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Accreditation

Western Association of Schools
and Colleges

Western Catholic Educational
Association

California Association of
Independent Schools

Mission Statement

Bishop Diego is an independent Catholic co-educational secondary school that welcomes students of all faiths and provides them with the spiritual, personal, and intellectual knowledge to meet the enduring challenge of realizing their God-given potential in a multi-cultural society.

SCHOOL PROFILE

(2025-2026)

About Us

Bishop High School provides a rigorous college preparatory program for young men and women in grades 9-12. Bishop combines the rich heritage of two predecessor schools, Dolores School, which opened in 1914 and Catholic High School, which opened in 1940. The school relocated in 1959 and was renamed in honor of Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno, the first bishop of California. Bishop is independently operated and is governed by a Board of Trustees.

The school serves the diverse community of Santa Barbara County (population 446,499) and is located near downtown Santa Barbara, with access to many cultural, educational, and recreational activities.

262

Students

88

Members of the
Class of 2026

1 TO 10

Teacher to
Student Ratio

16

Average Class
Size

100%

College
Acceptance Rate

20

Sports Offered

Student Demographics

Asian	4%
Black	2%
Hispanic/Latino	24%
Multiracial	15%
Pacific Islander	5%
White	30%
Decline to State	20%

Curriculum

The school is proud to offer a diverse, challenging, and rigorous college preparatory curriculum that allows students to individualize their course of study and meet their objectives, needs, and interests.

The exceptional Bishop faculty is comprised of 28 teachers, including 3 alumni. Over 75% have advanced degrees.

Grading System

Calculated on a 4.0 scale each semester using all letter grades. Bishop Diego High School does not rank students.

A+	*4.33
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	0.67
F	0

Class of 2026 GPA Distribution

GPA	# of Students
4.5+	11
4.0-4.49	21
3.5-3.99	27
3.0-3.49	21
Below 2.99	8

*Beginning with the Class of 2029, grades of A+ and A will both be weighted as a 4.0.

Graduation Requirements

Theology.....4 Years
English.....4 Years
Math.....4 Years
History.....3 Years
Science.....2 Years
LOTE.....2 Years
Fine Arts.....1 Year
PE or Athletics.....1 Year
Technology.....1 Year

Students are also required to complete **100** community service hours in order to graduate.

2025 AP Exam Data

AP Exam	Pass Rate
2-D Art and Design	100%
3-D Art and Design	40%
Calculus AB	58%
Calculus BC	100%
Chemistry	100%
Computer Science A	100%
English Language and Composition	100%
English Literature and Composition	100%
Human Geography	100%
Physics 1	100%
Psychology	61%
Spanish Language and Culture	100%
United States Government and Politics	100%
United States History	90%

Other Information

Bishop Diego had an 89% **AP exam pass rate** overall in 2025. All students who enroll in an AP course at Bishop Diego **are required to sit for the AP exam**. 179 Advanced Placement exams were administered to 95 students in 2025. AP enrollment is contingent on teacher approval or academic petition.

Matriculation

- 80% of the Class of 2025 applied to 4-year institutions
- 100% of those who applied were accepted
- **97%** of the Class of 2025 matriculated to college:
 - 73% enrolled in 4-year institutions
 - 24% chose the Santa Barbara Promise to attend 2-year college free of cost
 - 1 enlisted in the US Navy & 1 is attending trade school

Activities

Students are encouraged to be involved members of the school community by participating in a variety of clubs and activities. Bishop’s campus supports students to develop leadership skills that will enable them to be of service to others and to adopt productive roles in their families and communities. Co-curricular offerings include:

- 20 interscholastic sports in which over 80% of the student body participate
- National Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- California Scholarship Federation
- STEAM Society
- Music Ministry
- Mock Trial
- Student-run Clubs
- Peer tutoring

AP Courses*

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry (Not offered in 25-26)
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Government & Politics (US)
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology (Not offered in 25-26)
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP United States History
AP Physics 1
AP 2D Studio Art (Not offered 25-26)
AP 3D Studio Art (Not offered 25-26)
AP Music Theory
AP Computer Science Principles

Honors Courses*

(H) American Lit (Not offered 25-26)
(H) English 9
(H) English 10
(H) Geometry
(H) Algebra II/Trigonometry
(H) Statistics
(H) Pre-Calculus
(H) Calculus (Not offered in 25-26)
(H) Chemistry
(H) World History
(H) Spanish 1-2 for Spanish Speakers
(H) Spanish 2
(H) Spanish 3
(H) Mandarin 2, 3, and 4 (Not offered in 25-26)

Sample Electives

Campus Ministry (*competitive leadership course requiring application, interview and selection*)
Journalism
Mock Trial
Introduction to Screenwriting & Film
Astronomy
Environmental Science
Forensic Science
Ceramics
Painting
Graphic Art
Advanced Graphic Art/Yearbook
Intermediate Multimedia/BDTV
Acting
Intro & Advanced Digital Sound Production
Associated Student Body

*Additional course weight applied.

