



DAVID POSNACK JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

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POSNACK VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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AFFILIATIONS

- Broward County Nonpublic School Association
- Central Agency for Jewish Education
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Association of Middle Schools
- National Association of Elementary School Principals
- National Association for College Admissions Counselors
- North American Association of Jewish High Schools
- Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling

ACCREDITATIONS

- Association of Independent Schools of Florida
- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Florida Kindergarten Council
- National Council for Private School Accreditation
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

100% ACCEPTANCE TO
4-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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SCHOOL BACKGROUND

David Posnack Jewish Day School (Posnack School) was founded in 1974 as a single lower school. The middle school was added in 1991, and a second lower campus was added in 1998. In 1998, the David Posnack Jewish Day School High School held its first classes with a total of eighteen 9th grade students. Since then, the high school has grown to its current enrollment of 225 students in grades 9-12. Now, we are proud to introduce our newest initiative, Posnack Virtual School for grades 9-12.

Since the beginning, Posnack School has been independent of ideological connection to any of the major movements in Jewish life. The school is committed to the Jewish tradition in all of its diversity. We believe that the best environment for educating Jewish students is one in which there is a diversity of Jewish ideas and practices that can be discussed openly by teachers, parents, and students. Posnack School is comprised of families who are affiliated with all of the movements within Judaism. The school is also strongly committed to Israel as an essential center for Jewish life.

Posnack School's objective is to provide an outstanding, comprehensive general studies program that meets high academic expectations as we prepare our students in a college prep and college prep honors program. Studying and writing skills are an essential component of our academic program. Underlying the philosophy of the school is a Judaic studies program that provides students with an understanding of Jewish history, Hebrew language, and Jewish values that emphasize responsibility to others and a need to contribute to the betterment of the world.

Please note that Posnack Virtual High School is for students who reside outside of South Florida. South Florida residents are not eligible to enroll in Posnack Virtual High School courses except during our Summer Sessions (with prior Principal approval).

The high school college preparatory curriculum complies with the State of Florida requirements for high school graduation and meets college admission requirements for all public and private universities. Students are exposed to an expansive array of programs, featuring Advanced Placement courses, as well as opportunities for leadership and for excellence in the arts, sciences, and extracurricular activities.

The college preparatory program in the high school provides students with the highest degree of readiness to succeed. The high school environment encourages students to extend their intellectual muscles, all the while knowing that the Posnack School family is there for support and guidance throughout the process.

Most virtual schools ask students to learn material on their own, and teachers are only available to answer questions and assess the students. Posnack Virtual School is different. Our synchronous delivery model means students attend classes with live teachers, just like if they were physically with us. Using many educational technologies, students will video chat with their classes, allowing them to form relationships with their teachers and classmates that are missing from other online delivery models. Assignments and assessments will all be delivered online using interactive technologies that are often seen in major universities. Our faculty has made us the #4 private high school in Florida, and Posnack Virtual students will benefit from that same faculty. Don't let distance prevent you from getting a top-rated secular and Jewish education!

STUDENT HONORS & AWARDS

- AP Scholar with Distinction, with Honors, Scholar
- Blood Drive Scholarship
- Broward Cappies Critics Award
- Buick Scholarship
- Burger King Scholarship
- Coca-Cola Scholarship Winner, Finalist, and Semi-Finalist
- Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship
- FHSAA - All Academic Scholarship Team
- Ford Salute to Education Scholar
- Hallandale Community Scholarship
- Miami Herald All County Academic Team
- National Association of Secondary School Principals Award
- National Council of Jewish Women Scholar Award
- National Hispanic Finalist and Semi-Finalist
- National Merit Finalist, Semi-Finalist, and Commendee
- Nordstrom TEN4U Scholarship Program
- Miami Herald Silver Knight Winner and Honorable Mention
- Ricco Corporation Regional Water Sustainability Prize
- Robert C. Byrd Scholarship
- Staples Scholarship
- State Thespian Superior Award
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- Wendy's High School Heisman National Finalist and State Winner

