



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. 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 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 robotics team.

- Total students: 209 (103 boarding/106 day)
- Boarding from outside CA: 8% from 12 states
- International boarding: 20% from 6 nations (Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, South Korea, Switzerland)
- Students of color: 29%
- Student-teacher ratio: 6:1
- Faculty: 33
- Average class size: 11
- Need-based tuition assistance: 41% of the student body
- Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Honor Code

Violations of the Santa Catalina Honor Code, signed by all students at the beginning of each year, are reviewed by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee. Santa Catalina notifies colleges to which any senior has applied of disciplinary action resulting in a suspension or permanent separation from the school. The school does not inform colleges of the reason for the disciplinary action. The student is responsible for contacting college admission offices within two weeks of the discipline decision to explain the circumstances leading to her change in status.

Journey Program

Journey, Santa Catalina's signature co-curricular program, encompasses a weekly advising session as well as triannual 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 2021

There are 59 students in the Class of 2021.

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2020		
Subject	Mean Score	Middle 50%
EBRW	620	595-702
Math	636	550-712
Total	1275	1120-1410
ACT: Test Scores for the Class of 2020		
Composite	27	24-30

Grading Scale

Unweighted Courses	Weighted Courses	Grading Scale
A = 4.00	A = 4.5	95-100
A- = 3.67	A- = 4.17	90-94
B+ = 3.33	B+ = 3.83	87-89
B = 3.00	B = 3.5	83-86
B- = 2.67	B- = 3.17	80-82
C+ = 2.33	C+ = 2.83	77-79
C = 2.00	C = 2.5	73-76
C- = 1.67	C- = 2.17	70-72
D+ = 1.33	D+ = 1.83	67-69
D = 1.00	D = 1.5	63-66
D- = .67	D- = 1.17	60-62
F = .00	F = 0.00	0-59

Grade Point Average

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

Grades in the fine and performing arts are **not included in GPA calculations, except in the case of AP courses and the Studio Art Seminar.*

Advanced Topic Courses

Intensive Advanced Topic (AT) courses are offered in a number of disciplines. AT courses are highly demanding and are intended to be the most academically challenging offerings in these departments, with syllabi and requirements equivalent to college coursework in the subject area.

Course Offerings

ENGLISH: 4 years

English 1	Global Perspectives
English Grammar and Composition	AT: The Art of Memoir
English 2, English 2 Honors	AT: The Art of Rhetoric
English 3	AT: Dramatic Literature
AP English Literature	AT: Shakespeare
The Art of Rhetoric	AT: Short Stories and Fiction

HISTORY: 3 years

World History 1: To 1500	AT: Women in America
World History 2: Since 1500	AT: Intro to International Relations
U.S. History	AT: History of African Americans
AP U.S. History	AT: Immigration in America
Art History	AT: Dictatorships: Acquisition, Maintenance, and Loss of Power
Global Issues in Historical Context	
AT: The Constitution & the Government of the U.S.	

MATHEMATICS: 3 years; 1 semester of Computer Science

Algebra 1	The Nature of Math
Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors	Personal Finance
Geometry, Geometry Honors	Statistics
Precalculus, Precalculus Honors	AP Calculus AB
Intro to Programming	AP Calculus BC
Computer Science & Technology	AT: Multivariable Calculus

SCIENCE: 3 years

Conceptual Physics	Biodiversity, Ecosystems, & Conservation
Chemistry, Chemistry Honors	AP Chemistry
Marine Ecology Research 1*	AP Biology
Biology, Biology Honors	AT: Marine Ecology Research Project 3*
Marine Ecology Research 2*	AT: Physics w/Trigonometry
Marine Biology	AT: Physics w/Calculus
Oceanography	
Natural Resources & Global Change	

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 5 semesters

World Religions	Scripture
Peace & Justice	Philosophy

WORLD LANGUAGES: 3 years

French 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AP Chinese Language
Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AT: Mandarin Chinese
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AP Spanish Language
AP French Language	AP Spanish Literature

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS: 3 years

Chamber Choir	AP Music Theory
Chamber Ensemble	
Beginning Drama	Advanced Drama
Intermediate Drama	Rehearsal & Performance
Art 1, 2, 3	Photography
Digital Media	Studio Art Seminar
3-D Media	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Health & Wellness	After-school Activity: 8 semesters
Concepts of Well-being	(P.E., interscholastic sports, performing arts, etc.)

*Marine Ecology Research Program (MERP)

MERP is a three-year intensive, accelerated study of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's marine environment. Each student develops and pursues a research project, working with instructors and local marine agencies (e.g. 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).

College Matriculations

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Graduates from the Classes of 2016-2020 matriculated to the following colleges and universities.

Allegheny College	San Diego State University (2)
American University (2)	Santa Barbara City College (2) ▲
Barnard College	Santa Clara University (3)
Bates College	Santa Rosa Junior College
Baylor University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (3)
Berklee College of Music	Scripps College (3)
Boston College (2)	Seattle Pacific University
Boston University (5)	Seattle University (2)
Bowdoin College	Seton Hall University
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Sonoma State University
Bucknell University	Southern Methodist University (4)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (8)	Stanford University (4)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Swarthmore College
California State University, Chico	Syracuse University
California State University, Northridge	Texas Christian University (5)
California State University, Sacramento (2)	The New School (2)
Carnegie Mellon University (4)	Tufts University
Case Western Reserve University	Tulane University
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Universidad de Monterey
Chapman University (10)	Universidad Panamericana
Colby College (2)	Universidad Panamericana, Guadalajara
College of William and Mary (2)	The University of Alabama
Colorado College	The University of Arizona (3)
Columbia University	University of California, Berkeley (5)
Duke University	University of California, Davis (3)
Eckerd College	University of California, Los Angeles (3)
Emory University (2)	University of California, Riverside
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising	University of California, San Diego
Fashion Institute of Technology	University of California, Santa Barbara (3)
Fordham University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Georgetown University	University of Chicago
The George Washington University	University of Denver (4)
Gonzaga University	University of Hawaii at Manoa (3)
Grove City College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington (3)	University of Miami
Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey	University of Mississippi
Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Queretaro	University of Oregon (7)
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Sinaloa	University of Pennsylvania
Iowa State University	University of Puget Sound (2)
Ithaca College	University of Redlands (3)
James Madison University	University of Rochester
Johns Hopkins University (2)	University of San Diego (4)
Lafayette College	University of San Francisco (2)
Lewis & Clark College	University of Southern California (11)
Loyola Marymount University (3)	University of St. Andrews
Malone University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Marist College	University of the Pacific (2)
Marquette University	The University of Texas, Austin
Monterey Peninsula College (3) ▲	University of Utah
New York University (3)	University of Vermont
New York University (Tisch School of the Arts)	University of Virginia
Northeastern University (2)	University of Washington (3)
Northern Arizona University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Northwestern University (2)	Villanova University
Nova Southeastern University	Virginia Tech
Oberlin College	Wake Forest University
Pennsylvania State University	Waseda University
Pepperdine University	Washington and Lee University
Pitzer College	Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Portland State University	Wellesley College
Providence College	Western Washington University
Quest University Canada	Westminster College, Utah
Reed College	Westmont College
Regis University	Whitman College
Rhode Island School of Design	Whittier College
Saint Mary's College of California (6)	Willamette University
	Williams College
	Yale University (2)
	▲ UC Transfer Admission Guarantee Program