Membership

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)  
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)  
California Scholarship Federation (CSF)  
California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)  
National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)  
National Institute for Learning Development (NILD)  
Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC)

### Students and Faculty

For the 2025-26 school year, our high school has 369 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, of which 92 are seniors. There are 37 faculty members all holding earned degrees including 21 master's degrees and two earned doctorates. Our accomplished and skilled faculty serve as advisors for student clubs and organizations as well as mentoring our students.

### Academic Program and Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule. Eight courses per semester is the standard course load, additionally performing arts has occasional zero periods. Students take 4 block classes daily. Block classes are primarily year-long and each class meets every other day. Each semester course will earn 5 units of credit. **Please note student athletes are generally required to use one class period as a study hall which does not appear on their transcript.**

The curriculum at Heritage is carefully selected to enhance the academic program. Academic counselors guide students in their pursuit of learning in order to prepare them for acceptance at the University of California, California State University and other prestigious colleges and universities. Refer to course offerings at the end of this document for AP, Honors and elective courses offered in the past 4 years.

The General Graduation requirements are as follows:

Bible Courses	40 units	Social Sciences	30 units
English	40 Units	Physical Education	20 units
Mathematics	30 units	Visual and Performing Arts	10 units
Science	20 units		

Additionally, students are required to complete a minimum 260-280 units for graduation depending on years of enrollment at Heritage Christian School.

### Grading and Ranking

Heritage Christian School operates on a semester calendar year with an A-F grading system. One extra grade point is given for Honors and Advanced Placement courses at any grade level.

### Grade Point Average Calculation

A - 4.0    B - 3.0    C - 2.0    D - 1.0    F - 0

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. If a course is recovered after earning a D or F, then the recovered grade will be used in calculating the cumulative GPA. The deficient grade will still be noted on the transcript.

### Rank

Heritage Christian does not rank students.

**STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS**

**SAT/ACT**

Our current student population is primarily influenced by test-optional and test-free policies from most institutions in the state of California, therefore our students make decisions based on their unique situations. This results in a limited amount of testing data which does not reflect our student population accurately.

**AP Testing**

In 2025, 271 AP exams were administered with a 62% AP exam passing rate of 3 or better.

**Tests taken included:**

Biology	10	English Language	46	Spanish Language	8
Calculus AB	16	English Literature	18	Statistics	12
Calculus BC	8	Precalculus	28	US Government	15
Chemistry	14	Psychology	18	US History	25
Computer Science	3	Seminar	30	World History	19
Drawing	1				

**POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT**

Class of 2025 (98% will attend a college or university)  
 75% matriculated to 4-year colleges or universities  
 23% matriculated to 2-year college/institution  
 2% selected a gap year/trade school/military

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES**

Due to enrollment changes year to year, and course preferences among our students, the electives and AP/Honors courses offered may change. Scheduling and course capacity may limit student enrollment in AP courses. **Students in 10th-12th grade are restricted to 3 AP/Honors courses per year or 4 with administrative approval.** Students in 9th Grade have the opportunity to take 2 Honors courses. Below is a list of the electives, Honors, and AP courses offered.

**AP/Honors**

AP 2D Art and Design*	AP English Language	AP Spanish Language
AP Biology	AP English Literature	AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB	AP French Language	AP U.S. Government
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics*	AP U.S. History
AP Chemistry*	AP Pre Calculus	AP World History
AP Computer Science*	AP Psychology	Honors Biology
AP Drawing*	AP Seminar	Honors English 9

**Electives**

Animation 2	Journalism
Biotechnology*	Leadership
Ceramics 1, 2	Orchestra
Chemistry	Personal Finance
Child Development	Physical Science
Choir 1, 2, 3, 4	Physics
Computer Coding*	Physiology
Computer Graphics	Psychology
Dance	Robotics 1, 2
Digital Photography	Speech and Debate*
Drama	Sports Medicine/Athletic Training
Drumline	Sports Psychology*
Film and Media Production*	Statistics
Internal Combustion Engines 1, 2, 3, 4	Studio Art 1, 2
Introduction to Animation	Theatre Arts
Introduction to Theology and Philosophy*	Women's Choir
Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems*	Web Design
Jazz Band	Wood Design 1, 2, 3, 4
	Yearbook Design

\*denotes courses not offered every year

**COLLEGES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED HCS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS**

- Arizona Christian University
- Arizona State University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Baylor University
- Biola University
- Boise State University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- California Baptist University
- California Lutheran University
- California State University (all campuses)
- Chapman University
- Claremont Colleges
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Georgetown University
- Grand Canyon University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Liberty University
- Loyola Marymount University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northern Arizona University
- Occidental College
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma University
- Pomona College
- Southern Methodist University
- Stanford University
- Texas Christian University
- The Master's University
- University of California (all campuses)
- University of Colorado
- University of La Verne
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific
- Vanderbilt University
- Westmont College