



7-12 / College Preparatory School  
San Diego, California

# Fast Facts



Established in 2007



Religion: None



Accepting: 9–10<sup>th</sup> grade students



Enrollment Period: Fall



Student Body: 635 (7-12)



Student-teacher Ratio: 1:7



AP and Honors Courses offered: 38



Sports offered: 24



Average Class Size: 15



International Student Body: 6



Mean SAT Score: 1250-1430



English Requirement: TOEFL 80+ or SSAT 2000+

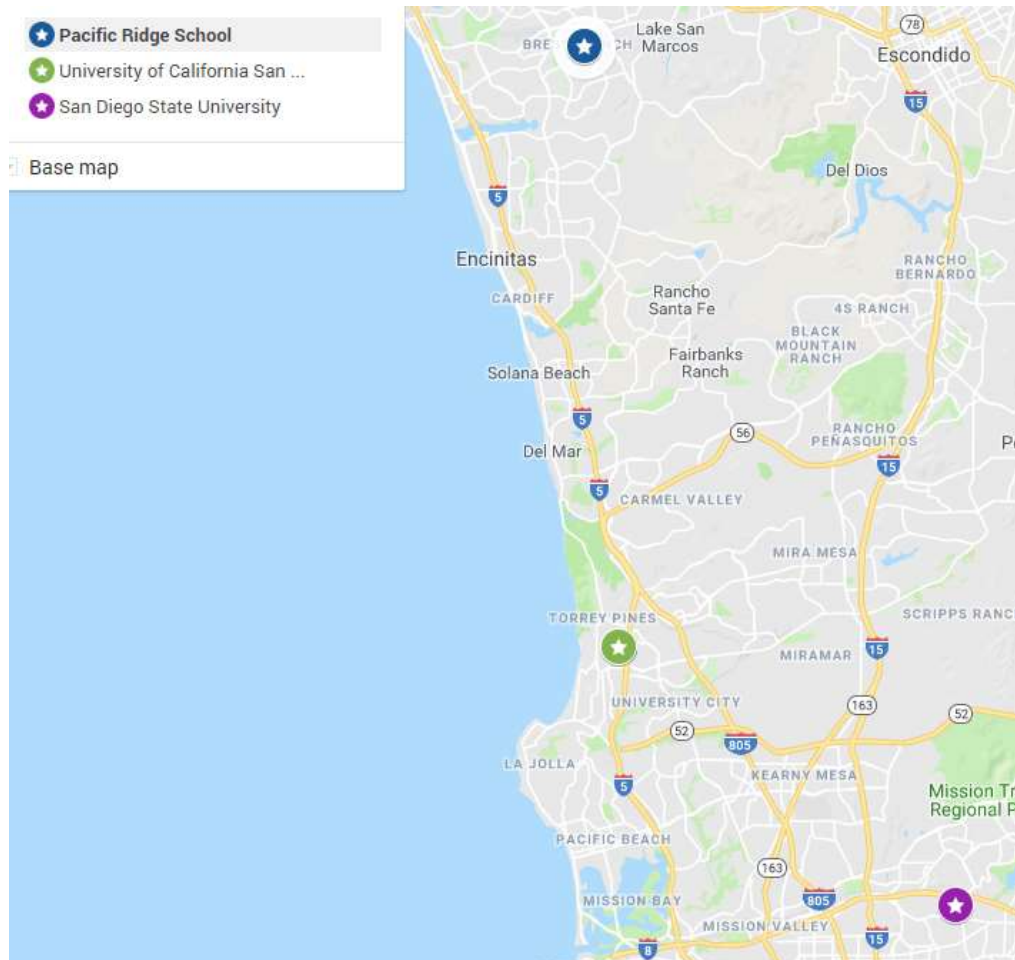
# City of San Diego



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



**Pacific Ridge School** is located in a city north of San Diego called Carlsbad. Carlsbad is known as “the Village by the Sea” and is home to many top technology companies.

