

# THE MIRMAN SCHOOL

## PROFILE 2007-2008

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### DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

An independent school serving intellectually highly gifted students from ages 5 to 14, The Mirman School was established by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Mirman in 1962. It is a coeducational institution divided into two divisions, Elementary and Upper School. The curricula of the two divisions span grades 1 through 9. The Mirman School draws its student body from the diverse communities of Greater Los Angeles and is located along the scenic corridor of Mulholland Drive, bridging West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. The school is accredited by both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the California Association of Independent Schools

### ENROLLMENT

Lower School: 201

Upper School (Middle School): 138

1<sup>st</sup> Year Upper School: 47

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Upper School: 49

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Upper School: 27

4<sup>th</sup> Year Upper School: 15

Total Enrollment: 339

### APPLYING OUT PHILOSOPHY

One of the stated educational goals of the Mirman School is to provide for each child what the child is ready to learn, when that child is ready to learn it, without artificial boundaries or limits for grade level. Within that same spirit and educational vision, the administration supports students and their families when they believe that they have reached their maximum growth potential academically and/or developmentally at our school. The Headmaster provides opportunities for each family to discuss the appropriate application options and to explore the individual needs of each student applicant seeking admission to middle school, secondary school, or early college placement.

### GRADING SYSTEM AND RANKING POLICY

Upper School students receive letter grades of A, B, C, and U (unsatisfactory). A signifies that the student has succeeded admirably at meeting class requirements. B signifies that the student met class requirements. C signifies that the student has met minimal class requirements.

***The Mirman School does not rank its students.***

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Mirman School year includes two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks. Each day is divided into nine 41-minute periods. Academic classes meet 5 days weekly. In addition, one two-day elective and one three-day elective is provided per semester or per year.

### NATIONAL & LOCAL AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students at the Mirman School placed prominently in various national and local contests and competitions. A list of categories in which the students were honored and recognized is found on page 3 The Mirman School Profile.

### DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

It is the school policy to report to matriculating institutions major disciplinary measure taken against a student, when such infractions involve a serious breach of community standards or potentially harmful patterns of behavior. This includes acts of plagiarism. The school letter recommendation will address disciplinary procedures that meet these criteria.

### FACULTY

18 – B.A./B.S.

15 – M.A./M.S.

1 – Ph.D.

# **CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

## **CLASS OF 2007**

The curriculum is strictly college preparatory. The course of study covers four years. Students are expected to carry no fewer than five academic subjects during each semester. All students are required to choose 2 electives per semester, participate in the physical education program and complete arts and human development requirements. In addition, through the Mirman School's Community Service Program, students perform service in the school and/or the community each year. Computer studies are integrated into all academic subjects.

### **ENGLISH – 4 Years**

English I  
English II  
English III  
English IV

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE – 4Years**

French – I, II, III, IV  
Latin – I, II, III, IV  
Spanish, - I, II, III, IV

### **SCIENCE – 4 Years**

Science I  
Science II  
Science III  
Science IV

### **SOCIAL STUDIES – 4 Years**

History I  
History II  
History III  
History IV

### **MATHEMATICS – 4 Years**

Mathematics 6  
Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I, II  
Geometry  
Pre-Calculus (opt.)  
Calculus Level AB

### **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Human Development III  
Human Development IV

### **THE ARTS – 4 Years**

#### **Performing Arts**

Concert Singers  
Drama  
Dance

#### **ELECTIVES – 4 Years**

Academic Resource Center  
Architecture and Paper Engineering  
Media Literacy and Digital Video Production  
Introduction to Flash Animation  
Concert Singers  
Cooking/Baking  
Moral and Ethical Issue on Film  
Pop Art  
Science Fair  
Science Olympiad  
Speech  
Yearbook

## CLASS OF 2008 STATISTICS

### *GRADE DISTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> YEAR UPPER SCHOOL*

The statistics provided below detail the percentage of 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year students receiving the designated grades in the respective disciplines. These statistics are based on their end of year grades, June, 2006.

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	NC
Language Arts	14/21	22/17	20/29	29/21	13/12	-	2/0	-	-
Foreign Language	57/61	32/26	11/9	-	0/4	-	-	-	-
Mathematics	68/44	17/21	6/8	6/18	3/6	-	0/3	-	-
Science	41/36	24/21	17/39	5/4	7/0	2/0	2/0	2/0	-
History/Social Studies	18/9	20/26	39/30	20/30	4/5	-	-	-	-
Arts	40/48	47/29	10/14	2/9	1/0	-	-	-	-

## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2007

### National

- American Math Competition
- Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans
- Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans
- Celebration of Young Poets Publication
- Continental Math League
- Creative with Words Publications
- Heritage Music Festival
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Letters About Literature National Contest
- Mathcounts
- National Junior Classical League Honors Society
- National Language Arts Olympiad
- National French Exam
- National Latin Exam
- National Spanish Exam
- National Mythology Exam
- Storyworks Magazine by Scholastic
- Young American Poetry Digest

### Local

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Girl's Soccer Champs
- Boy's Basketball League Champs (Jr. High JV division)
- California Junior Classical League
- California Math League
- Creative Communication Young Poets Contest
- Don Bosco Tech Competition
- El Camino Real Speech League
- Girl's Basketball League Champs (Jr. High JV division)
- L.A. County Science and Engineering Fair
- Lego Robotics
- Music in the Parks Festival
- Scholastic Art Awards

## ADMISSIONS DATA – 2007

The following schools admitted Mirman School applicants from the 2006-2007 pool:

Archer	5	Idyllwild Art Academy	1
Brentwood	10	Marlborough	7
Buckley	2	Oakwood	2
Campbell Hall	7	Phillips Exeter Academy	1
Cal State LA (EEP)	3	The Pilgrim School	1
Chaminade	1	Viewpoint	6
Harvard-Westlake	16	Windward	2

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## MATRICULATION INFORMATION - 2007

Matriculating and graduating Mirman School students will be attending the following schools:

Archer	Idyllwild
Brentwood	Marlborough
Buckley	Newbury Park H.S.
Cal State LA (EEP)	Oakwood
Campbell Hall	Phillips Exeter Acad.
Chaminade H.S.	The Pilgrim School
El Camino Real H.S.	Viewpoint
Harvard Westlake	Windward