



SAN DIEGO

# Jewish Academy

K-12 / College Preparatory School  
San Diego, California

# Fast Facts



Established in 1979



Religion: Jewish



Accepting: 9-11th grade students



Enrollment Period: Fall



Student Body: 537 (K-12); 164 (9-12)



Student-teacher Ratio: 1:17



AP and Honors Courses Offered: 32



Sports offered: 14



Average Class Size: 15



International Student Body: 5



Mean SAT Score: 1300



English Requirement: TOEFL 80+ or iTEP 4.0+

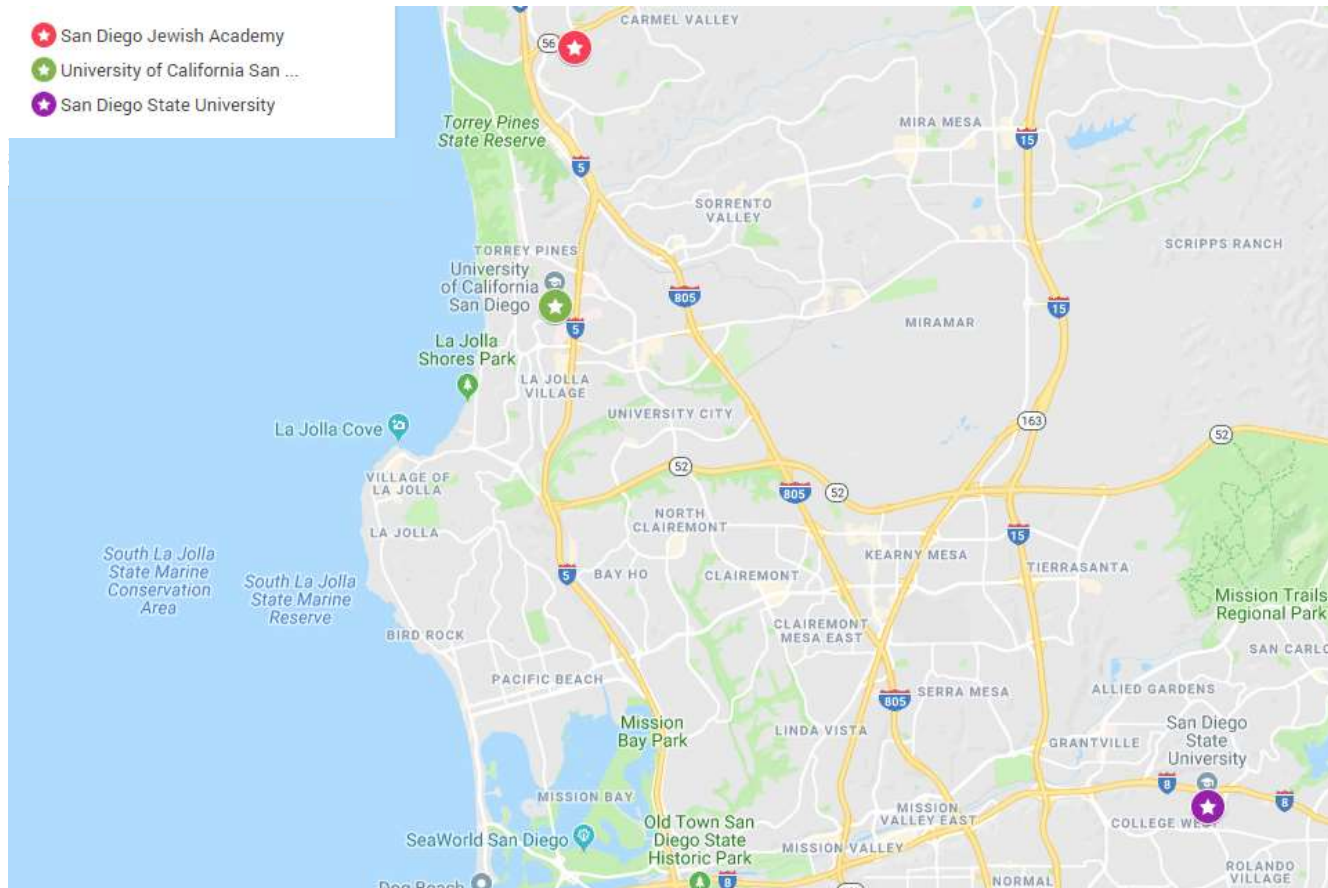
# City of San Diego



San Diego is a city located on the Pacific coast of southern California, it is the second-largest city in California. According to U.S. News Travel, San Diego is regarded as a safe city, especially compared to other big cities. Its famous beaches and warm climate also made San Diego one of the top destinations for vacation. Besides the perfect geographic environment, San Diego is also home to many renown universities such as University of California, San Diego, San Diego University, and San Diego State University, and tech companies.



# School Location



San Diego Jewish Academy is located in a suburban community in the north-western corner of San Diego.

## Nearby Airports

San Diego International Airport (Code: SAN)  
Los Angeles International Airport (Code: LAX)

## Nearby Universities

University of California, San Diego  
University of San Diego  
San Diego State University

# NICHE Ranking

#12 in Best Jewish Schools in America



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**A+** Overall Grade • Private, Jewish • PK, K-12 • SAN DIEGO, CA • ★★★★★ 29 reviews

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# Campus and Facilities



San Diego Jewish Academy sits on a state-of-the-art campus surrounded by 52 acres of land. Besides the classroom buildings, the campus includes a 19-sq-ft-Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking (CIET), which allows the school to provide different academic and extracurricular activities for students. On the other side of the campus, there are two indoor gyms, a soccer field, a hockey field, a baseball/softball field, tennis fields, etc. that provides opportunities for students' different interest in sports.



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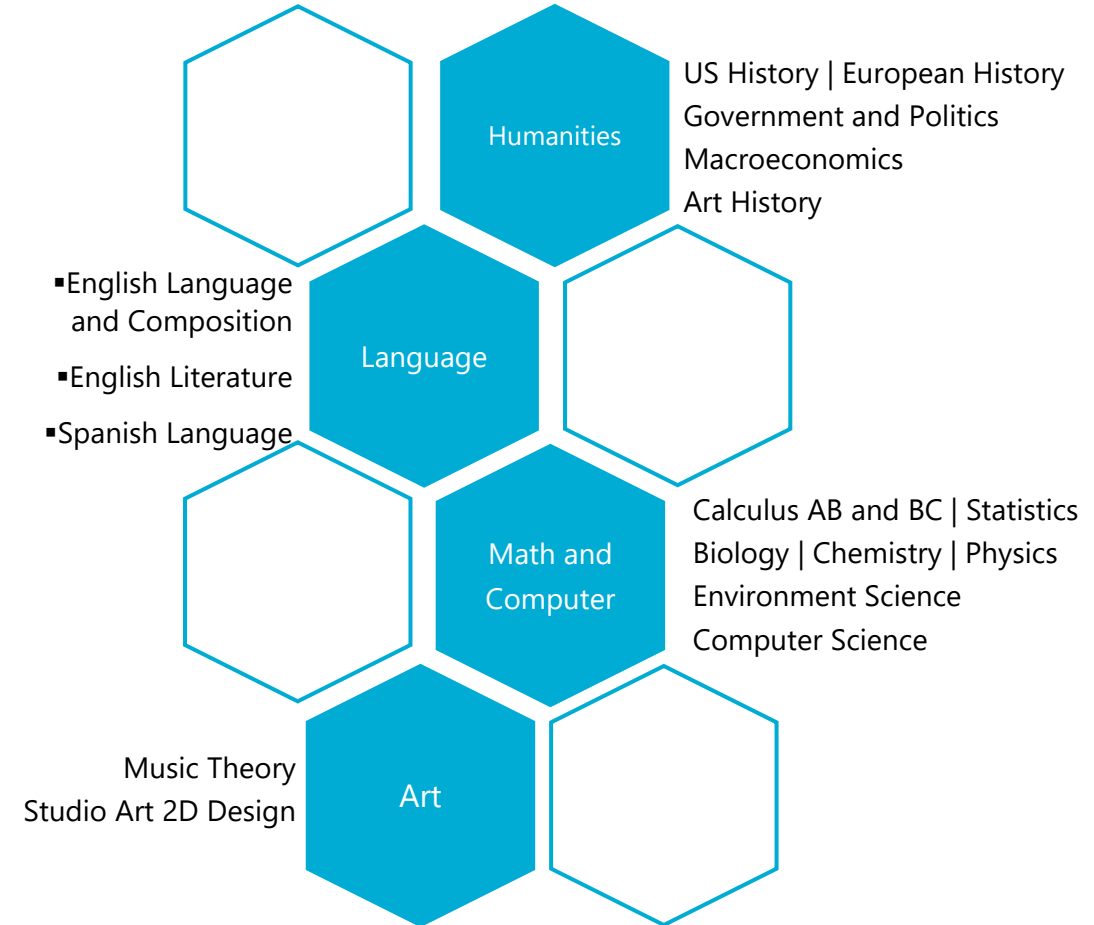
# Curriculum

## Regular and Honors Courses:

- ❖ Visual and Performing Arts
  - Ceramics/3D Design
  - Visual Art
  - Photography and Video Production
  - Improv Theater
  - Drama Production
  - Music Technology and Composition
  - High School Music/Advanced Music
- ❖ Humanities
  - 9, 10 Grade Humanities (English and History)\*
  - United States History
  - Contemporary Writing
  - World Literature
  - American Jewish Literature and Culture
  - Government
- ❖ World Languages
  - Hebrew 1-9/10H\*
  - Spanish 1-4
  - 9 other languages through online program
- ❖ Practical Arts
  - Journalism
  - Yearbook and Magazine
- ❖ Math and Computer Science
  - Algebra I/II\*
  - Geometry\*
  - Precalculus
  - Statistics
  - Calculus
  - Introduction to Website Design and Development
- ❖ Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics/Engineering
  - Introduction to Engineering
  - Marine Science
  - Anatomy and Physiology
  - Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
  - Independent Science Research
- ❖ 20 Judaic Studies\*

\*offered in honors

## Advance Placement Courses:





# Athletics



Fall



- Boys and Women's Cross-Country
- Football
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball



Winter



- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Cheer



Spring



- Baseball
- Golf
- Track and Field
- Girls Tennis

There are 14 varsity sports teams at San Diego Jewish Academy. In 2018, women's tennis team earned it's first ever Pacific League banner. The team had an outstanding season, playing a rigorous 17 game schedule and posting an overall record of 16-1.

