



THE HARKER SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

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The School

From its early beginnings in 1893 – when Stanford University’s president assisted in its establishment – to its reputation today as a leading preparatory school with students attending prestigious universities worldwide, Harker’s mission has remained constant: to create an environment that promotes academic excellence, inspires intellectual curiosity, expects personal accountability and forever instills a genuine passion for learning. It is the largest TK-12, independent, coed school in California, with 1,975 students on four campuses.

Advanced Curriculum

Advanced Placement Courses

AP English Literature & Composition
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP European History
AP World History: Modern
AP Psychology
AP Economics - Micro & Macro
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Spanish Language & Culture

AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
AP Japanese Language & Culture
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP Latin
AP Chemistry*
AP Biology*
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C
Mechanics
Electricity & Magnetism

AP Environmental Science
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science with Data Structures
AP Art History
AP Music Theory
AP 2D Art & Design
AP 3D Art & Design
AP Drawing

** Students who enroll directly into AP Chemistry or AP Biology without previous study of that subject in high school are required to complete a summer course.*

Post-Advanced Placement Courses *These courses require completion of an AP course as a prerequisite.*

Advanced Topics in Computer Science:

Expert Systems
Computer Architecture
Compilers and Interpreters
Programming Languages
Numerical Methods
Neural Networks
Robot Kinematic Software

Honors Data Structures

Honors Multivariate Calculus
Honors Linear Algebra
Honors Differential Equations
Honors Discrete Mathematics
Honors Advanced Topics in Mathematics:
Information Theory I and II
Signals & Systems
Differential Equations II

Honors Advanced Topics in Economics:

Econometrics
Game Theory

Honors Advanced Latin Literature:

Lyric Poetry
Prose
Epic
Satire

Honors Art: Directed Portfolio

Electives (partial list)

Civics
Intro to Ethnic Studies
Intro to Social Justice
Psychology
Social Psychology
Latin American History
Intro to Women’s and Gender Studies
World Religions and Philosophy
Honors Modern International Affairs
Acting for the Camera
Dance Composition
Behavioral Economics
Honors Entrepreneurship: Startup Incubator I & II

Honors Corporate Finance
Honors Venture Capital
Kinesiology and Sports Medicine
Astronomy
Biotechnology
Honors Calculus C with Multivariable Calc
Honors Advanced Research
Forensic Science
Biomedical Ethics
Engineering
Electronics
Honors Analytical Chemistry
Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Nanoscience

Seminar in Modern Physics
Study of Organic Chemistry
Honors Systems Science
Chemistry for Sustainable Living
Robotics Principles: Hardware
Honors Contemporary Japanese
Honors Advanced Spanish
Lit and Film of the Spanish Speaking World
The Latin American Short Story
Honors Advanced French
French Literature & Film
French Prose

Facts and Figures

The Class of 2024

200 Students

4.15 Mean GPA after six semesters

54 National Merit Semifinalists

64% National Merit Recognized

Advanced Placement Exams

In 2023, 617 students took 1,793 AP exams.

Scores of 4 and 5: 91%; scores of 3, 4 or 5: 97%.

Tests Scores for the Classes of 2021-2023

(ACT takers=132; SAT takers=483)

Test	Mean
ACT Composite	33
SAT EBRW	737
SAT Math	762

COVID-19 Update for the Class of 2024

Members of Harker's Class of 2024 were in remote learning for grade 9. They returned to full in-person learning for grade 10. Harker made no significant changes to our calendar, grading system, instruction time or academic requirements during remote learning.

GPA/Rank In Class

All courses except P.E. are included in a student's grade point average. A student's overall GPA is a cumulative average and includes only courses taken at The Harker School. An additional .5 grade point is added for honors and Advanced Placement courses. **Harker does not rank students.**

John Near/Mitra Family Scholar Grant Program

The scholar grant programs allow select senior students the opportunity to pursue independent yearlong research on a topic of choice in the humanities. Each grant recipient receives monies to offset research costs, allowing students to pursue off-site research at libraries, private collections and museums. Award recipients work closely with faculty mentors over the course of the year to produce a university-level research paper.

Economics Research Scholar Program

The scholar program provides select senior students the opportunity to perform original research on a topic of choice in economics. The research culminates with an undergraduate-level research paper and a presentation of findings at Harker's annual BECon conference.

The Harker Conservatory Certificate Program

The upper school performing arts department offers a certificate program to dedicated artists. Students are guided through a four-year program in six disciplines, with special emphasis in the discipline of the student's choice. Most Conservatory requirements do not appear on the transcript.

Discipline Policy

Harker expects that students will be truthful in reporting disciplinary history when asked by a college or university. The College Counseling Office does not automatically report Code of Conduct violations to the colleges but will respond to any direct inquiries from a college admission office regarding an applicant's discipline record.