



2021-2022 Paraclete High School Profile

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Paraclete High School, an **AP Capstone School**, serves the Antelope Valley of Northern Los Angeles County, which spans over 200 square miles, just 60 miles north of the city of Los Angeles. We are a college-preparatory, diocesan Catholic school (grades 9-12) with an emphasis not only on academic, but also the spiritual-moral development of our students. Paraclete is the only Catholic high school in one of the fastest growing communities in California, Antelope Valley, which is nearing a population of 475,000. Our student body is made up of between 550 young men and women with an ethnic composition in recent years of approximately 30% White/other, 29% Hispanic/Latino, 13% African American/Black, 10% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 16% Multiracial/other. Approximately 64% are Catholic, 36% other including Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh.

Response to COVID 19 Restrictions and Distance Learning

Paraclete is a 1:1 iPad based school with advanced technological infrastructure. Professional development for teachers in the last several years has focused on technology-based platforms and applications and our textbooks and learning materials have been electronic versions pre-installed in the student's devices. When the school was closed in March of 2020 due to the pandemic, we made a smooth transition to distance learning via ZOOM and continued to teach without losing significant classroom time. Consequently, our grades have remained on our traditional A-F scale. We returned to campus with a hybrid model of learning in March 2021.

Program of Studies and Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Paraclete, a student must complete a course of study that includes:

English, 4 years	Religion, 4 years
Mathematics, 3 years	History, 2 years
Laboratory Science, 2 years	Foreign Language, 2 years
Visual or Performing Arts, 1 year	Government, Economics 1 semester each
Health and Physical Education, 1 year	Electives, 4 semesters+

A student must complete a total of 48 semester units, organized on a hybrid traditional/block six-period schedule. Special attention is given to meeting the requirements for admission to the University of California system.

Honors, AP, Capstone

AP courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Computer Science, American Government, English Literature and Language, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, US and World History and AP Seminar and Research (College Board Capstone Program, 2018)

Honors courses are offered in Algebra I and II, Biology, Chemistry, Geometry, World History, and upper division Spanish and French.

Pre-AP courses are offered in lower division English.

We offer an award-winning Robotics team and Computer Programming as well as extra-curricular programs in Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon.

Transcripts display cumulative weighted and unweighted GPA as well as SAT and ACT scores.

Grading scale and GPA

A=90-100%, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=0-59%

Grade Points: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

All courses are factored into the cumulative grade point average, which includes one additional point per semester for Pre-AP, Honors and AP courses.

We do not rank our students.

Approximately 99% of our graduates continue their studies in college, with 75% enrolling in universities, and 24% in community colleges. One percent enter military service or trade schools.

Recent Academic Highlights

- Paraclete Robotics Team Nationally recognized and invited to World Competition, St. Louis
- First Place among small schools in Antelope Valley Mathematics Competition

Colleges and Universities of recent Paraclete High School Graduates

University of California: Berkley, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Santa Cruz, Merced

California State University Campuses: Bakersfield, Cal. poly San Luis Obispo & Pomona, Channel Islands, Sacramento, Chico, Fresno, San Bernardino, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Lost Angeles, Sonoma, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, Northridge, San Diego State, San Marcos, San Jose

Other Colleges and Universities: Arizona State, Baylor University, Brigham Young, California Lutheran, Chapman, Columbia University, Gonzaga, Harvard, Harvey Mudd, Holy Names College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins, Loyola Marymount, Stanford, St. Mary's, Mount St. Mary's College, New York University, Norwich University, Pacific Lutheran, Penn State, Pepperdine, Princeton, Purdue, Southwestern Oklahoma State, The Citadel, Tufts, U. of Arizona, U. of Michigan, U. of Montana, Notre Dame, U. of North Dakota, U. of Pacific, U. of Pittsburgh, U. of San Diego, U. of San Francisco, U. of Southern California, Westminster, U. of Wisconsin, Utah State Woodbury University, Yale

Service Academies: United States Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy