

The Winston School Profile--2014-2015

The Winston School is a coeducational, college preparatory, independent day school located in Del Mar. The Winston School today enrolls 115 students in grades 4-12. The student-faculty ratio is 10 to 1 and the average class size is 9.5. 35% of Winston's students are girls.

History

The Winston School was founded in 1988 by a group of visionary pediatricians, led by Dr. John Richards, and parents in the San Diego, California area who realized that the needs of many bright children who learned differently were not being met in traditional settings.

Philosophy

The Winston School allows students to lead successful and happy lives by lifting spirits, challenging minds and cultivates creativity.

Accreditation and Certification

The Winston School is accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Schools and is certified by the State of California Department of Education.

Governance

The Winston School is an independent, non-sectarian school governed by a Board of Directors. There are ten trustees whose current president is Dr. Ron Stolberg.

Curriculum

As a college preparatory school the curriculum has been developed to reflect that central purpose of the mission. Honors courses are offered in English. Students are offered the opportunity to take Advanced Placement exams whenever individual students demonstrate preparation for study at the college level in a given discipline. Spanish is offered to fulfill foreign language requirements. Academic and Visual/Performing Arts classes are A-G certified.

Technology and Support Services

Students have access to iPads and software to support academic requirements in the classroom. If contractually agreed, Winston offers counseling, speech and language and occupational therapy on site. Tutorial classes are offered to help students focus on completing work. Students can also receive extra help in home work club which is one day a week or in Saturday School.

Visual and Performing Arts Program

Winston emphasizes the development of creativity by offering electives in Art, Music, Drama and Digital Media. Regular assemblies bring professional performers to inspire student efforts and local artists display work in Winston's public spaces.

Athletic Program

The Winston School offers varsity softball and basketball and competes with other area schools during the regular school day. PE is available as an elective and credit is accepted for appropriately supervised outside programs.

Activity Program

All students participate in an activity program whose offerings have included photography, dog-walking, intramural sports, chess, cooking, gingerbread construction, musical composition, gardening, American Sign Language, mural painting and fashion design.

WorkAbility Program

Students who qualify may participate in the WorkAbility Program which affords a first paid work experience and provides students with other training helpful in the working world.

Graduation and College Matriculation

95% of Winston School graduates are accepted to two or four-year colleges. Among the colleges they have recently attended are: Berklee School of Music, California College of the Arts, Cal Poly Pomona, Catholic University of America, Linfield College, Point Loma Nazarene University, Roanoke College, San Diego State University, Sweet Briar College, Tuskegee University, University of California, Santa Cruz, University of San Diego, Whittier College.

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 44 semester credits in grades nine through twelve to graduate; Thirty of these credits must be in academic courses. The minimum requirements in each discipline are:

English – 4 years	Science – 3 years (2 lab sciences)
History – 4 years	Mathematics – 3 years (Including Algebra I and Geometry)
Fine Arts – 1 year	Physical Education – 2 years
Foreign Language – 1 year (or 1 year Fine Arts; 1 sem. Practical Arts)	

College Entrance Requirements

College entrance requirements vary; it should be understood that meeting the high school graduation requirements described above does not guarantee entrance to specific colleges.

Grading Scale and Policy on Class Rank

Grade	Range	Quality Points
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
F	69 OR BELOW	N/C

The Winston School does not report class rank. Because the senior class size is small, the school believes that class rank is not a meaningful predictor of a student's college performance.

Class of 2014	SAT CR	SAT MATH	SAT WR
Average Test Scores	566	539	521

Students applying to four-year colleges

College Acceptances • Classes of 2009 – 2014

Berklee School of Music	Lewis & Clark College
California College of the Arts	Linfield College
California Polytechnic University, Pomona	Lycoming College
California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo	Mills College
California State University, Bakersfield	Mitchell College
California State University, Channel Islands	Missouri University of Science and Technology
California State University, Chico	Montana State University
California State University, Dominguez Hills	Mount St. Mary's College
California State University, Fullerton	New Mexico State University
California State University, Long Beach	Point Loma Nazarene University
California State University, Monterey Bay	Portland State University
California State University, Northridge	Randolph College
California State University, Sacramento	Roanoke College
California State University, San Bernardino	Rochester Institute of Technology
California State University, San Marcos	Seattle University
California State University, Stanislaus	Southern Oregon University
Humboldt State University	Sweet Briar College
San Diego State University	Tuskegee University
San Francisco State University	University of California, San Diego
San Jose State University	University of Colorado
Sonoma State University	University of Nebraska
Catholic University of America	University of Redlands
Concordia University- Minnesota & Oregon	University of San Diego
Daniel Webster College	University of San Francisco
Drexel University	University of South Dakota
Evergreen College Rocky Mountain College	Utah State University
Fairleigh Dickenson University	Westmont College
Landmark College	Whittier College