

High School Profile

2016-2017

de Toledo High School (dTHS), founded as New Community Jewish High School in 2002, is the second largest Jewish community high school in America. Enrollment in grades 9-12 is 403 with 85 students in the class of 2017. There are 78 teaching faculty; 4 are Rabbis; 100% either hold a B.A. or B.S. Degree, or a teaching credential from an Israeli University; 60% hold advanced degrees.

ACADEMICS AND DUAL CURRICULUM

Students at de Toledo High School participate in a rigorous dual curriculum. Required courses in Jewish Studies, Jewish Civilization seminars, and Hebrew Language are essential components of the dTHS curriculum, along with English, History, Mathematics, and the Physical and Biological Sciences.

JEWISH STUDIES

Jewish Studies courses are academic and rigorous in nature and place heavy emphasis on reading, analysis, and interpretation of original Jewish texts. The aim of these courses is for students to develop a critical and creative understanding of the texts, including application to their own lives. Ultimately, students learn to grapple with moral and ethical dilemmas, to consider alternative perspectives, and to develop thoughtful and cogent arguments.

TEFILLAH KEHILLAH INSTITUTE (TKI I and TKI II Honors)

Selected motivated students take this leadership course (for one or two years) which examines rabbinic text on tefillah (prayer) and studies the siddur (prayer book). Students plan and lead our forty minute all-school tefillah programs as well as other on and off campus t'fillot. The course studies leadership and effective communication. Students learn various methods, such as art, music, yoga, meditation, and discussion to lead their peers in prayer. Students participating in the second year mentor and train the first year students.

SCIENCE ACADEMY

The Science Academy is an after-school enrichment program scheduled outside of the regular school day and free of homework or formal assessment. Through labs and lectures, students have opportunities to experience and develop their skills in the scientific process. The academy includes coursework in psychology in current events, rocket science, marine biology, forensic science, biology of cancer, robotics, and colloquia.

BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

The Blended Learning Program takes the best of the traditional school and combines it with the power of online learning to ensure that each student gets a personalized education that meets his or her needs. In these UC-approved courses, students cycle through a schedule of independent online study, one-on-one teacher instruction, and peer group interactions. Blended courses are designed for self-motivated students seeking greater academic challenges, students with learning differences, and those desiring flexibility due to demanding extracurricular schedules and for those in need of remediation.

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Thanks to our generous benefactors, New Community Jewish High School changed its name to de Toledo High School on July 1, 2015.

The mission of de Toledo High School is to raise up a new generation of Jewish leaders for whom Jewish values and tradition shape and guide their vision, and for whom knowledge creates possibilities for moral action, good character, and shalom.

dTHS is accredited by California Association of Independent Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges and BJE: Builders of Jewish Education.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Hebrew or Yiddish	3 years (4 recommended)
History	3.5 years
Jewish Civilization	2.5 years
Jewish Studies	4 years
Laboratory Science	3 years (4 recommended)
Mathematics	3 years (4 recommended)
Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
Physical Education	2 years
Senior Capstone	
Drishat Shalom Portfolio	
Community Service	72 hours

GLOBAL JEWISH EDUCATION

Our Global Jewish Education department provides students opportunities to experience, understand, and feel their community with the Jewish people throughout the world. First and foremost, that means Israel, but this also includes Europe, Latin America, and wherever Jewish life exists.

We offer a Short Israel Exchange Program (SIEP) and an Extended Israel Exchange Program (EIEP) for our 10th grade students to travel to Israel. Both programs provide our students opportunities to experience Israel firsthand, live with an Israeli family, and be hosted by a peer. The programs create personal and communal bridges between Israel and the Diaspora, thereby strengthening students' Jewish identity and connection to the State of the Jewish people in the very place where our history began and is unfolding. Our students connect directly to the land of Israel through educational trips to historical and contemporary sites where the history and society unfold.

In the fall, Israeli delegations from two Tel Aviv high schools spend two weeks at de Toledo High School, hosted by tenth grade students and families. While the Israelis are here, de Toledo High School organizes visits to sites in the Los Angeles area that embody general life and Jewish life in our city. Our own 10th grade students accompany the Israelis on some of these excursions, interact with them in classes and events at school, and participate in a variety of home and communal settings. In the spring, de Toledo High School students travel to Israel for three weeks, or on the extended program for three months, and stay with the families of the students they themselves hosted here in Los Angeles in the fall.

