

Calvin Christian School 2021-2022 Profile

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Calvin Christian School is a Preschool-12 school in the Christian liberal arts tradition. Serving over 375 students in North County San Diego, Calvin seeks to provide a distinctly Christian education in the liberal arts tradition where we invite students to be formed by God's love in Christ for a life of wonder, worship, work, and wisdom.

CEEB Code: 050-876

Administration

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Accredited by WASC

100 Upper School Students
7:1 Faculty to Student Ratio
13 Full-time Faculty
5 Part Time Faculty
44% Faculty has Master's
or higher degree

The mission of Calvin Christian School, in cooperation with the home and church, is to teach the whole child from a biblical worldview, founded in the Reformation, providing children from Christian families with an excellent education for a life of Christ-centered service.

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID 19

Spring 2020 Semester: We ceased in-person instruction on 3/16/2020 and transitioned to a synchronized on-line learning environment on 3/20/2020. During distance learning, the school day was 8:00 am-1:30 pm with 30-minute classes. Class discussions were encouraged, assignments, tests, and exams continued. Students were expected to participate actively in classes, and absences were rare. Students earned letter grades under normal expectations.

2020 / 2021 School Year: All classes resumed with traditional in-person learning on campus, with social-distancing, sanitizing stations and without incidents or unexpected closures.

Graduation Requirements

Humanities: 15 credits
Literature, History & Rhetoric

Math: 6 credits

Christian Studies: 7 credits

Science: 4 credits

Foreign Language: 2 credits

Athletics: 4 credits
Formal Class or Sports Team Participation

Fine Arts: 2 credits

Media: 1 credit

Electives: 7 credits

Total Minimum: 48 credits

Other Requirements:

60 hours community service
Junior and Senior Thesis

CURRICULAR & PEDAGOGICAL DISTINCTIVES:

- **Calvin's required Liberal Arts core** allows students to explore and master all subjects. For example, they explore body awareness in health and PE or electives like dance and martial arts. They express creativity in choir, band, and art courses. They discover their story, philosophy, and ability to analyze and persuade in the humanities of history, literature, and rhetoric. They are versed in spiritual origin and telos in Bible and church history classes. They learn how to understand and quantify the world around them in math and science courses.
- **Calvin Engages students with a variety of both time-proven and innovative methodologies**, including Socratic discussions around Harkness tables, traditional homework, essays, and assessments, and Chromebooks providing opportunities for further research, video development, coding, or other forms of digital learning.
- **Students are required to complete year-long junior and senior theses** which include an extensive 10 page research paper and a 20-30 minute oral presentation and defense.
- **Calvin's students are held to high standards.** Through grade comparison and personal testimony of graduates, students who are comfortably in the middle of the pack in our courses find themselves at the top of their classes in college, confident and well prepared because of their experiences at Calvin.

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Calvin offers a variety of Honors and AP courses for students who want to challenge themselves. Additionally, students have attempted and passed AP Exams in subjects we do not teach because of their foundation in what we do offer, such as AP Language or AP Spanish Literature. Calvin Christian has historically high pass rates on these tests and they are available to all students.

Class Size: 20

College Bound: 100%

4-year: 90%

2-year: 10%

Class Rank and GPA

Highest GPA: 4.22

Average GPA: 3.55

with only 20 students, GPA distribution nor class rank are provided.

Test Scores Classes of 20-22

Total Median SAT: 1169

Mean EBRW: 581

Mean Math: 586

Mean ACT: 25

Mean English: 25

Mean Math: 25

Mean Reading: 26

Mean Science: 24

AP & Honors Courses

AP US History
AP English Literature
AP Biology
AP Spanish
AP Calculus

English 10 Honors
Spanish 3 Honors
Physics Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors
Spanish 4 Honors

CO-CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:

