

# PALMA SCHOOL

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## Academic Profile for SY 2021-2022

Established in 1951 by the Congregation of Christian Brothers, Palma School is a private, Catholic college-preparatory school for boys. Known internationally as educators, The Congregation of Christian Brothers was founded in 1802 by Brother Edmund Ignatius Rice. Palma has built itself a reputation as a leader in the development of the whole person and is one of the leading private secondary schools in the state of California. Students are accepted into Palma through a competitive application and testing process. Nearly 100% of our graduating seniors continue their education at some level of post-secondary education. Approximately 460 young men are currently enrolled at Palma School in grades 7-12.

**Palma Graduation Requirements** To graduate from Palma High School a student must complete a minimum of 240 credits within a four-year curriculum. Typically, classes are worth five credits per semester. Minimum requirements by subjects are as follows:

English..... 40 credits	Physical Education... 20 credits	Foreign Language..... 20 credits
Social Studies..... 30 credits	Theology ..... 40 credits	Fine Arts ..... 10 credits
Science..... 30 credits	Mathematics ..... 30 credits	Electives ..... 20 credits

### Palma’s Grading Scale and Weighted GPA/Ranking System

Grade	Percent	Col. Prep	Hnrs/AP	Grade	Percent	Col. Prep	Hnrs/AP	Grade	Percent	Col. Prep	Hnrs/AP
A+	97-100	4.0	5.0	B-	80-82	2.7	3.7	D	63-66	1.0	1.0
A	93-96	4.0	5.0	C+	77-79	2.3	3.3	D-	60-62	1.0	1.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.7	C	73-76	2.0	3.0	F	<60	0.0	0.0
B+	87-89	3.3	4.3	C-	70-72	1.7	2.7	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
B	83-86	3.0	4.0	D+	67-69	1.3	1.3	I	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Scholar Programs** Three Scholar programs have been designed to provide recognition for graduates who have met the following requirements: **STEM+** requires a A- grade or higher in: 1) AP Statistics and/or AP Calculus; 2) Java Programming Honors, CAD or Intro to Engineering; 3) two or more of AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1 and/or AP Physics 2;. It also requires a cumulative GPA of at least 4.0. **Excellence in the Humanities** requires a A- grade or higher in: 1) at least one of AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Studio Art, Jazz Ensemble, Advanced Senior Theology, Speech/Creative Writing or Another approved Humanities Elective; 2) All of the following AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government & Economics Honors, AP English Language and AP English Literature. It also requires a cumulative GPA of at least 4.0.

**Certified Bilingual** requires scoring 3 or higher on the AP Exam or at least 650 on the SAT subject exam or grade A- or higher in each of 6 semesters of a language and enrollment in the AP level of that language. In addition, a cumulative GPA of 4.0 in 8 semesters of English must be maintained.

### Average College Exam Scores for Graduating Class of 2021 (through June 2021)

S A T		<b>EBRW</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Palma</b>	595	571	1166
	<b>Top 25%</b>	686	698	1355
	<b>National</b>			
	<b>State</b>			

Due to COVID we cancelled our ACT testing for the class of 2021.

Only 32 students had the opportunity to take the SAT before all locations were closed.

### Honors and Advanced Placement Courses Available at Palma High School<sup>1</sup>

AP World History	English 4 Honors	AP Env. Science <sup>2</sup>	Chinese 2 Honors
AP European History <sup>2</sup>	AP English Literature	AP Statistics	Chinese 3 Honors
AP U.S. History	Algebra 1 Honors	AP Biology	AP Spanish Language
AP U.S. Government	Algebra 2 / Trig Honors	AP Physics 1	AP Chinese Language
Economics Honors	Geometry Honors	AP Physics 2 <sup>2</sup>	Italian 2 Honors <sup>2</sup>
English 1 Honors	Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Psychology	Italian 3 Honors
English 2 Honors	AP Calculus A/B	Chemistry Honors	AP Italian Language <sup>2</sup>
AP English Language	AP Calculus B/C	AP Chemistry	Spanish 2 Honors
			Spanish 3 Honors
			AP Spanish Language
			Java Programming Honors
			AP Studio Art <sup>2</sup>
			CAD
			Intro. to Engineering <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The above courses, and all other academic courses at Palma High School, meet University of California criteria for inclusion on the UC certified course list. The list includes courses that have been certified as fulfilling the "a-g" subject requirements for admission to the University of California and the California State University as a freshman.  
<sup>2</sup>These courses are not being taught this year due to insufficient enrollment.

*In 2021, 101 Palma students sat for a total of 236 Advanced Placement tests.*