



# DAVID POSNACK JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

## HOME OF THE RAMS

### POSNACK HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019

Ranked #1 Jewish Day School in America\*

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#### AFFILIATIONS

- Broward County Nonpublic School Association
- Central Agency for Jewish Education
- College Board
- 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

CLASS OF 2018  
100% ACCEPTANCE TO  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

# POSNACK

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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 school campus was added in 1998. In 1998, David Posnack Jewish Day School High School opened with a total of eighteen 9th-grade students. Since then, the high school has grown to its current enrollment of 230 students in grades 9-12. In 2017, the Marcia and Joel Hochberg Middle School was built to accommodate over 210 students and the Kosher Culinary Institute was created to serve the entire student body and faculty. Developed with the belief that a healthy lifestyle is critically important to a child's growth and development, the Kosher Culinary Institute and Dining Hall's priority is to find the healthiest ingredients from the best sources. This means emphasizing locally-grown, organic produce, and supporting small farms and orchards. Each day brings a new menu, carefully-crafted from scratch to include numerous savory dishes presented in ways that are enticing and child-friendly.

Since its inception, 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 preparatory and college preparatory honors program. Studying and writing skills are essential components 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.

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. Our tablet computer technology brings limitless resources to the classrooms in grades K-12.

Posnack School currently enrolls over 1000 students Kindergarten through 12th grade, with over 60 students in the Class of 2019. The High School's current enrollment is over 230 students. Our sophomore class participates in a trip of a lifetime to Israel for two weeks to experience the rich history and culture they have been studying throughout their education at Posnack School. Students also have the opportunity to meet the pen pals that they have been corresponding with since Kindergarten at our sister city of Nesher, Israel.

Posnack School awards need-based financial assistance to approximately 20% of the student population each year. Posnack School is committed to the education of the children from JAFCO (Jewish Adoption Family Care Options), who have been abused and neglected in the Jewish Community. The teaching staff at Posnack School consists of over 160 men and women, who have been educated throughout the United States and in several foreign countries; 75% of our high school staff have advanced degrees. Our faculty comes from many countries and speaks five or more foreign languages. Posnack School has an Honor Code that governs the academic and social conduct of each student. Quiet courtyards are used for academic lectures, outdoor labs, and student meetings. Our students volunteer throughout three counties and several countries. Many Posnack School students travel to participate in the Maccabi Games each year. There are over 25 student clubs and organizations, and multiple service opportunities on and off campus.

## 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
- Jewish Federation of Broward County
- Lead America
- Local Synagogues
- Maccabi
- March of the Living
- Model UN
- Moot Beit Din
- National Youth Leadership Conference
- Volunteer Programs with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
- WECARE Food Pantry
- Youth Leadership Broward

# ACADEMIC COURSES

## ENGLISH

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

## SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Research\*  
Debate, Honors  
Critical Thinking  
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  
Engineering II, III, Honors  
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\*  
AP Computer Science Principle\*

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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

## PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

2D/3D Art, Honors  
AP Music Theory\*  
Dance, Honors  
Digital Photography, Honors  
Drama/Acting, Honors  
Instrumental Ensemble, Honors  
Musical Theater, Honors  
Portfolio Art, Honors, AP\*  
Theater History, Honors  
Video Production and Sports Broadcasting, Honors  
Vocal Choir, Honors

## 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  
Jewish Law  
Jewish Perspective  
Roles of Women in Shaping the  
Development of Judaism  
Contemporary Issues and Jewish Law  
Israel History, Politics and Advocacy  
Jewish Ethics  
Advanced Judaics  
10 Commandments, Honors  
Jewish Judaic Justice  
Holocaust and Human Behavior, Honors  
5 Megillot, Honors  
Advanced Chumash, Honors  
Talmud Survey, Honors  
Tanach I: Survey of Prophets and Writings

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Health/Personal Fitness  
Yoga

## EXTRACURRICULAR

APAC  
Art for the Heart  
Best Buddies  
Chess Club  
Culinary Arts Club  
Entrepreneurship/Business  
Fellows Leadership Program  
FIRST Robotics Competition  
Global Action Club  
Hispanic Cultural 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  
Posnack Peers  
Pre-Med Club  
Rho Kappa- Social Studies Honor Society  
Robotics Club  
Science Honor Society  
Social Action Awareness Club  
Student Government  
Thespian Club  
Tri-M Music National Honor Society  
VEX Robotics Competition

## VARSITY ATHLETICS

Baseball Soccer  
Basketball Softball  
Cross Country Swimming  
Flag Football Tennis  
Golf Volleyball  
Cheerleading

# 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

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

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2014-2018

American University  
Bar Ilan University  
Barnard College-Columbia University  
Binghamton University - SUNY  
Brandeis University  
Broward College  
Brown University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cornell University  
Drexel University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida International University

Florida State University  
Full Sail University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Harriet L. Wikes Honors College  
Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya  
Ithaca College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Lynn University  
McGill University  
New York University  
New York University  
Stern School of Business  
Northeastern University  
Nova Southeastern University

Ohio State University  
Princeton University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rutgers University  
Santa Fe Community College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Stern College for Women/  
Yeshiva University  
Stetson University  
Syracuse University  
The New School for Drama  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of Central Florida  
University of Florida

University of Kansas  
University of London  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of North Florida  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Tampa  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
Valencia Community College  
Vanderbilt University  
Wesleyan University  
Yeshiva University

## NEW TO POSNACK SCHOOL:

**Mindset Works** unlocks human potential by equipping people with the growth mindset, the core belief that abilities and intelligence can be developed. It was co-founded by one of the world's leading researchers in the field of motivation, Stanford University professor Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D. and K-12 mindset expert Lisa Blackwell, Ph.D. The team at Mindset Works translates psychology research into practical products and services to help students and educators increase their motivation and achievement.

The **Choose Love Enrichment Program™** is a pre-K through 12th grade, evidence-based social and emotional (SEL) classroom program teaching children how to choose love in any circumstance. The program focuses on four important character values – Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action – which cultivates optimism, resilience and personal responsibility. Included elements are positive psychology, mindfulness, neuroscience, character values and more.



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