## 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

#3 in Best High Schools for STEM in San Diego Area

The screenshot shows the Niche profile for Pacific Ridge School. At the top, there is a banner image of students in blue shirts. Below the banner, the school is identified as a 'PRIVATE SCHOOL'. The main header includes the school name 'Pacific Ridge School' with a verified checkmark, followed by its ranking: '#4 in Best Private High Schools in San Diego Area'. Below this, it lists the overall grade as 'A+', school type as 'Private', grades as '6-12', location as 'CARLSBAD, CA', and '146 reviews'. On the right side of the header, there are buttons for 'Add to List', 'Apply Now', and 'Virtual Tour'. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: 'COVID-19 Update', 'Report Card', 'About', 'Applying', 'Tuition', 'From the School', 'Upcoming Events', 'Rankings', 'Academics', 'Academic Spotlight', and 'Culture & Safety'. The main content area features a 'COVID-19 Update for Prospective Students and Families' box with a bell icon, stating the school is fully open and providing contact information for admissions. Below this is a section for 'Overall Niche Grade' showing an 'A+' and a list of category grades: Academics (A+), Teachers (A+), Clubs & Activities (A+), Diversity (A-), College Prep (A+), and Sports (B-). A link for 'How are grades calculated? Data Sources' is also present.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

**Pacific Ridge School** ✓

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**COVID-19 Update for Prospective Students and Families:** Pacific Ridge School is fully open with all students in grades 6-12 on campus. Masks are required for indoor spaces. Families are welcome to schedule a personal, on-campus tour or attend an upcoming event. Please email [admissions@pacificridge.org](mailto:admissions@pacificridge.org) or call 760.579.4901 to speak with a member of the Admissions team. [Learn More](#)

**Overall Niche Grade** A+

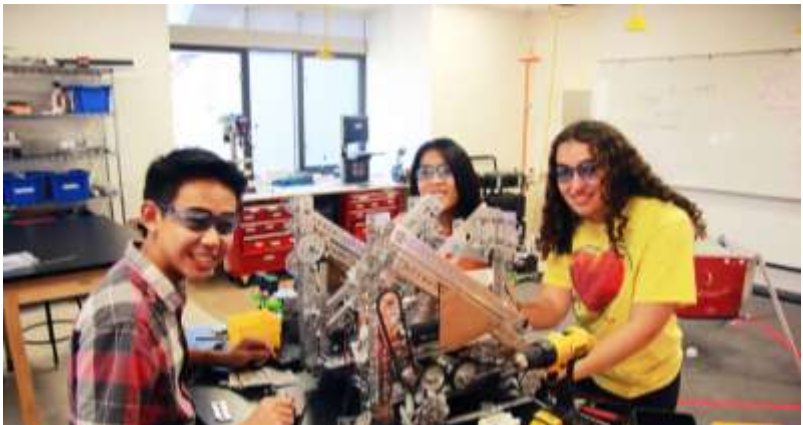
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A+	Academics	A-	Diversity
A+	Teachers	A+	College Prep
A+	Clubs & Activities	B-	Sports

# Campus and Facilities



Pacific Ridge School has a beautiful state-of-the-art campus in Carlsbad's Bressi Ranch. The 14.5-acre campus consists of a middle school building, high school building, arts and technology center, library, athletic center and artificial turf field. PRS has one of the most advanced and beautiful school facilities in San Diego.