- **Calvin's Internship Program** allows students to use what they have learned to give back and serve the community. Select students are chosen by teachers for a specific discipline to go beyond that of a Teacher's Aid, not only participating in grading and organization of classes, but also teaching, crafting lesson plans with anticipatory sets, and receiving feedback from their master teacher to encourage them to be a vital part of forming their learning community.
- **Calvin's Intern Week and Field Trips** bring our classrooms beyond the walls of the school. Taking advantage of our Southern California location with field trips to sites of geographical or cultural significance such as Shakespeare productions at the Old Globe in Balboa Park. We also dedicate a week to allowing students to choose a unique course to explore an elective such as hiking, natural photography, film as literature, museum tours. Our interim offerings give students further opportunities to explore new areas of interest and experience the beauty around them.
- **Required Participation in our House system** fosters community across 9-12th grades. House life encompasses all aspects of student culture with student-led assemblies, retreats, service days, academic and athletic competitions, and social events.
- **Our House Leadership Program** allows students to focus on administrative and strategic planning skills, creating healthy culture and teams, while mentoring and nurturing relationships across grades.
- **Calvin's Vibrant Student Life Program:** adds to the educational experience. All students find people with similar interests during the built-in club time where together they create the Yearbook, start campus gardens, perfect their ping-pong skills or analyze comic books. Giving students experience in leadership, event planning and grant writing that enrich the education of the whole child beyond the bounds of pure academics.

CLASS OF 2022 DISTINCTIVES:

- **As Founding members of the house system** the class of 2022 has helped create and shape what the house system will look like at Calvin. Their leadership and creativity will have a lasting impact.
- **Sixty Percent of this Class have attended Calvin for the entirety of their education**, this requires daily lessons in patience, grace, respect and humility. These students have cultivated deep friendships, and an appreciation for differences in others.

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Calvin Christian Course Offerings

English Literature	Foreign Language	Science	Mathematics	Social Studies
English 1	Spanish 1	Physical Science	Algebra 1a	World History
English 2	Spanish 2	Earth Science	Algebra 1b	Rhetoric History
English 2 Honors+	Spanish 3 Honors+	Anatomy	Algebra 1	US History
English 3	Spanish 4 Honors+	Biology	Geometry	AP US History ^{^*}
English 4	AP Spanish ^{^*}	Chemistry	Algebra 2	Government / Econ.
AP Literature ^{^*}		Physics Honors+	Pre-Calculus Honors+	Media Discernment
		AP Biology ^{^*}	AP Calculus ^{^*}	Psychology
			Business Mathematics	Sociology
Christian Studies	Business Technology	Physical Education	Fine Arts	
Bible 1	Digital Literacy	Physical Fitness	Art 1A/1B	Music Appreciation
Bible 2	Programming	Martial Arts	Advanced Ceramics	Advanced Band
Church History	Computer Design	Weight Training	Advanced Drawing	Jazz Band
Doctrine/Ethics	Robotics	Health	Graphic Design	Rhetoric Choir
		Music Theater Dance	Advanced Painting	Faith Expression [^]
			Art Independent Study	

Calvin Christian School Grading Scale

Grading Scale (Letter Grade)	Numerical Grade (Percentile)	Value (Regular Course)
A+	97-100	4.3
A	93-96	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
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7
F	0-59	0

+ Honors on a 4.5 scale
 * AP on a 5.0 scale
[^] faculty permission to enroll

4 year Colleges and Universities Attended by Recent Calvin Christian Graduates

Aberystwyth University
 Academy of Art University
 Arizona State University
 Azusa Pacific University
 Baylor University
 Binghamton University
 Biola University
 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
 Cal State University, Chico
 Cal State University, San Marcos
 Calvin College
 California Baptist University
 Chapman University
 College of Wooster
 Colorado Mesa University
 Colorado State University
 Concordia University Irvine
 Cornell University
 Dordt University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 George Fox University
 Gonzaga University
 Grand Canyon University
 Harvard University
 Indiana University
 John Paul the Great Catholic University
 Kansas State University
 Laguna College of Art and Design
 La Sierra University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Marian University
 Northern Arizona University
 Penn State, Greater Allegheny
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 PrattMWP College of Art and Design
 Providence Christian College
 Rutgers University
 Samford University
 San Diego State University
 Sonoma State University
 Southern Utah University
 Stony Brook University, Korea
 Trevecca Nazarene University
 Trinity Christian College
 University of Alabama
 University of California, Berkley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
 University of Connecticut
 University of Loyola Chicago
 University of Montana, Missoula
 University of San Francisco
 University of Scranton
 University of Southern California
 Utah State University
 Vanguard University
 Westmont College
 Whitworth University
 William Woods University
 Yale University