Bishop Diego adheres to the time-honored Catholic tradition of educating the whole individual by providing a solid four-year college preparatory curriculum while stressing the importance of faith and service to others.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

(2021-2025)

Abilene Christian University	Durham University	Pennsylvania State University (3)	University of California, San Diego (16)
American University (2)	Eastern Nazarene College	Pennsylvania State University, Behrend	University of California, Santa Barbara (14)
Angelo State University	Eastern New Mexico	Pepperdine University (9)	University of Charleston, Santa Cruz (25)
Arizona Christian University (3)	Eastern Washington University	Pitzer University	University of Central Oklahoma
Arizona State University (26)	Elmhurst University	Point Loma Nazarene University (3)	University of Cincinnati
Auburn University (4)	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach	Portland State University	University of Colorado, Boulder (27)
Austin College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott (2)	Pratt Institute	University of Colorado, Denver
Ave Maria University	Emerson College (5)	Providence College	University of Dayton
Bard University	Emory University	Purdue University (3)	University of Denver (6)
Bates College	Florida Atlantic University	Randolf-Macon College	University of Florida (3)
Baylor University (20)	Florida Gulf Coast University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Georgia
Belmont University (4)	Florida Institute of Technology	Ripon College	University of Hawaii at Manoa (3)
Benedictine College	Fordham University (6)	Rivier University	University of Houston
Bentley University	Fort Lewis University	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of Idaho (3)
Bethel University	George Fox University (2)	Rutgers University	University of Iowa
Biola University (2)	George Washington University (2)	Sacramento State University (18)	University of Kansas (2)
Black Hills State University	Georgia State University	Saint Edward's University	University of La Verne (6)
Boise State University (22)	Gettysburg College	Saint Mary's College of California (8)	University of Maine
Boston College	Gonzaga University (9)	San Diego State University (16)	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Boston University	Grand Canyon University (6)	San Francisco State University (9)	University of Memphis
California Baptist University (8)	Hawai'i Pacific University (3)	San Jose State University (19)	University of Miami (4)
California Institute of Technology	Hult International Business School, Boston	Santa Clara University (12)	University of Michigan
California Lutheran University (29)	Idaho State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (27)	Indiana University, Bloomington (2)	Seattle Pacific University (3)	University of Mississippi (5)
California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt (9)	Iowa Wesleyan University	Seattle University (4)	University of Missouri, Columbia (4)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (15)	Ithaca College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Montana (3)
California State University, Channel Islands (15)	Jacksonville State University (2)	Simpson University (2)	University of Nebraska (2)
California State University, Chico (23)	James Madison University	Skidmore College (2)	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
California State University, Dominguez Hills (2)	John Carroll University	Sonoma State University (5)	University of Nevada, Reno (3)
California State University, East Bay	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	Southern Methodist University (14)	University of New Mexico
California State University, Fresno (9)	Juniata College	Southern Utah University	University of North Texas
California State University, Fullerton (9)	Kansas State University (3)	Stanford University	University of Northern Colorado
California State University, Long Beach (21)	Kean University	Stetson University (2)	University of North Dakota
California State University, Los Angeles (5)	Kent State University	Stony Brook University	University of Notre Dame
California State University, Maritime Academy (2)	Knox College	St. John's College, Annapolis	University of Oregon (27)
California State University, Monterey Bay (9)	La Sierra University	St. John's University, New York	University of Portland
California State University, Northridge (13)	Lehigh University (2)	St. Mary's University	University of Puget Sound (6)
California State University, Sacramento (20)	Lewis & Clark College (8)	Suffolk University	University of Redlands (4)
California State University, San Bernardino	Linfield College (4)	Swiss Hotel Management School	University of Richmond
California State University, San Marcos (13)	Louisiana State University (4)	Syracuse University (5)	University of Rochester
Carroll College (2)	Loyola Marymount University (24)	Tennessee State University	University of San Diego (33)
Case Western Reserve University (2)	Loyola University Chicago (2)	Texas A&M University	University of San Francisco (12)
Central Washington University (2)	Lynn University	Texas Christian University (10)	University of Saint Mary
Chapman University (18)	Manhattan College	Texas Tech University	University of Southern California (5)
Clemson University (9)	Marist College (3)	Texas Wesleyan University (2)	University of South Carolina (4)
Colgate University	Marquette Manhattan College (2)	The Catholic University of America (3)	University of St Andrews
College of St. Benedict (2)	McGill University	The College of Idaho	University of Tennessee, Knoxville (4)
Colorado School of Mines (2)	Metropolitan State University	The College of William and Mary (3)	University of Texas at El Paso (3)
Colorado State University (16)	Miami University (2)	The New School	University of the Pacific (3)
Colorado State University, Pueblo (2)	Michigan State (2)	The Ohio State University	University of Tulsa (2)
Columbia College, Chicago	Mid-America Christian University	The University of Alabama (6)	University of Utah (13)
Concordia University, Irvine (4)	Minnesota State University, Mankato (2)	The University of Arizona (29)	University of Vermont (3)
Creighton University	Montana State University (14)	The University of Edinburgh	University of Washington (2)
Culinary Institute of America	Montclair State University	The University of Manchester	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Culver-Stockton College	Morehead State University	The University of North Carolina at Asheville (2)	University of Wyoming (3)
Dartmouth University	Mount St. Mary's University (3)	The University of Nottingham	Utah State University (6)
DePaul University (4)	New York Institute of Technology	The University of Tampa (6)	Villanova University (2)
DePauw University	New York University (2)	Trevecca Nazarene University	Washington State University (2)
Dominican University of California (2)	New York University, Abu Dhabi	Trinity University	Washington and Lee University
Drexel University (2)	Northeastern University (2)	United States Air Force Academy	Weber State University
	Northern Arizona University (19)	United States Coast Guard Academy	Westcliff University
	Northern Vermont University	University of Bristol	Western Washington University
	Northwest Nazarene University	University of California, Berkeley (6)	Westmont College (25)
	Nova Southeastern University	University of California, Davis (21)	Whitman College
	Occidental College	University of California, Irvine (2)	Whittier College (3)
	Ohio Northern University	University of California, Los Angeles (11)	Whitworth University (5)
	Ohio University	University of California, Merced (10)	Willamette University (5)
	Oklahoma State University (2)	University of California, Riverside (15)	Winthrop University
	Oregon State University (23)		Woodbury University
	Oregon Technological Institute (3)		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
	Pace University		
	Pacific Lutheran University (3)		
	Pacific University (5)		