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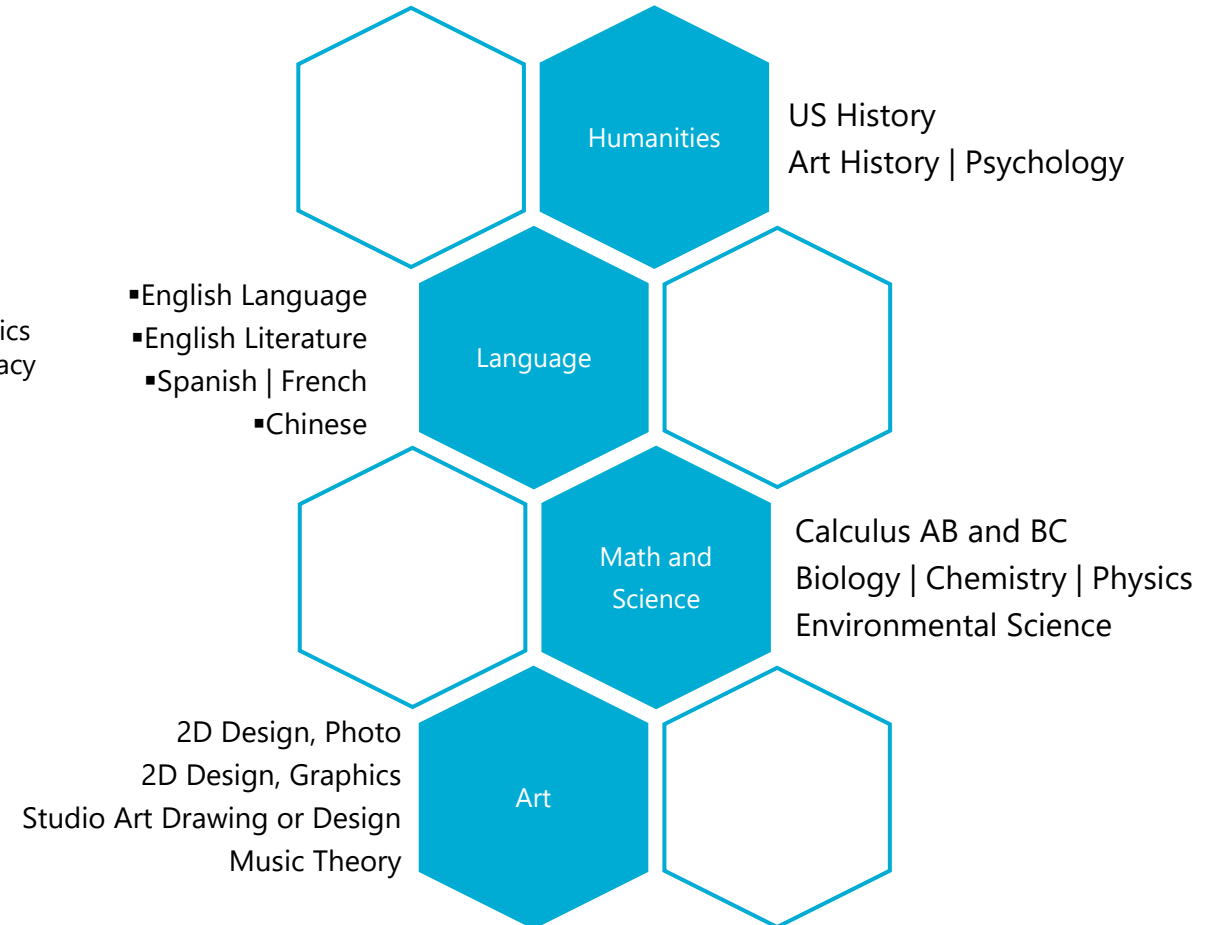
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# Curriculum

## Regular and Honors Courses:

- ❖ Visual and Performing Art
  - Dance I – IV
  - Digital Filmmaking
  - Digital Photography
  - Graphic Design
  - Jazz Rock Music Ensemble\*
  - Vocal Ensemble\*
  - Orchestra\*
  - Digital Music Production
  - Theater Arts\*
  - Designing for the Theater
  - Visual Arts (2D or 3D)\*
  - Yearbook
  - Prototyping: 3D Digital Design and Printing
- ❖ Math and Electives
  - Algebra I, II w/ Trig\*
  - Geometry\*
  - Precalculus\*
  - Statistics
  - Calculus
  - Discrete Math
  - Financial Literacy
  - History of Math
  - Programming
  - Robotics
  - Video Game Design
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Zombiology
- ❖ Humanities
  - English 9, 10
  - Rhetoric
  - American Literature\*
  - World Literature\*
  - Genre Studies
  - Women in Literature
  - Ancient World History
  - Modern World History
  - American History
  - American Government and Politics
  - Middle East History and Diplomacy
  - Post-Colonial Africa
  - Theory of Knowledge
  - Economics
- ❖ World Language
  - Spanish\*
  - French\*
  - Chinese\*
- ❖ Science
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics\*
  - Environmental Science\*
  - Anatomy & Physiology
  - Marine Biology

## Advance Placement Courses:





# Athletics



Fall



- Coed Cross Country
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball
- Coed Water Polo
- Boys Beach Volleyball
- Coed Surf Club
- Coed Water Polo



Winter



- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Ice Hockey Club
- Coed Surf Club



Spring



- Boys Lacrosse
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Volleyball
- Coed Baseball
- Coed Golf
- Coed Track & Field
- Girls Beach Volleyball
- Girls Lacrosse

Pacific Ridge School offers 22 sports, including club sports such as surfing, ice hockey, etc. PRS also competes in the California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section (CIF). PRS celebrates the multi-sport athlete and encourage students to try out different sports.

# School Highlights

## Harkness Learning

Instead of sitting at rows of desks facing a blackboard, Pacific Ridge students sit with their teacher around a large, oval table. Students listen, ask questions, and learn from the teacher and from each other. The Harkness teaching method fosters the development of critical thinking skills and provides a supportive academic forum in which students can express their ideas.