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- AIPAC High School Summit and National Conference
- AKIVA Leadership Program
- Alexander Muss High School in Israel
- Best Buddies
- B'nai Brith, Anti-Defamation League Programs
- Community and Business Internships
- Community Blood Bank
- Community Outreach
- Gesher Leadership Summer Program
- Lead America
- Local Synagogues
- Maccabi
- March of the Living
- Model UN
- Moot Beit Din
- National Youth Leadership Conference

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ENGLISH

American Literature & Composition, Regular, Honors
British Literature & Composition, Regular, Honors
Creative Writing
English Language & Composition, AP*
English Literature & Composition, AP*
Journalism
SAT/ACT Prep & College Readiness
World Literature I & Composition, Regular, Honors
World Literature II & Composition, Regular, Honors
Yearbook

SOCIAL STUDIES

Debate
Economics, Regular, Honors, AP*
European History, AP*
Human Geography, AP*
Jewish History, Regular, Honors
Legal Internship
Legal Studies I, II
Psychology, AP*
U.S. Government, Regular, Honors, AP*
U.S. History, Regular, Honors, AP*
World History, Regular, Honors

SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology, Honors
Bio Medical Engineering
Biology, Regular, Honors, AP*
Chemistry, Regular, Honors, AP*
Environmental Science, Regular, Honors, AP*
Human Genetics, Honors
Intro to Engineering
Marine Biology, Honors
Physics, Honors, AP*
Premed Internship

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I, Regular, Honors
Geometry, Regular, Honors
Algebra II, Regular, Honors
Pre-Calculus, Honors
Calculus Honors, AP* (AB, BC)
College Algebra and Trigonometry
Statistics, Regular, Honors, AP*
AP Computer Science*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Hebrew I, II
Hebrew III, IV, V, VI, Honors
Spanish I, II, III, IV, Regular, Honors, AP*
French I, II
Mandarin I, II

**Students are limited in the number of AP classes they can take each year.*



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JUDAIC STUDIES

(offerings vary by year, sample of courses)
Introduction to Talmud
Jewish Heroes
From Prophets to Kings
Jewish Philosophy
Jewish Lifecycles
Pirkei Avot
Jewish History through Literature
Jewish Experience in America
Israel Advocacy

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Health/Personal Fitness
Weight Training
Yoga

PERFORMING ARTS

AP Theory*
Drama/Acting
Instrumental Ensemble
Musical Theater
Theater History
Vocal Choir

FINE ARTS

2D/3D Art
Digital Photography
Portfolio Art, Honors, AP*
Video Production and Sports Broadcasting

EXTRACURRICULAR

AIPAC
Art for the Heart
Best Buddies
Chess Club
Culinary Arts Club
Entrepreneurship/Business
Fellows Leadership Program
Global Action Club
Holocaust Awareness Club
Key Club
Lauren's Kids
Mock Trial
Model UN
Moot Beit Din
Mu Alpha Theta
National Arts Honor Society
National Honor Society
Pawsnack
Pre-Med Club
Rho Kappa- Social Studies Honor Society
Science Honor Society
Social Action Awareness Club
Student Government
Thespian Club
Video Game Connection Club

VARSITY ATHLETICS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross County
Flag Football
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball

REQUIREMENTS

Judaic Studies	4.0 Credits
English	4.0 Credits
Social Studies	4.0 Credits
Mathematics	4.0 Credits
Science	4.0 Credits
Foreign Language**	3.0 Credits
Electives	5.0 Credits
Performing and/or Fine Arts	1.0 Credit
Personal Fitness	0.5 Credit
Health	0.5 Credit
Community Service	100 Hours

In addition to required courses, a number of electives are available to students.

** Hebrew is required unless student has passed Hebrew competency test.

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.5
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.5
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.5
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7
F	59-below	0.0

Honors courses receive an additional weight of 0.50; Advanced Placement courses receive an additional weight of 1.0

Posnack School does not report numerical class rank for our students.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Alexander Muss High School in Israel
- Berklee College of Music
- Brown University
- Cambridge University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Duke University
- Florida State University Young Scholars
- International Student Exchange Programs
- MIT Women's Technology Program
- University of California-Los Angeles
- University of Florida Hispanic High School Scholar Program
- University of Florida Summer Science Institute
- University of Miami
- University of Wisconsin

COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE ACCEPTANCES 2010-2017*

Adelphi University
 Albany Medical School
 Allegheny College
 AMDA College and Conservatory of Performing Arts
 American Academy of Dramatic Arts
 American University
 Arizona State University
 Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale
 Auburn University
 Averett University
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Bar Ilan University
 Barnard College-Columbia University
 Barry University
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston University
 Boston University BA/MD program
 Boston University Law School
 Brandeis University
 Broward College
 Brown University
 Bryant College
 Bucknell University
 California State-Fullerton
 California State-Long Beach
 California State-Northridge
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 CCNY-Queens College
 Central Piedmont College
 Colgate University
 College of the Atlantic
 College of Charleston
 College of William & Mary
 Colorado College
 Colorado State University
 Columbia College of Chicago
 Columbia College of Chicago Honors Program
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Curry College
 DePaul University
 Dickinson College
 Dowling College
 Drew University
 Drexel Medical School
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Eckerd College
 Elmhurst College
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Fairleigh Dickenson University
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Atlantic University Honors College
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida International University Honors Program
 Florida Polytechnic University
 Florida Southern College
 Florida State University
 Florida State Honors Program
 Fordham University
 Fort Lauderdale Art Institute
 Fort Lewis College
 Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
 Full Sail University
 Georgetown University
 George Washington University
 George Washington University BA/MD Program
 George Washington University Law School
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
 Goucher College
 Hamline University
 Harvard Law School
 Harvard University
 Haverford College
 Hofstra University
 Hofstra University Law School
 Indiana University-Bloomington
 Illinois State University
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 Jacksonville University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University
 Kennesaw State University
 Lafayette College
 LeCordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts
 Lehigh University
 Lesley College
 List College (JTS)
 Loyola University
 Lynn University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Manhattan College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McGill University
 Miami University of Ohio
 Michigan State University
 Millikin University
 Montclair State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 Mount Ida College
 Muhlenberg College
 New College of Florida
 New England College
 New York University
 New York University Dental School
 Northeastern University
 Northern Michigan University
 Northwestern University
 Northwood University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Nova Southeastern University Dental School
 Nova Southeastern University Law School
 Ohio State University
 Oglethorpe University
 Oklahoma State University
 Oxford College/Emory
 Pace University
 Penn State University
 Pittsburgh State University
 Pratt Institute of Technology
 Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Queensborough Community College
 Raphael Recanati International Institute of Government
 Reed University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rice University
 Rider College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Rutgers University
 Rutgers University Honors Program
 Salisbury University
 Santa Fe College
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts-New York City
 Simmons College
 St. Johns University
 St. Joseph College
 St. Olaf College
 Stanford University
 Staten Island College
 Stern College for Women/
 Yeshiva University
 Stetson University
 Suffolk University
 SUNY-Binghamton
 SUNY-Buffalo
 SUNY-Maritime College
 SUNY-Purchase
 SUNY-Stonybrook
 Swansea Metropolitan University/Wales
 Syracuse University
 Technion International School of Engineering
 Tel Aviv University
 Temple University
 Texas Christian University
 The New School
 Touro College
 Towson State University
 Trinity College
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 Union College
 University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
 University of Arizona
 University of California-Irvine
 University of California-Los Angeles
 University of California-Santa Barbara
 University of Central Florida
 University of Central Florida Honors Program
 University of Colorado-Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Delaware
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 University of Florida Honors Program
 University of Georgia
 University of Hartford
 University of Hawaii
 University of Illinois
 University of Iowa
 University of Kansas
 University of London-Queen Mary
 University of London-Royal Holloway
 University of Maryland
 University of Maryland Honors Program
 University of Maryland Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 University of Miami Honors Program
 University of Miami Law School
 University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
 University of Michigan
 University of North Florida
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pennsylvania Law School
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Rochester
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 University of Southern California Medical School
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee
 University of Texas-Austin
 University of Toronto
 University of the Arts
 University of the Pacific
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of West Florida
 University of Wisconsin
 Utica College
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Virginia Commonwealth Medical School
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Wagner College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington College
 Washington & Lee University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Webber International University
 Wesleyan University
 Wheaton College
 William & Mary Law School
 Wingate University
 Yeshiva University



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* Post graduate listings are a sampling of acceptances

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