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## STUDENT PROFILE

Secondary Enrollment:  
190 Students  
Student-to-Faculty Ratio  
10:1  
Average Class Size: 14  
International Students 10%  
55% Male  
45% Female

## DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 4%  
Asian 57%  
Caucasian 10%  
Hispanic/Latino 5%  
South Asian 6%  
Multi-Ethnic 9%  
Pacific Islander 4%  
Other 2%  
Undeclared 3%

## ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools  
and Colleges (WASC)

Association of Christian Schools  
International (ACSI)

## ADMISSIONS

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# FREMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Junior High  
2024–2025 Profile  
4760 Thornton Avenue  
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## BIG-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES IN A SMALL-SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Fremont Christian School is a private, co-educational college-preparatory school established in 1968 as an educational outreach of Harbor Light Church. FCS strives to provide every child with a safe place to grow, learn, and explore their faith. Though we wholeheartedly encourage students to explore Christianity, students of all faiths are welcome in our community.

At FCS, we desire for every student to see themselves and everyone around them as the *Imago Dei*: unique individuals made in the image of God with a purpose. We value providing students with a wide variety of opportunities for growth through classroom experiences with dedicated teachers, participation in competitive sport teams, and access to an exceptional and robust visual and performing arts program. We believe that any amount of time your child spends with our school is a chance to learn and grow further into the person God has called them to be.

## INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

FCS provides a growth-oriented, advanced college-preparatory curriculum that reflects a biblical worldview. Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD), a research-based model rich in advanced vocabulary, supports instruction across content areas, promotes metacognition, encourages gradual release of responsibility, and embodies 21st-century learning. The GLAD model emphasizes problem-solving, respecting others, and making wise decisions. Metacognitive learners are able to reflect on and analyze their own learning: *Does this make sense? How am I doing? What am I doing well? What can I do better?*

## STUDENT ADVISORY GROUPS

Facilitated by a dedicated staff member, FCS Advisory groups are co-educational cohorts consisting of about a dozen students. Advisory is guided by Friendly, a proven solution to tackle the relationship challenges every student faces.

## THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING

In partnership with Christian Counseling Centers of San Jose, FCS offers a limited series of therapy during the school day at parent request subject to availability. These sessions are provided at no-cost to students for managing stress, relationships, emotional and personal conflict, and more.

## ACADEMIC & COLLEGE COUNSELING

College preparation is a focus at FCS. Formal college planning begins in eighth grade, with all students participating in the ACCR (Applied College and Career Readiness) elective for a trimester. This class allows students to become familiar with college admission topics such as the importance of course selection, study skills, volunteerism, leadership, and rigorous achievement.

All eighth-grade students meet individually with the college counselor to discuss how to best prepare for high school. They work with the counselor to create an individual, four-year, high school course plan. The counselor is always available to meet with students and parents throughout a student's high school career.

## COURSE LIST

### GRADE 6

Bible: The Christian Worldview  
English 6  
Earth Science  
Mathematics 6  
Mathematics 6 Honors  
Ancient Civilizations  
Elective Wheel 6: Semester  
Health, Strings

### GRADE 7

Bible: Competing Worldviews  
English 7  
English 7 Honors  
Pre-Algebra  
Pre-Algebra Honors  
Life Science  
Life Science Honors  
World History Honors  
Elective Wheel 7: Semester  
Drama, Garden Science, Art

### GRADE 8

Bible: Christianity in Action  
English 8  
English 8 Honors  
Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Physical Science  
Physical Science Honors  
U.S. History  
U.S. History Honors  
Elective Wheel 8: Trimester  
Sewing, Applied College &  
Career Readiness (ACCR),  
Computer Coding

### ELECTIVES

Advanced Handbell Choir  
JH Choir  
JH Band  
Physical Education

## HONORS COURSES

Eligibility for a math course is based on both ability and performance. Highly qualified students may be offered a place in an honors course or an advanced course. Any student who wishes to do work at an above-average level can earn honors credit by receiving a grade of A in regular coursework in addition to completing special assignments in English, Social Studies, or Science. In addition to providing an enriching challenge for the student, these assignments provide the opportunity to perform independent work and improve skills such as time management.

## CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH

FCS participates in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) for students in Grades 2-8. CTY identifies advanced academic talent in young people and trains them to maintain high academic standards for themselves throughout their school years. Highly encouraged at FCS, participation in CTY can open new resources, including a peer network for academically minded young people worldwide.

## ATHLETICS

The Junior High Warriors compete in the West Division of the Bay Area Christian School Athletic League (BASCAL). Girls' and boys' teams include baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball. FCS has an opportunity to compete for a league playoff championship after each eight-week season.

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Visual and performing arts at the junior high level include handbells, choir, and band. Music and drama students collaborate to bring professional-level musicals and classic plays to our stage. Choral and instrumental groups perform and compete at a variety of venues.

## CLUBS

Student clubs can facilitate leadership development and allow students to express a shared interest or passion. At FCS, students are encouraged to start and join clubs, which meet in their club advisor's room to serve, share, and learn from each other. Along with Student Council, Digital Music, Yo-Yo, and Compassionate Cards are some of the clubs students have organized this year.

## STUDENT LIFE

FCS values giving students opportunities for leadership development, with one of the most prominent being participation in USSE. The United Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Council (USSE) is comprised of three representatives per grade. Students apply to run for office and are elected by their peers. The USSE works with the Student Activities Director to plan activities throughout the year for the junior high student body, including field games, Christmas activities, intramural sports tournaments, and other social events.

Because learning is not limited to the classroom, we at FCS provide numerous other opportunities to engage with our world and deepen knowledge. Throughout the school year, team building, activities including a trip to Mt. Hermon in the fall are utilized to help students learn to cooperate and work with others. Spring Spirit Week is one of the most memorable times of year. The year ends with the eighth-grade trip to the Tolerance Museum and Disneyland/California Adventure.

## TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

We incorporate platforms and web applications to help prepare students for life beyond FCS. Some of the platforms we integrate into our curriculum, including Canvas, Turnitin, NoRedInk, and Kami, are used at universities and workplaces across the nation.

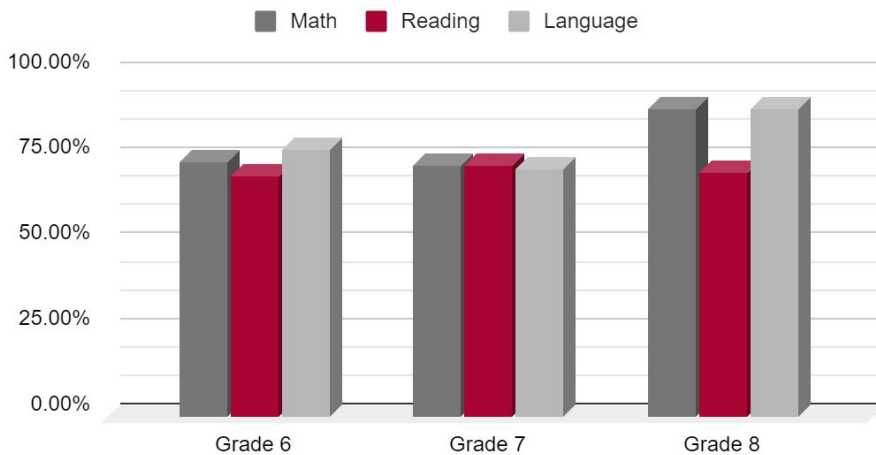
## MAP GROWTH ASSESSMENTS

The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment is administered at the beginning of each academic year to determine what each student is ready to learn. The MAP assessments in reading, language, and mathematics provide teachers valuable data used to differentiate and meet the needs of all learners. The RIT score, a nationally normed data point, is compared to the grade-level mean (average) using data from millions of students. The results on the following graph show the percentage of students who scored above the 2020 normative data during our testing session in spring 2023. Students will be tested again in the winter and spring to track their personal academic growth this year.

