

# Calvin Christian School 2024-2025 Profile

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Calvin Christian is a Preschool-12th grade school serving 450 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

Dr. Jeffery Pratt  
*Head of School*

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**Accredited by WASC**  
**Accredited by CSI**

100 High School Students  
Average Class Size : 14  
15 Full-time Faculty  
4 Part-time Faculty  
56% Faculty has Master's  
or higher degree

## Graduation Requirements

English: 8 credits

Social Studies: 6 credits

Math: 6 credits

Christian Studies: 8 credits

Science: 4 credits

Foreign Language: 4 credits

Athletics: 4 credits  
Formal Class or Sports Team  
Participation

Fine Arts: 2 credits

Electives: 7 credits

Total Minimum: 48 credits

Other Requirements:

60 hours community service  
a Junior and Senior Thesis

**Our Mission:** Calvin Christian School, in cooperation with the home and church, strives 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.

## CURRICULAR & PEDAGOGICAL DISTINCTIVES:

**Calvin's required Liberal Arts core** allows students to explore and master all subjects. For example, they explore body awareness in PE and electives like dance. They express creativity in choir, band, and art courses. They discover their story, and the ability to analyze and persuade in the humanities of history, literature, and rhetoric. They are versed in spiritual origin and telos in the bible and church history classes. Additionally, they learn to understand and quantify the world around them in math and science courses.

**Calvin engages students with various time-proven and innovative methodologies**, including Socratic discussions around Harkness tables, traditional homework, essays, 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.

**We hold our students to a high standard.** Through grade comparison and personal testimony of graduates, students who are comfortable 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.

## CO-CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:

**Calvin's Internship Program** allows students to use what they have learned to give back and serve the community. Teachers choose select students for a specific discipline to go beyond a Teacher's Aid duties. Students participate in grading, organizing classes, 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 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.

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## Class of 2025

**Class Size: 24**  
88% College Bound

**Class Rank and GPA**  
Highest Weighted GPA: 4.57  
Highest Unweighted GPA: 4.0  
Median GPA: 3.79

**Testing:**  
Total Median SAT: 1256  
Mean ERW: 627  
Mean Math: 629

Mean ACT: 27  
Mean English: 27  
Mean Math: 27  
Mean Reading: 29  
Mean Science: 27

*With only 24 students,  
GPA distribution and class rank  
are not provided.*

**Calvin's Intern Week and Field Trips** bring our classrooms beyond the school's walls. We are 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. We also dedicate a week to allowing students to choose a unique course to explore an elective such as hiking, natural photography, and museum tours. Our interim offerings give students opportunities to explore new areas of interest and experience the beauty around them.

**Our Club & House Leadership Programs** allow students to focus on administrative and strategic planning skills, creating healthy culture and teams while 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 enriches the education of the whole child beyond the bounds of pure academics.

### CLASS OF 2025 DISTINCTIVES:

50% of this class has attended Calvin since elementary school; this requires daily lessons in patience, grace, respect, and humility. These students have cultivated deep friendships and an appreciation for differences in others. They are academically driven and have attained a median GPA of 3.79.

## Calvin Christian Course Offerings

English Literature	Foreign Language	Science	Mathematics	Social Studies
English 9 English 10 English 10 Honors+ English 11 Honors+ English 12 AP Literature^*	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Honors+ Spanish 4 Honors+ AP Spanish^*	Biology Honors+ Biology 2 Honors+ Chemistry Honors+ Physics Honors+ AP Biology^* AP Physics^* Molecular Biology Lab Shop	Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Honors+ Pre-Calculus Honors+ AP Calculus^* Adv Alg / Applied Finance Business Mathematics	World History US History AP US History^* Government Honors+ Economics Honors+ Rhetoric Honors+
Christian Studies	College Prep Elect	Physical Education	Fine Arts	
Hermeneutics Church History Honors+ Apologetics Honors+ Doctrine/Ethics Hon+	AP Psychology Intro to Philosophy Media Lab Shop Intellectual History Media Ecology	Physical Fitness Weight Training Theater Arts Dance Jazzercise	Art 1A/1B Advanced Ceramics Adv Art Drawing Graphic Design Adv Art Painting Adv Art Senior Studio+ Fiber Arts	Advanced Band Jazz Band Faith Expression Music Appreciation Photography Theater Arts Film
+ Honors on a 4.5 scale   * AP on a 5.0 scale   ^ faculty permission to enroll				

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## Calvin Christian School Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Numerical Grade	Regular Value	Honors Value	AP Value
A+	97-100	4.3	4.8	5.3
A	93-96	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.3*	1.3*
D	63-66	1.0	1.0*	1.0*
D-	60-62	0.7	0.7*	0.7*
F	0-59	0	0*	0*

\* not weighted

## AP Courses

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

## Honors Courses

English 10	Church History
English 11	Doctrine & Ethics
Senior Thesis	Rhetoric History
Algebra 2	Government
Pre Calculus	Economics
Spanish 3	Chemistry
Spanish 4	Physics
Apologetics	Biology 1
Senior Studio Art	Biology 2

## 4 year Colleges and Universities Attended by Recent Calvin Christian Graduates

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Aberystwyth University           | Harvard University               | University of Alabama                |
| Arizona State University         | High Point University            | University of California, Berkley    |
| Azusa Pacific University         | Indiana University               | University of California, Davis      |
| Baylor University                | Kansas State University          | University of California, Irvine     |
| Belmont University               | Laguna College of Art and Design | Univ of California, Los Angeles      |
| Binghamton University            | La Sierra University             | Univ of California, San Diego        |
| Biola University                 | Loyola Marymount University      | Univ. of California, Santa Barbara   |
| Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo        | Marian University                | University of California, Santa Cruz |
| Cal State University, Chico      | Northern Arizona University      | University of Central Florida        |
| Cal State University, San Marcos | Norwich University               | University of Connecticut            |
| Calvin University                | Penn State, Greater Allegheny    | University of Hawaii, Manoa          |
| California Baptist University    | Point Loma Nazarene University   | University of Montana, Missoula      |
| Chapman University               | PrattMWP Col. of Art and Design  | Univ. of Northwestern-St. Paul       |
| College of Wooster               | Providence Christian College     | University of Oregon                 |
| Colorado State University        | Rutgers University               | University of San Francisco          |
| Concordia University Irvine      | Samford University               | University of Scranton               |
| Cornell University               | San Diego State University       | University of Southern California    |
| Dordt University                 | Sonoma State University          | University of Washington, Seattle    |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U      | Southern Utah University         | Utah State University                |
| Florida Institute of Technology  | Stony Brook University           | Vanguard University                  |
| George Fox University            | Trevecca Nazarene University     | Waynesburg University                |
| Gordon College                   | The College of Wooster           | Westmont College                     |
| Gonzaga University               | The Master's Univ. and Seminary  | Whitworth University                 |
| Grand Canyon University          | Trinity Christian College        | William Woods University             |
| Grove City College               | US Coast Guard Academy           | Yale University                      |