

# Torah High Schools of San Diego

## Profile 2021-2022

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**College Counselor:** Ms. Beth Behnke · **Registrar:** Ms. Rachel Guenniche

### **SCHOOL DESCRIPTION**

The mission of the Torah High Schools is to prepare its students for the academic, ethical, and moral challenges they will face in the world around them. The curriculum meets and exceeds the University of California (UC) admission requirements (see reverse). Our General Studies courses have been approved by the University of California, Office of the President.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Senior Class – 7    Sophomore Class - 10

Junior Class - 12    Freshman Class - 10

### **FACULTY**

52 qualified and caring staff members (46 instructors, 2 administrators, 1 college counselor, 3 administrative assistants)

### **GRADING SYSTEM & RANKING POLICY**

In computing the grade point averages of students, a four-point scale is used. Advanced Placement classes and honors designated courses are given an additional point for the weighted GPA. Torah High does not rank its students. The graduation GPA is computed based on grades 9-12. Report cards are mailed four times a year at the quarter.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE of the 2021 Graduating Class (ten students)**

4.0+ – 40%

3.50-4.0 – 40%

3.00-3.5– 20%

### **SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Torah High's school year is divided into four quarters of approximately nine weeks in length. Monday through Thursday classes are from 8:00 am to 4:20 pm. Fridays are from 8:00am-1:55pm. Approximately twenty percent of our classes are offered using a block schedule.

### **DUAL CURRICULUM:**

Torah High's students enroll in a dual curriculum (college preparatory and Judaic studies) which helps prepare them for the rigors of college. The Judaic Studies classes are often referred to by our students as "AP Judaism" because they challenge the students to critically analyze and interpret primary texts in their original language.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Torah High School offers **21 Advanced Placement courses** and enrollment is contingent upon the dean's approval. Please note that AP Environmental Science, AP Spanish, AP Art & Design, AP Economics, and AP Physics are not always available. Between 2008-2021, over 70% of our students grades 10-12 took at least one AP test with our average score being a 4.

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Torah High maintains a strong extracurricular program including an annual production performed by the students.

### **COLLEGE & SEMINARY ADMISSION**

Torah High is proud of its graduates' success in gaining admission to the most prestigious universities and seminaries. Over 70% of our graduates have attended one of the top 50 colleges in the United States (as ranked by US NEWS and World Report). On campus they have excelled academically and in their involvement in public service.

# Curriculum & Graduation Requirements

The curriculum is strictly college preparatory. The course of study covers four years. Students are encouraged to carry no fewer than five academic subjects during each semester. All students are required to participate in the physical education program in the ninth grade and one additional year thereafter. **42 semester credits required for graduation.**

**ENGLISH** – 4 years:

English 9 \*  
 English 10 \*  
 English 11 \*  
 English 12 \*  
 AP English Language and Composition  
 AP English Literature and Composition  
 Adv English Seminar \*

**MATHEMATICS** – 3 years:

Pre-Algebra  
 Algebra 1 \*  
 Geometry \*  
 Algebra 2 \*  
 Pre-Calculus \*  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 Statistics  
 AP Statistics

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** – 2 years:

Hebrew 1,2  
 Hebrew 3,4  
 Hebrew 5,6  
 Hebrew 7,8 Honors  
 Hebrew 9,10 Honors  
 Russian 1  
 Russian 2  
 Russian 3 Honors  
 Spanish 1,2  
 Spanish 3,4  
 Spanish 5,6  
 AP Spanish Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture  
 Mandarin Chinese 1  
 Mandarin Chinese 2  
 Adv Mandarin Chinese 3 Honors  
 Adv Mandarin Chinese 4 Honors

**ELECTIVES** – 2 years:

American Sign Language  
 Adv American Sign Language  
 AP Computer Sci Principles  
 Criminal Justice  
 Digital Video Production  
 Digital Photography  
 Guitar  
 AP Music Theory, Music Theory  
 Playwrighting  
 AP Psychology, Psychology \*  
 Speech & Debate  
 Yearbook

**SCIENCE** – 3 years:

Biology \*  
 AP Biology  
 Chemistry \*  
 Introduction to Scientific Engineering  
 Biomedical Engineering  
 Engineering 3 Honors  
 AP Environmental Science  
 Human Body Systems\*  
 Biomedical Interventions\*  
 Biomedical Innovations\*  
 Physics \*  
 AP Physics 1  
 AP Physics C: Mechanics

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** – 3 years:

AP Micro Economics  
 AP Macro Economics  
 World History \*  
 Art History \*  
 AP Art History  
 U.S. History \*  
 AP U.S. History  
 U.S. Government/Economics\*  
 AP U.S. Government/  
 Economics  
 Junior Model United Nations  
 Modern Jewish History  
 Holocaust Studies

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** – 2 years:

PE

**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS** – 1 year:

Drama\*  
 Dance\*  
 AP Art & Design, Art & Design  
 Vocal Technique

**JUDAIC STUDIES** – 4 years:

Chumash (Bible) \*  
 Navi (Prophets) \*  
 Dinim (Jewish Law) \*  
 Parsha (Bible Survey)  
 Jewish History  
 Tehillim (Psalms)  
 Pirkei Avos (Ethics)  
 Judaic Studies Elective  
 Chasidus

\* Regular or Honors

## Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Recently Attended by Torah High Graduates

Bar Ilan University  
 Columbia University/Barnard College  
 Holmesglen School of Biochemistry  
 Marymount College  
 McGill University  
 New York Film Academy  
 NYU  
 Platt College  
 Queens College (CUNY)  
 Rutgers University  
 San Francisco State University  
 Stanford University  
 Georgetown University

Stern College  
 Technion – Israel Institute of Technology  
 Lander College For Women (Touro College)  
 UCLA  
 UCLA School of Engineering  
 UC Santa Cruz  
 UCSD  
 UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 UW Madison, Pre-nursing Honors Program  
 Yale University  
 Johns Hopkins