MAP WEBSITE

[www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)

Percentage of Students who Scored Higher than the National Average by Grade Level



## LOOKING AHEAD TO HIGH SCHOOL

One of the many benefits of choosing Fremont Christian for your child's junior high school is that we are also a thriving elementary, middle and high school - all parts of a whole that function to guide children all the way through their formative education years. Our high school students are encouraged to explore their talents and passions and to prepare to be well-rounded lifelong learners. Connecting with the academic and college counselor is made easy both on-campus and through Naviance, an online portal that allows for college planning and goal-setting. Advisory groups are continued in high school, with a focus on building even deeper connections and relationships as our students grow into well-rounded young adults. Students enjoy flexible course options, such as the potential for individualized math placement, AP courses, and specialized January Term (J-Term) classes, a time for students to explore new disciplines beyond the standard curriculum. High school also offers students additional opportunities to advance in leadership skills, academics, visual and performing arts, and athletics.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Since 2020, students of Fremont Christian School have been admitted to these universities. The class of 2024 (39 students) received 3.2 million dollars in scholarships and grants and 6 members received the California Scholarship Federation Lifetime Membership award. Schools in bold are Best National Universities Top 100 or Best Global Universities - US News and World Report 2024.

Abilene Christian University Academy of Art University Adelphi University American Academy of Dramatic Arts Arizona State University Art Center College of Design **Auburn University** Austin College Azusa Pacific University Babson College **Baylor University** Bentley University Bethel University, Minnesota **Binghamton University** **SUNY** Biola University Boise State University **Boston University** California Baptist University California College of the Arts **California Institute of Technology** California Lutheran University California Polytechnic State University at Humboldt, San Luis Obispo, and Pomona California State University Maritime Academy California State University at Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernadino, and San Marcos **Carnegie Mellon University** **Case Western Reserve University** Chaminade University Chapman University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Cogswell College College of Idaho Colorado State University Communication University of China Concordia University **Cornell University** Cornerstone University Creighton University Dallas Baptist University **Drexel University** **Duke University** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University **Emory University** Evergreen State College Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Florida Institute of Technology **Fordham University** Fresno Pacific University George Fox University **George Washington University** **Georgia Institute of Technology** **Gonzaga University** Gordon College Grace College and Theological Seminary Grand Canyon University Grove City College Hampshire College Hardin-Simmons University Hawaii Pacific University Hofstra University Holy Names University **Illinois Institute of Technology** **Indiana University, Bloomington** John Cabot University with USC Lawrence University Lewis and Clark College Liberty University **Loyola Marymount University** **Marquette University** Maryland Institute College of Art Marymount University McDaniel College McMaster University Menlo College Miami University **Michigan State University** Montana State University Mount Holyoke College **New York University** North Central University **Northeastern University** Northern Arizona University Northwest University Northwest University Notre Dame de Namur University Oberlin College Occidental College **The Ohio State University** Oral Roberts University Oregon Institute of Technology Oregon State University Otis College of Art and Design Ottawa University Pace University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific University, Oregon **Pennsylvania State University** **Pepperdine University** Point Loma Nazarene University Pratt Institute **Purdue University** Reed College Regis University **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** **Rice University** **Rutgers University** Saint John's University Saint Louis University Saint Mary's College of California Salve Regina San Diego State University San Francisco Conservatory of Music San Francisco State University San Jose State University **Santa Clara University** Savannah College of Art and Design School of Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Arts Seattle Pacific University Seattle University Seton Hall University Sonoma State University Southern Utah University **Stony Brook University** **Syracuse University** Taylor University **Texas A&M University** The New School - Parsons School of Design Trinity University **Tufts University** United States Military Academy University of Alabama University of Alberta University of Arizona **University of British Columbia** **University of Buffalo – SUNY** **University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz** **University of Chicago** University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Delaware University of Denver University of Hawaii at Hilo University of Hawaii at Manoa University of Idaho **University of Illinois, Chicago** **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** University of Iowa University of LaVerne **University of Maryland, College Park** **University of Massachusetts, Amherst** University of Massachusetts, Boston **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor** University of Michigan, Dearborn **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities** University of Missouri University of Nevada, Reno **University of Oregon** University of Ottawa **University of Pennsylvania** **University of Pittsburgh** University of Portland University of Puget Sound University of Redlands **University of Rochester** **University of San Diego** University of San Francisco University of South Florida **University of Southern California** **University of Texas at Austin** University of the Pacific **University of Toronto** **University of Washington** University of Waterloo **University of Wisconsin, Madison** Vanguard University of Southern California Virginia Commonwealth University Washington State University Western Washington University Westmont College Wheaton College Wheaton College, Massachusetts Whitman College Whittier College Whitworth University Wilfrid Laurier University Willamette University William Jessup University Woodbury University Xavier University