# Student Life

The Maimonides Upper School (MUS) of San Diego Jewish Academy offers a variety of extra-curricular activities that includes an active Student Government, and clubs for both middle and high school students.

Current student club includes:

- **Robotics**
- Chess
- Helping Hearts (community services)
- Dancing
- Foreign Film Lovers
- Culture Food
- Kindness Committee
- Fashion
- Friendship Circle
- Photography
- Israel Club
- And more

At the end of every year, all student clubs are dissolved. At the start of the new school year, students have the flexibility to form a club to pursue their interests.



## Robotics

*In 2018, SDJA hosted a FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Competition. FIRST Tech Challenge teams, including 10+ members from grade 7 to 12, are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format. Participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have!" The SDJA team have traveled to Los Angeles to compete over the past years.*



# School Highlights

## Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking

San Diego Jewish Academy is known for providing students with an opportunity to connect with community leaders. Through the help of the community leaders and SDJA's robust co-curricular activities, students have the opportunity to enhance their science and math skills both inside and outside the classrooms.



One of the highlights of SDJA's strategic innovation is the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking (CIET). The CIET program provides students with more opportunities to explore technological innovations and entrepreneurial approaches through problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Through coursework and external connections with Israel, collaborations with local universities, incubators and global businesses, students in the CIET program will develop skills that will prepare them for collegiate studies and the complexities of the modern global economy.

# School Highlights

## The Ability to self-reflect and evaluate

SDJA believes that allowing students to take time to reflect and evaluate their learning process is fundamental to teaching them to be critical thinkers, competitive in the 21st century. This concept is incorporated in SDJA's curricular by allowing students to take 60 minutes for two days per week, to reflect on what they've learned, ask for help from teachers, and provide an arena where students learn to manage their own time.

These are the essential skills that are needed to either enter into a university or compete in a global market.



# School Highlights

## International Student Program

The school's supportive atmosphere, modern facility, and experienced staff and teachers offers international students a solid foundation for success and the tools they need to excel beyond graduation. In order to help new international students transition into a new school, each new international student is paired with an American ambassador. These ambassadors are the new students' resource for any questions they have.

Although part of the graduation requirement is to complete four years of Judaic Studies, only two years is required of international students. It is not a requirement for international students to become Jewish, but they hope this can be an opportunity for international students to learn about a new culture and to exchange experience. In 2018, SDJA hosted a short event during lunch to celebrate the Lunar New Year.



# Colleges and Universities

At SDJA, college counseling is grounded in introspection. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students meet informally with the Dean of Academic Affairs to discuss academic counseling. Formal college counseling begins in the junior year with a meeting going over the college selection and the application process, followed by counseling classes and individual meetings with students and parents throughout the school year.

## Attended by Classes of 2015–2022:

American University	New York University	Sonoma State University	University of Chicago
Babson College	Northeastern University	Southern Methodist University	University of Cincinnati
Bentley University	Occidental College	Stanford University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Boston University	Oklahoma City University	Suffolk University	University of Denver
Bowdoin College	Oregon State University	Swiss Hotel Management School	University of Kansas
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Pace University, New York City	Syracuse University	University of La Verne
California State University	Pace University, Westchester Campus	The George Washington University	University of Louisville
Chapman University	Palomar College	The New School	University of Maryland, College Park
Emory University	Pennsylvania State University	The University of Alabama	University of Miami
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising*	Pomona College	The University of Arizona	University of Michigan
George Washington University	Reed College	Tufts University	University of Oregon
Imperial College London	Rhode Island School of Design	Tulane University	University of Pennsylvania
John Cabot University	Rutgers University–New Brunswick	Universidad Iberoamericana	University of Redlands
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	San Diego Mesa College	University of California, Berkeley	University of Rochester
King's College London*	San Diego State University	University of California, Davis	University of San Diego
Les Roches University	Santa Barbara City College	University of California, Irvine	University of San Francisco
Loyola Marymount University	Santa Monica College	University of California, Los Angeles	University of Southern California
Muhlenberg College	School of Visual Arts	University of California, Riverside	University of Sydney
	Simmons College	University of California, San Diego	University of Wisconsin, Madison
		University of California, Santa Barbara	Yale University



# Required Application Materials



## Application Materials:

- Application
- Recommendation Letter (from school administrator, English and Math Teachers)
- Transcripts (Middle and high school)
- Bank Statement
- Proof of TOEFL 80+ or iTEP 4.0+
- Immunization record
- An interview with the school



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