## Innovation

Innovation at PRS is an extension of the Harkness philosophy. The curricular project and STEAM initiatives apply creative thinking and emphasize design with projects so that students can imagine a variety of ways to use STEAM skills into adulthood.

Learning meaningful, modern skills and understanding how to harness them not only prepares students for the future world, but empowers them to shape that world.



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## Service Learning and Global Education

Beyond campus, students participate locally and globally in year-long service learning programs, integrating community service with instruction and reflection.

Through meaningful year-end global travel programs, students begin to see themselves in relation to the world. PRS also combines classes and service learning with the Global Education Program. For example, students can learn about Africa in Post-Colonial Africa and travel to South Africa at the end of school year to see it themselves.

So far, the students and faculties have traveled to more than 50 countries around the world and the list is still growing!



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## College Guidance

The College Guidance team supports students every step of the way, from the moment they start to think about college, through the college application process, to the decision-making process after college acceptances are received.

Each year, over 120 college admission officers visit Pacific Ridge School to recruit students.

Service Learning, clubs, and global travel programs weave an educational tapestry in which students stretch themselves in positive and revealing ways. Graduates are prepared and eager to go on to college, to consider careers, to engage in the world.



# College and Universities

Attended by Classes of 2019–2022:

## NORTHEAST

Babson College  
Bard College  
Bernard College  
Bentley University\*  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College\*  
Boston University\*  
Brown University\*  
Colgate University  
College of Holy Cross  
Columbia University\*  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Emerson College\*  
Fordham University\*  
Harvard College\*  
Mannes School of Music  
Middlebury College  
The New School\*  
New York University\*  
Northeastern University\*  
Pace University\*  
Parsons School of Design\*  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Springfield College  
Syracuse University\*  
Tufts University\*  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Rhode Island  
Utica University  
Vassar College  
Wesleyan University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*  
Yale University\*

## MID-ATLANTIC

American University\*  
Bryn Mawr College  
Carnegie Mellon University\*  
Drexel University\*  
Duquesne University  
George Washington University\*  
Georgetown University  
Johns Hopkins University\*  
University of Pennsylvania  
Villanova University  
Washington & Lee University

## SOUTH/SOUTHEAST

Auburn University\*  
Belmont University  
Duke University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Louisiana State University  
Rice University  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
Southern Methodist University\*  
Texas Christian University\*  
Tulane University  
University of Miami\*  
University of Mississippi  
University of Texas, Austin  
Wake Forest University

## MID-WEST

Augustana College  
Bradley University\*  
Carleton College  
Indiana University, Bloomington\*  
Lake Forest College  
Marquette University  
Miami University of Ohio\*  
Northwestern University\*  
The University of Oklahoma  
Purdue University\*  
St. Olaf College  
The Ohio State University\*  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign\*  
University of Michigan\*  
University of Notre Dame  
Washington University in St. Louis\*

## WEST / MOUNTAIN

Arizona Christian University  
Arizona State University\*  
Brigham Young University, Idaho  
Brigham Young University, Provo  
Regis University  
The University of Arizona\*  
University of Colorado, Boulder\*  
University of Denver\*  
University of Hawaii at Mānoa  
University of Utah\*

## CALIFORNIA

ArtCenter College of Design  
California Institute of Technology\*  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo\*  
CSU Long Beach  
Chapman University\*  
Harvey Mudd College  
Loyola Marymount University\*  
Mira Costa College\*  
Palomar College  
Pepperdine University\*  
Pitzer College\*  
Pomona College\*  
San Diego State University\*  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University\*  
Santa Monica College\*  
Scripps College\*  
Sonoma State University  
St. Mary's College of California  
Stanford University\*  
UC Berkeley\*  
UC Davis\*  
UC Irvine\*  
UC Los Angeles\*  
UC San Diego\*  
UC Santa Barbara\*  
UC Santa Cruz\*  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego\*  
University of San Francisco\*  
University of Southern California\*  
Westmont College

## PACIFIC & NORTHWEST

Gonzaga University  
Lewis and Clark College  
Seattle University\*  
University of Oregon\*  
University of Washington\*

## INTERNATIONAL

The American University of Paris (FR)  
New York University Shanghai (CH)\*  
Regent's University London (UK)  
Sciences Po - Columbia University  
Trinity University - Columbia University (IRE)  
University of British Columbia, Okanagan\*  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver\*  
University of Toronto (CA)



# 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 SSAT 2000+
- Immunization record
- An interview with the school



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