



Santa Catalina School

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First founded in 1850, as California was achieving statehood, Santa Catalina School is an independent, all-girls, boarding and day school located on the Monterey Peninsula. Santa Catalina's mission is driven by four key values: excellence, spirituality, responsibility, and service.

Santa Catalina's curriculum draws inspiration from the classical tradition of the arts and sciences and our Catholic heritage, coupled with innovative classes to meet the demands of the 21st century. Our college-prep academics are complemented by rich offerings in the fine and performing arts and athletics. Santa Catalina students also participate in a wide array of extracurricular activities such as clubs, student publications, and service. The school's 500-seat theater hosts three major dramatic productions each year, an array of concerts, and other programs, including our annual student-produced TEDx event. Catalina's athletic facilities field 20 athletic teams in which 70% of students participate. The new Sister Claire and Sister Christine Mathematics and Science Center provides state-of-the-art facilities and is home to our unique Marine Ecology Research Program and our award-winning robotics team.

- Total students: 210 (105 boarding/105 day)
- Boarding from outside CA: 17%
- International boarding: 17% from 5 nations (China, Hong Kong, Mexico, South Korea, Switzerland)
- Students of color: 44%
- Student-teacher ratio: 6:1
- Faculty: 33
- Average class size: 12
- Need-based tuition assistance: 42% of the student body
- Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Memberships: National Association of Independent Schools, National Coalition of Girls Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, Heads Network, One Schoolhouse, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Western Association for College Admission Counseling, Association of Independent School College Counselors, and the College Board

Journey Program

Journey, Santa Catalina's signature co-curricular program, encompasses a weekly advising session as well as quarterly Journey Days, which offer deeper "dives" into topics of community interest through presentations by visiting speakers, films, and discussion groups. Journey ensures a smooth transition into Santa Catalina for new students, teaches students essential life skills, promotes their growth as leaders, and helps them to seek the best possible fit in the college application process.

Class of 2019

There are 46 students in the Class of 2019.

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2018		
Subject	Mean Score	Middle 50%
EBRW	648	610-700
Math	643	570-720
Total	1290	1185-1415
ACT: Test Scores for the Class of 2018		
Composite	28	26-31

Grade Point Average

Santa Catalina School does not rank students. GPA calculations are cumulative on a 4.0 scale. Weighting is .5 for Honors and AP courses. Students may not take an AP course without approval from the Dean of Academics and the Head of Upper School. The school year is divided into two semesters.

**Arts electives (unless AP or Studio Art), instrument and voice lessons, dance, and physical education are not included in our GPA.*

Marine Ecology Research Program (MERP)

MERP is a three-year intensive, accelerated study of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's marine environment. Students in the program may complete a concentration of up to 8 science classes by graduation. Each student develops and pursues a research project, working with instructors and local marine agencies (i.e. Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station). The program culminates with the presentation of the student's research findings at a public, scientific forum i.e. the Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting and a certificate of program completion.

Senior History Research Seminar

The History Research Seminar is designed to be the culmination of Santa Catalina students' development of history skills including critical reading, persuasive writing and formal essay development, critical thinking, and research methods. The course is designed as a college-style seminar that requires and relies on independent research and learning.

Graduation Requirements

- English, 4 years
- Foreign Language, through level 3
- History, 3 years
- Laboratory Science, 3 years
- Math, 3 years
- Religious Studies, 3 years
- Fine & Performing Arts, 3 years
- Physical Education or sports participation, each year of attendance

AP and Honors Courses

- **English**
AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
English 2 Honors
- **Fine and Performing Arts**
AP Music Theory
- **Foreign Language**
AP Chinese Language and Culture

AP French Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
Mandarin Chinese 3 Honors
French 3 Honors
Spanish 3 Honors

- **History**
AP United States History
- **Mathematics**
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Algebra 2 Honors
Geometry Honors
Precalculus Honors
Multivariable Calculus
- **Science**
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
Marine Ecology Research 2 Honors
Marine Ecology Research 3 Honors
Physics with Calculus Honors

Note: In the interest of providing students with courses that are designed and implemented based on the critical pedagogical judgment of our faculty, Santa Catalina initiated a reduction of its Advanced Placement course offerings beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Reporting Disciplinary Action

Santa Catalina School will notify colleges to which a senior has applied of disciplinary action resulting in a suspension or in permanent separation from the school. The school will not, however, inform colleges of the reason for the disciplinary action. The student is responsible for contacting college admission offices within two weeks of the disciplinary decision to explain the circumstances leading to her change in status. Should a college ask a specific question regarding a disciplinary action, which has not involved suspension or permanent separation from the school but requires an explanation, the student will be required to prepare a statement of explanation for the college.

College Matriculation

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Graduates from the Classes of 2014-2018 matriculated to the following colleges and universities.

Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brooks Institute of Photography
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Chico
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Sacramento
Carnegie Mellon University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Chapman University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Concordia University, Irvine
Davidson College
Duke University
Eckerd College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Los Angeles
Fashion Institute of Technology

Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grove City College
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey
Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Querétaro
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
Johns Hopkins University
Lake Forest College
Loyola Marymount University
Marist College
Marquette University
McGill University
Menlo College
Monterey Peninsula College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University, New York City
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Portland State University
Providence College
Quest University Canada
Reed College
Regis University
Rhode Island School of Design
Saddleback College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University

Santa Rosa Junior College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Scripps College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Spring Hill College
St. John's College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Technische Universitat Aachen (Germany)
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The George Washington University
The New School
The University of Arizona
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Texas, Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara
Universidad Iberoamericana
Universidad Panamericana
University College Dublin (Ireland)
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago

University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Nevada, Reno
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
University of Victoria (Canada)
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Waseda University (Japan)
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Western Washington University
Westmont College
Whitman College
Williams College
Xavier University
Yale University