DRISHAT SHALOM

Each semester of Jewish Studies includes the opportunity to investigate a student's chosen Tanakh text from the perspective of the Jewish Studies class they are enrolled in. This investigation results in an assignment demonstrating their learning. As a student moves through his/her Jewish Studies journey, these assignments will become a portfolio surrounding his/her text, the final product being the student's school address, Drishat Shalom, which is a graduation requirement.

SENIOR CAPSTONE

Students gain real world experience through an off-campus internship program. They work with a faculty mentor to research and select internship opportunities in their fields of interest. This 2.5 to 4-week program is full-time Monday through Thursday with Friday on-campus workshops designed to prepare students for life after high school. This culminating experience is a Pass/No Pass graduation requirement.

GPA AND CLASS RANK INFORMATION

The highest unweighted GPA in the Class of 2017 is 4.00. *Please note that only one student in the class has achieved this cumulative GPA. dTHS does not rank its students. dTHS reports an unweighted and weighted grade point average including all courses. Honors and AP courses are weighted one point. Grading scale: A=4, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1, D-=.67, NP=0.

CLASS	Students	Average
Unweighted GPA		
2014	77	3.31
2015	86	3.26
2016	105	3.37
2017*	82	3.32

CLASS OF 2016

Total 4 Year College	83%
4 Year College - In State	38%
4 Year College - Out of State	62%
2 Year College	10%
Gap Year Program	4%
Career Education	2%
IDF (Israel Defense Forces)	1%

SAT SUMMARY	Class of 2017*	Class of 2016
SAT Section	Middle 50%	Middle 50%
Critical Reading	580-630	480-630
Math	620-680	500-650
Writing	600-670	530-660
Total	1840-1950	1550-1940
Students Tested	8	79

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

de Toledo High School reports academic and behavioral misconduct that resulted in disciplinary action to colleges. In addition, after an application and Secondary School Report are submitted, dTHS may provide additional information to a college should the student's status at school change in any way. This information may include, but is not restricted to: a change in grades, a change in course load, an incident in academic integrity, and disciplinary actions.

FINANCIAL AID

Approximately 49% of our student body receives some form of financial aid.

ATHLETICS

Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance Team, Equestrian, Flag Football, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, Boys Varsity Golf, Softball, Swimming, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball.

ACT SUMMARY ACT Section	Class of 2017* Middle 50%	Class of 2016 Middle 50%
English	22-31	24-32
Math	22-28	25-28
Reading	23-32	22-33
Science	22-28	24-29
Composite	22-30	23-31
Students Tested	58	39

CLASS OF 2017- WEIGHTED GPA RANGES*

Weighted GPA Range	# of Students	Percent
4.50-4.65	3	4%
4.00-4.49	18	22%
3.50-3.99	24	29%
3.00-3.49	23	28%
2.50-2.99	12	15%
2.00-2.49	2	2%
Total	82	100%

CLASS OF 2017- UNWEIGHTED GPA RANGES*

Unweighted GPA Range	# of Students	Percent
3.75-4.00	13	16%
3.5-3.74	17	21%
3.25-3.49	20	24%
3.00-3.24	18	22%
2.75-2.99	4	5%
2.50-2.74	8	10%
2.25-2.49	2	2%
Total	82	100%

THREE-YEAR AP SUMMARY	2014	2015	2016
Total AP Students	83	93	120
Number of Exams	138	174	247
Total AP Students with Scores 3+	83.1%	77.4%	65.0%

**as of August 2016*

Although the Class of 2017 has 85 students, 3 students joined dTHS this school year and are not represented in the GPA and testing statistics.

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

In 2016-17 year: dTHS will offer 16 Advanced Placement (AP) and 20 Honors courses. Students are advised to take no more than 2 APs in 10th grade, 3 APs in 11th grade, and 3 APs in 12th grade.

CURRICULUM

Listed below is the general framework and courses that were available to the Class of 2017.

