



HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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ACADEMIC PROFILE

THE SCHOOL

Heritage Christian School (HCS) is a new school with a prestigious legacy. In July 2012, Hillcrest Christian School, founded in 1976, acquired Los Angeles Baptist Middle/High School, which was founded in 1962. HCS offers young people a challenging college preparatory education, interwoven with Judeo-Christian religious and spiritual values. HCS believes that in order for students to develop their greatest potential, the formative school years (Preschool-12) should be directed toward an understanding of the love of God, a love for fellow human beings, and a love of knowledge. HCS fosters a nurturing environment in which students' spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, and artistic abilities can grow and expand.

MISSION STATEMENT

Heritage Christian School's mission is to provide a challenging program of academic excellence from a Biblical point of view partnering with parents to equip their children with a firm spiritual foundation while impacting the world for Christ.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Heritage Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Institute for Learning Development as a program of excellence. Additionally, HCS is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International, the California Scholarship Federation, and the California Interscholastic Federation.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

HCS's course of study covers preschool, elementary school—Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through grade 5, middle school—grades 6 through 8, and senior high—grades 9 through 12. The school year consists of two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks each. Students in elementary, middle and high school receive two interim grade progress reports and a final grade each semester. In the middle and high schools, students are expected to carry no fewer than seven subjects each semester; senior students may carry no fewer than five subjects each semester.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool, ages two through four, provides children with a well-balanced early education focusing on all developmental domains: spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive. The environment fosters creativity, purposeful play, and essential skills development for a superior academic foundation. An integrated curriculum that is aligned with our TK – 5 program prepares young learners for future formal education elementary education.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

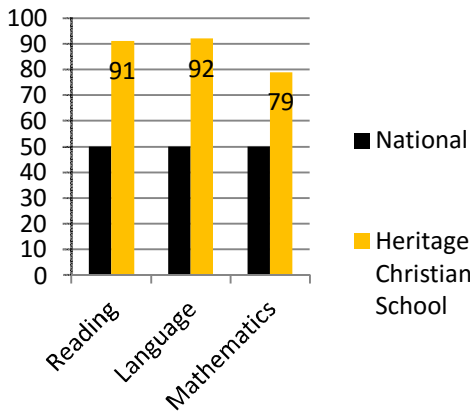
Students in grades TK – 5 are involved in hands-on learning. Critical thinking, group projects, and use of technology provide students with the skills needed to continue learning. Besides the core subjects, physical education, music, including band and choir, art, and computer are offered. Students are encouraged to develop a foundation for life-long learning. Our Discovery Department is available for students who have learning differences.

Standardized Test Results

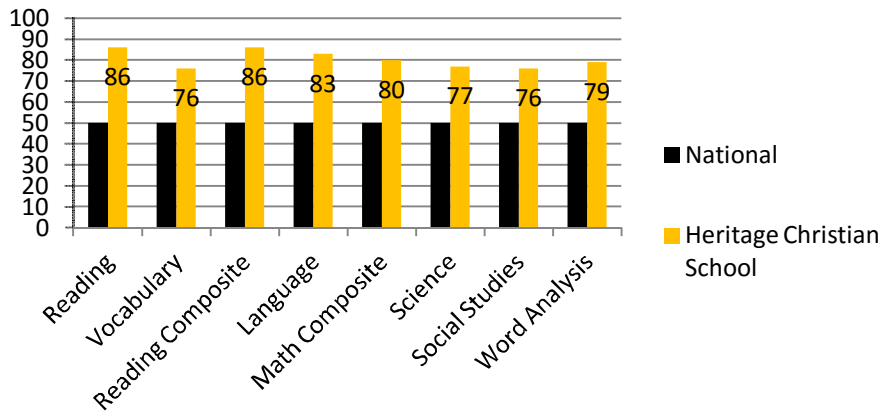
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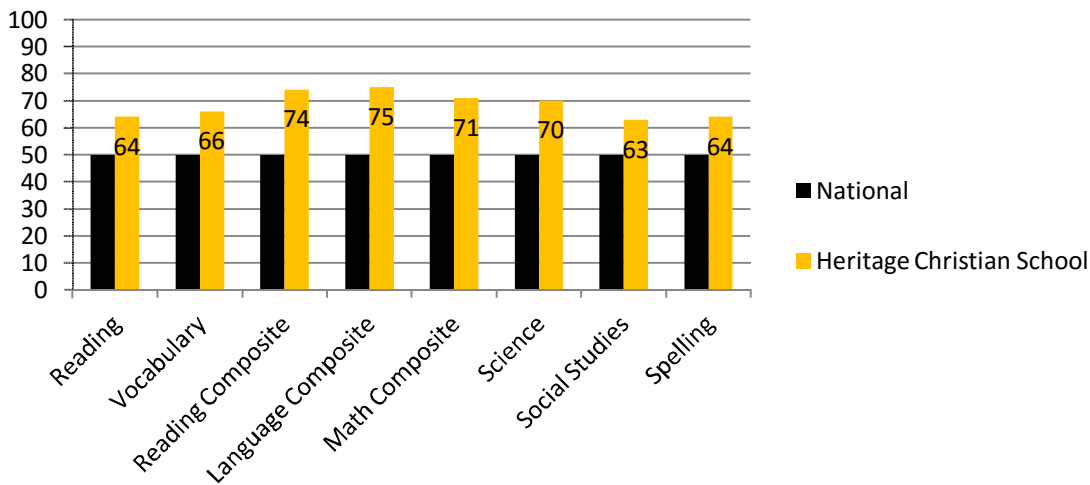
Kindergarten



1st and 2nd Grades



3rd-5th Grades



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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students in our middle school are offered a variety of electives. Core subjects are offered as well as Honors courses to qualified students in English, Social Studies, Math, and Science. At the completion of middle school, students are prepared for the rigorous schedule of a high school college preparatory education. Our Discovery Department is available for students who have learning differences.

