



WILSON CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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A California Distinguished School

Wilson Parent-Student Information Night: Thursday, December 3, 2009 -- 6:00 p.m. -- Auditorium

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Wilson Classical High School opened its doors in 1926. Wilson is a public four-year comprehensive high school that features a rigorous academic program for all students with high expectations for behavior and attendance. The program is designed to provide all students with the academic preparation needed for college and careers. Newsweek magazine's June, 2009 ranking of "America's Best High Schools" lists Wilson among the top six percent of U.S. high schools. Schools ranked by Newsweek have the greatest number of students taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests, compared to the number of graduating seniors. In addition, Wilson Classical High School is one of only 16 schools nationwide recognized in the College Board's fifth annual AP Report to the nation for increasing access to Advanced Placement among traditionally underserved students. Wilson Classical High School was named a California Distinguished School in 2001 and 2004 and was also selected as the representative high school in earning our district the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education for 2003-2004.

The Classical High School's academic program is designed to meet and exceed the admission requirements of both the California State University and University of California systems. Students who earn the prestigious Classical Diploma demonstrate their commitment to high performance by completing a total of 280 credits, which are 60 credits beyond the 220 required by other high schools for graduation. The size of the instructional faculty is 175, over 47% of which have earned Master's degrees or beyond. The teachers have an average of 15 years experience in education. The student-teacher ration is 31:1. We have 12 school counselors dedicated to supporting our students as they navigate high school.

ACADEMICS

Distinguished Scholars Program (Requirements for admission are a 3.3 academic GPA in middle school and review of the California Standards tests: Minimum "proficiency" levels in language arts, reading and math) – The Distinguished Scholar Program challenges gifted and high achieving college bound students to excel academically and personally. Its goals are to produce articulate, dynamic, motivated learners who will become tomorrow's leaders; to foster students' creative and intellectual talents; and to improve critical thinking skills. At least three Advanced Placement courses and Honors courses in English, Social Studies and Science are required. Students may apply using the standard district application.

Advanced Placement Classes – Wilson currently offers 21 AP classes: Art History, Studio Art 2D/3D, English Literature, English Language, German, French, Spanish Literature, Spanish Language, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Psychology, Economics/Government, Human Geography, World History, U.S. History, Statistics and Calculus.

Performing and Visual Arts – Wilson's outstanding drama, dance, instrumental and vocal music departments provide many opportunities to showcase student talent during the year. Wilson's visual art classes include AP Art History, AP Studio Art, Ceramics, 3-D Art, Drawing & Painting and Computer Animation.

Technology – All students are required to be computer literate. Numerous computer labs and computer/internet access in all classrooms allow integration of technology in all subject areas. Beyond beginning level classes, Wilson students may take Using New Media, Virtual Enterprise, Computer Diagnostics, Graphic Design, Computer Programming, and Architectural Design/CAD.

Khmer Language Program – Khmer speakers are able to become literate in their native language. This program is unique in California.



Wilson Classical High School continues its mission of developing the intellectual, emotional and social maturity of our students through extracurricular achievement. Since 1926, Bruin students have been provided with many opportunities for student involvement via student organizations that foster Bruin pride and spirit.

Wilson athletics has earned high rankings on ESPN's Fab 50 list of successful athletic programs. Ranked 12th overall, Wilson finished in the top 10 in boys' volleyball, top 25 in girls' volleyball and top 40 in girls' track. According to ESPN, these FAB 50 all-sports rankings don't include aquatics sports. The authors noted that if aquatics were included in the rankings, Wilson Classical High School would rank even higher!

SCHOOL TOURS

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am (By appointment only)

Dates: Nov. 24 and 30 Dec. 2, 4, 8, 10, 14 and 16

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