ENGLISH

English 9 – 12 (Regular or Honors)
Integrated English/Media Arts
Journalism and Publication
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

HEBREW

Beginner Level: Hebrew 500 - 510
Intermediate Level: Hebrew 512 - 520
Advanced Level:
Hebrew 522 - 524
Hebrew 526 (Honors)
High Advanced Level:
Hebrew Literature (Honors)

HISTORY

World Civilization: The Jewish Experience 1 (Regular or Honors)
World Civilization: The Jewish Experience 2 (Regular or Honors)
U.S. History (Regular or Honors)
Government & Politics: U.S.
Entrepreneurship
Introduction to Psychology
AP U.S. History
AP Government & Politics: U.S.
AP European History
AP Psychology

JEWISH CIVILIZATION

Jewish Arts Rotation
Genocide and Human Behavior (Shoah)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Israeli Dance
Advanced Jazz Ensemble (H)
Advanced Photography
Art & Artists 2D
Art & Artists 3D
Art 2D: Skill Building
Ceramics and 3D
Documentary Studies & Production
Film Studies: Jewish Filmmakers and Filmmaking
Film Studies 2
Graphic Design
Instrumental Ensemble
Israeli Dance 1 & 2
Jazz Ensemble
Media Arts 1
Media Arts 2 – Integrated Creative Judaics (ICJ)
Modern Dance
Photography 1 & 2
Production: Film, TV, Radio, Web
Songwriting and Technology
Sports Broadcasting
Stagecraft
Theater and Vocal Performance
Vocal Ensemble
AP Studio Art: Design
AP Studio Art: Drawing

JEWISH STUDIES

Kedoshim/ Intro to Tanakh
Survey of Rabbinic Literature
Extended Israel Exchange Program (EIEP) Seminar
Israel Texts: Jewish Texts for EIEP Students
Tefillah Kehillah Institute (TKI)
Integrated Creative Judaics – ICJ
ITS: Tanakh 1- 4
ITS: Talmud 1-4
ITS: Speech and Debate 1-2
Jewish Texts: Rabbis
Gender/ Medical Ethics
Social Justice/ Business Ethics Environment
Jewish Philosophy
Tefillah Kehillah Institute (TKI II) (Honors)
ACA Jewish Studies
Comparative Religions
Israel 101/ Wisdom

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1A
Algebra 1B
Algebra 1
Geometry Fundamentals
Geometry (Regular or Honors)
Algebra 2 (Regular or Honors)
Intermediate Algebra
Pre-Calculus (Regular or Honors)
Trigonometry and Advanced Algebra
Calculus
Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

SCIENCE CORE

Biology (Regular or Honors)
Anatomy & Physiology (Regular or Honors)
Chemistry (Regular or Honors)
Physics (Regular or Honors)
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C: Mechanics

SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Astronomy
Biotechnology and Bioethics
Blended Web Design and Development
Intro to Computer Science
Intro to Programming
Sci-Tech 1 - 2
AP Environmental Science

WORLD LANGUAGES

American Sign Language 1 - 4
French 1 - 3
Mandarin 1
Spanish 1
Spanish 2 (Regular or Honors)
Spanish 3 (Regular or Honors)
Spanish 4
AP Spanish Language and Culture
Spanish Literature

YIDDISH

Yiddish 1

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

for the Graduating Classes of 2014-2016

Allegheny College
American Jewish University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Arizona State University
Baldwin Wallace University
Bard College
Barnard College
Beloit College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Bucknell University
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Cal State University:
 Bakersfield
 Channel Islands
 Chico
 East Bay
 Fullerton
 Long Beach
 Los Angeles
 Monterey Bay
 Northridge
 Sacramento
 San Bernardino
 San Marcos
 Stanislaus
California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University
Central Michigan University
Champlain College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornish College of the Arts
Curry College
Dartmouth College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eastern Washington University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle
Emerson College
Emory University
Evergreen State College
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising – LA
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Gallaudet University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Hampshire College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Humboldt State University
IDC Herzliya
Indiana University at Bloomington
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Johnson & Wales University
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Landmark College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
LIM College
Linfield College
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marlboro College
Marymount California University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
McDaniel College
McGill University
Miami University, Ohio
Michigan State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Otterbein University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Point Park University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rice University
Richmond The American International University in London
Rutgers University
San Diego State University
San Francisco Art Institute
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
St. Andrews University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The New School
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
Universities of:
 Alabama
 Arizona
 British Columbia
 California - Berkeley
 California - Davis
 California - Irvine
 California - Los Angeles
California - Merced
California - Riverside
California - San Diego
California - Santa Barbara
California - Santa Cruz
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Denver
Georgia
Hartford
Hawaii - Manoa
Illinois
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
La Verne
Maryland
Massachusetts - Amherst
Miami
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nevada - Las Vegas
New Mexico
New Orleans
North Carolina at Asheville
North Dakota
North Florida
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Portland
Puget Sound
Redlands
Rochester
San Diego
San Francisco
South Carolina
Southern California
Texas - Austin
the Arts
the Pacific
Vermont
Washington
Wisconsin -Madison
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Willamette University