6th Grade

Bible
 English
 Social Studies
 Earth Science
 Math 6 or Pre-Algebra
 Physical Education

Elective Choice of One:

- *Choir
- *Band –Beginning or Adv.
- *Computer/Study Skills (one semester) and Art, Speech, and Drama (one semester)

7th Grade

Bible
 English (H)
 Social Studies (H)
 Life Science (H)
 Math 7, Pre-Algebra, or Algebra 1
 Physical Education

Elective Choice of One:

- *Choir
- *Band –Beginning or Adv.
- *Computer Applications, and Exploring Languages

8th Grade

Bible
 English (H)
 Social Studies (H)
 Physical Science (H)
 Algebra 1A, 1AB, or Geometry
 Physical Education

Elective Choice of One:

- *Choir
- *Band –Beginning or Adv.
- *Spanish 1
- *French 1
- *Computer Applications and Creative Arts/Wood Design

*Electives listed above are those currently being offered this school year. Elective courses will be offered in the future based upon teacher availability and student interest.

(H) – Signifies that Honors-level coursework is offered for this class.

Grade Level Trips

6th Grade—Ocean Adventure Science Trip to Catalina Island

7th Grade—Class Unity Retreat

8th Grade—Washington D.C. / New York U.S. History Trip

Standardized Test Results

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6th – 8th Grades

	Reading Composite	Language Composite	Math Composite	Science	Social Studies	Spelling
Heritage	76	66	62	65	62	74
Nation	50	50	50	50	50	50

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HIGH SCHOOL

The curriculum at Heritage is carefully selected to enhance the academic program. Academic counselors guide students in their pursuit of learning to be prepared for acceptance at the UC and Cal State Campuses, and other prestigious colleges and universities. Refer to the Course Offerings for honors and AP classes that are offered. The general education requirements include: English, 40 units; Social Science, 30 units; Bible Studies, 40 units; Mathematics, 30 units; Science, 20 units; Physical Education, 20 units; and Visual and Performing Arts, 10 units. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement and Honors courses in areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Sciences. Two hundred and forty (240) total units are required for graduation. Our Discovery Department is available for students who have learning differences.

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

*Please note students are restricted to 3 AP/Honors courses per year or 4 by administrative approval.

**Offered as needed/requested

AP World History	AP French Language
AP U.S. History	AP Spanish Language
AP U.S. Government	AP Computer Science**
AP Psychology	AP Human Geography**
AP English Language	
AP English Literature	Honors Biology
AP Biology	Honors English 9, 10
AP Physics C**	Honors Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB	Honors French 3
AP Calculus BC	Honors Spanish 3
AP Chemistry	Honors Chemistry

Other Electives

Psychology	Choir
American Cinema as Literature Adv.	Performing Choir
Journalism	Drama
Advanced Journalism	Theatre Arts
Physiology	Orchestra
Biotechnology	Wood Design
Food and Nutritional Science	Ceramics
Physics	Studio Art
Physical Science	Commercial Art
Sports Medicine/Athletic Training	Computer Graphics
Personal Finance	Digital Game Design
Film and Media Production	Digital Photography

Academic Highlights and Test Score Results

Class of 2016 College Acceptances

97% of the students that applied to a 4-year university were accepted to one of their choices.

AP Exam Scores Passing Rate (score of 3 or higher):

*All Students in an AP class are required to take the exam.

In 2016, 303 AP exams were administered to 158 students

with 84% (133) earning a passing score of 3 or higher.

Examples of passing rates achieved:

Chemistry	88%	English Language	78%
World History	92%	French Language	100%
Calculus AB	79%	Spanish Language	100%
Calculus BC	87%	US History	93%

SAT Reasoning Results Class of 2015 (Due to the new SAT, 2016 results currently unavailable)

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total Score
Heritage	536	521	528	1585
State	495	511	484	1490

ACT Results: Class of 2016

	Heritage	State
English	23.8	22.1
Mathematics	24.0	22.7
Reading	23.9	22.9
Science	22.9	22.1
Composite	23.8	22.6

College Planning

HCS's college counselors provide individual counseling and financial aid/scholarship information for high school students. Counselors also provide workshops for parents/students to assist in college planning. Counselors and students utilize Naviance as a College Planning resource in grades 9 through 12. Counselors are available for college planning for students at all grade levels. The following is a list of some of the universities and colleges accepting Heritage Christian Students over the last few years.

Arizona Christian University	Dartmouth College	Scripps College
Arizona State University	Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University
Azusa Pacific University	Grand Canyon University	Texas Christian University
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	Tulane University
Biola University	Liberty University	University of California (all campuses)
Boise State University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Colorado
Boston College	The Master's College	University of La Verne
Boston University	New York University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
California Baptist University	Northern Arizona University	University of Notre Dame
California Lutheran University	Northeastern University	University of Oregon
California State University (all campuses)	Occidental College	University of the Pacific
Cal Poly Pomona	Ohio State University	University of San Diego
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Pennsylvania State University	University of San Francisco
Chapman University	Pepperdine University	University of Southern California
Claremont Colleges	Pomona College	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Point Loma University	Westmont College