

# Torah High Schools of San Diego

## Profile 2024-2025

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**Secular Studies Co-ordinator:** Ms. Holli Hargrave

**College Counselor:** Ms. Jen Fordham **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 – 11    Freshman Class - 6

Junior Class - 10

### **FACULTY**

29 qualified and caring staff members (25 instructors, 2 administrators, 1 college counselor, 1 administrative assistant)

### **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 2024 Graduating Class (eleven students)** 4.25+ – 73%

3.75-4.25 – 9%

3.5-3.75– 18%

### **SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

Torah High's school year is divided into four quarters of approximately nine weeks in length. Monday through Thursday classes are from 8:00am and end at 4:20pm. 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 Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Spanish, AP Art History, and AP Physics are not always available. Between 2008-2023, 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 \*

**SCIENCE** – 3 years:

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

**MATHEMATICS** – 3 years:

Pre-Algebra  
 Algebra 1 \*  
 Geometry \*  
 Algebra 2 \*  
 Pre-Calculus \*  
 College Calcululus I  
 AP Calculus BC  
 Statistics  
 College Statistics

**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  
 Economics  
 Modern Jewish History

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** – 2 years:

American Sign Language  
 Hebrew 1,2  
 Hebrew 3,4  
 Hebrew 5,6  
 Hebrew 7,8 Honors  
 Hebrew 9,10 Honors  
 Conversational Hebrew  
 Advanced Latin  
 Spanish 1,2  
 Spanish 3,4  
 Spanish 5,6  
 AP Spanish Language and Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture  
 Chinese 1  
 Chinese 2  
 Chinese 3 Honors  
 Chinese 4 Honors  
 AP Chinese

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** – 2 years:

PE  
**VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS** – 1 year:  
 Drama\*  
 Dance\*  
 AP Studio Art, Studio Art

**DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE CLASSES WITH SDSU**

College Calcululus I  
 Political Science  
 Statistics  
 English (2 classes)

**ELECTIVES** – 2 years:

American Sign Language  
 Adv American Sign Language  
 AP Computer Sci Principles  
 AP Computer Science  
 Digital Video Production  
 AP Psychology  
 Yearbook

**JUDAIC STUDIES** – 4 years:

Chumash (Bible) \*  
 Navi (Prophets) \*  
 Dinim (Jewish Law) \*  
 Parsha (Bible Survey)  
 Jewish History  
 Beur Tefillah (Prayer Analysis)  
 Hashkafa (Jewish Philosophy)  
 Tehillim (Psalms)  
 Judaic Studies Elective

\* Regular or Honors

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

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| Bar Ilan University<br>Columbia University<br>Georgetown University<br>Holmesglen School of Biochemistry<br>Johns Hopkins<br>Marymount College<br>McGill University<br>New York Film Academy<br>NYU<br>Platt College<br>Queens College (CUNY)<br>Rutgers University<br>San Francisco State University | Stanford University<br>Stern College<br>Technion – Israel Institute of Technology<br>Lander College For Women (Touro University)<br>UCLA<br>UCLA School of Engineering<br>UC Santa Cruz<br>UCSD<br>UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering<br>University of Arizona<br>University of Pennsylvania<br>UW Madison, Pre-nursing Honors Program<br>Yale University |
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