



TILDEN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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A private college preparatory high school based on an individualized approach to learning.

Our Name History and Accreditation

From September 2006 to January 2009, Tilden Preparatory School was named “School For Independent Learners East Bay” and was a fully accredited branch of “School For Independent Learners” based in Los Altos, California. In January of 2009, Tilden Prep received its own full accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and subsequently initiated a name change to “Tilden Preparatory School.” In March of 2015, Tilden Prep received accreditation for an additional six-year term.

Mission of the School

The mission of Tilden Preparatory School is to provide an engaging, accommodating and individualized learning environment in which students gain confidence in themselves as learners, face challenges, and achieve successes while mastering college preparatory course content.

Our Students

Tilden Preparatory School’s approximately 160 full-time students come from numerous communities in the greater San Francisco Bay Area and represent a broad range of racial, ethnic, academic and intellectual backgrounds. Students choose Tilden for many reasons. Some students are attracted to the unusually broad range of courses offered, while some want to take advantage of the individualized pace and learning approach in small class sizes, or choose to individualize their academic program schedule in order to pursue time-consuming extracurricular activities.

The Curriculum

The goal of the curriculum is to offer a wide range of courses—from those that fulfill basic high school graduation requirements to those that supplement and enrich a high school curriculum, such as Advanced Placement classes and Honors level courses. Tilden Preparatory School currently offers 156 UC-approved courses, including 34 AP courses and 26 Honors courses. All of our courses are taught on a tutorial basis. Most are taught one-to-one with a teacher, while some are taught in small groups. The tutorial style utilized in our classes allows students numerous opportunities to develop their own ideas and interests plus constant practice in articulating their thoughts and opinions, both verbally and in their written work. In all classes, intellectual inquiry is encouraged, learning is interactive, and disciplines are interrelated. Analysis and creativity thrive simultaneously. Students can attend Tilden Prep either with full-time status or part-time by taking one or two courses while remaining enrolled at their primary school.

Our Grading Scale

We teach for mastery, ensuring that students reach a minimum of 80% mastery before moving on to the next level. If a student is unable to reach this level of mastery, a mastery level of 70% may be approved and subsequently reflected in a grade of C. In this circumstance, there must be approval by the student, parents, and the school. In all of our classes, grades are given on a 4.0 scale with 4.0 equaling an A, 3.0 equaling a B, 2.0 equaling a C, 1.0 equaling a D, and no credit given for an F. We calculate a student’s GPA according to this same scale, giving one extra point for AP and selected Honors level courses with a grade of C or higher.

Standardized Testing Scores

Our SAT score range is 1040-1580.

Our ACT score range is 18-33.

Students who have taken an AP exam after completing an AP course at Tilden Prep have a median score of 4 (out of 5).

College Acceptances

86% of Tilden Preparatory School students plan to attend a 4-year college or university, and 8% plan to attend a community college. Our student body encompasses a diverse range of academic, social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and the colleges that they choose for continuing education are equally diverse. Tilden students have been accepted to the following colleges:

Academy of Art University: San Francisco Art School	Mills College	Tufts University
Agnes Scott College	Montana State University	Tulane University
American University of Paris	Morehouse College	University of Aberdeen
Amherst College	New York University	University of Arizona
Augsburg College	Newcastle University	University of British Columbia
Barnard College	Northeastern University	University of California:
Beloit College	Northern Arizona University	Berkeley
Birmingham-Southern College	Notre Dame de Namur University	Davis
Boston University	Oberlin College	Irvine
Bryn Mawr College	Occidental College	Los Angeles
Butler University	Ohio State University	Merced
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Ohio Wesleyan University	Riverside
California Institute of the Arts	Pacific Northwest College of the Arts	Santa Cruz
California Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University	San Diego
California Lutheran University	Pomona College	Santa Barbara
California State University Channel Islands	Prairie View College	University of Colorado, Boulder
Clark University	Purdue University	University of Denver
College of William and Mary	Reed College	University of Kent
Colorado Technical University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Hawaii
Deep Springs College	Roger Williams University	University of Massachusetts University of Nevada
Denver University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Nottingham
Dominican University of California	San Diego State University	University of Oregon
Drew University	San Diego State University for Business	University of Oxford
Eckerd College	San Francisco State University	University of the Pacific
Emory University	Santa Clara University	University of Portland
Eugene Lang College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Puget Sound
Evergreen College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	University of Redlands
Ex'pression College for Digital Arts	Scripps College	University of San Diego
Franklin and Marshall College	Seattle University	University of San Francisco
George Brown College	Seton Hall University	University of Southern California
George Washington University	Simon's Rock College of Bard	University of Vermont
Gonzaga University	Smith College	University of York
Goucher College	Sonoma State University	Vassar College
High Point University	Southern Methodist University	Washington University in St. Louis
Humboldt State University	Southern Oregon University	Wellesley College
Indiana University-Kelley Business School	Southwestern University	Wesleyan University
Lafayette College	Stanford University	Western Washington University
Lewis and Clark College	St. John's College	Whitman College
Linfield College	Swarthmore College	Whittier College
Loyola Marymount University	Syracuse University	Willamette University
Lynn University	Temple College	Yale University
	Texas Christian University	
	Trinity University	

Tilden Preparatory School is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our college preparatory curriculum has been fully articulated with and accepted by the University of California and the California State University systems.