MISSION STATEMENT
Kirby empowers students to shape their futures with confidence. Students in our diverse community learn to think critically, develop their creativity, and achieve with thoughtfulness and respect.

KIRBY’S VALUES
WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF BELONGING
◊ We are equitable, inclusive and collaborative
◊ We embody diverse perspectives
◊ We care for ourselves and each other
◊ We create safe spaces for everyone to be themselves

WE FIND JOY IN CREATIVITY AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE
◊ We are curious and have passion for knowledge
◊ We invest in ourselves
◊ We believe every student is unique and has a different path
◊ We are adaptable and responsive
◊ We value out of the box thinking

WE NURTURE CONFIDENCE AND CRITICAL THINKING FOR A CHANGING WORLD
◊ We are authentic in all that we do
◊ We trust ourselves and are genuine
◊ We have courage and tenacity
◊ We prepare students for college and their future

THE SCHOOL
Kirby School is an independent, co-educational day school for grades 6 through 12 and is a member of, and is accredited by, the California Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Kirby’s CEEB Code is 053290. Established in 1994, Kirby was named for a Santa Cruz pioneer who devoted her life to education, freedom, and enfranchisement. The School was founded on the belief that students who are respected and encouraged will exhibit great enthusiasm for learning and achieve at the highest levels.

FACULTY
69 percent of Kirby’s 32 faculty members hold advanced degrees, including 4 Doctorates and 18 Master’s Degrees. Fine and performing arts teachers have augmented their formal degrees with extensive professional experience.

STUDENTS
Kirby enrolls 171 students: 60 in the middle school (6-8) and 111 in the high school (9-12). The graduating Class of 2022 had 35 students. Kirby’s average class size is 12. The school admits students on their ability to be successful in a rigorous academic environment without regard to race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical disability, national origin or other legally protected status.

TUITION ASSISTANCE
Kirby’s commitment to tuition assistance is designed to support a highly qualified and diverse student body, and is a fundamental part of the school’s mission. For the 2022-2023 academic year, 34% of Kirby’s students received tuition assistance, totaling $1,600.
# HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Kirby’s graduation requirements exceed the “a-g” admissions requirements of the University of California system. Honors and AP courses are listed in **bold**. Semester-long courses are marked with an *.

## ENGLISH

*(4 years required)*

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11 and English 12 choices:
  - AP Multicultural English Literature & Composition
  - Applied Ethics *
  - Creative Writing *
  - Graphic Novels *
  - History, Literature, Art: Indigenous US Literature *
  - History, Literature, Art: South Africa *
  - Queer Voices in Literature *
  - Personal Narratives *

## HISTORY

*(3 years required)*

- History 9: World History of the Middle Ages
- History 10 or **Honors History 10**: Modern World History
- US History or **Honors US History Practicum**
- AP US Government
- Macroeconomics *
- Government Cabinet (1 unit/sem)

## LANGUAGES

*(2 years of one language required; through level 3 recommended)*

- American Sign Language 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Latin 1, 2, 3 & **Honors Latin: Special Topics**
- Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4 & **Honors Spanish 5**

## MATHEMATICS

*(3 years required)*

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus A/B
- AP Calculus B/C
- AP Statistics
- **Honors Multivariable Calculus**
- Financial Mathematics with Advanced Algebra Applications

## LABORATORY SCIENCES

*(3 years required)*

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Forensic Chemistry
- Human Biology *
- Marine Biology *
- **Honors Advanced Biology**
- **Honors Physics**
- **Honors Environmental Science**
- AP Physics

## COMPUTER SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- Intro to Programming
- Introduction to Quantum Computation
- Music Technology: Mixing *
- Music Technology: Recording *
- Yearbook (1 unit/sem)

## PERFORMING ARTS

*(1 year required)*

- Chorus (1 unit/sem)
- Chamber Choir (by audition)
- Jazz Choir (by audition) (1 unit/sem)
- String Methods (1 unit/sem)
- Orchestra (by audition) (1 unit/sem)
- Jazz Ensemble (by audition) (1 unit/sem)
- Drama 1 & 2
- Intro to Dance
- Dance Company (by audition) (1 unit/sem)
- **AP Music Theory**

## VISUAL ARTS

*(1 year required)*

- Art 1: Foundation
- Art 2: Intermediate 2D Art
- Photography
- Photo: Portfolio Preparation

## FITNESS, WELLNESS & HUMAN DEV.

- Health and Wellness * or Health and Wellness A * (1 semester required)
- High School Fitness * (2 units/sem) or Contract Fitness * (1 unit/sem) (4 units total required)
- Psychology *
INTENSIVE ACADEMIC PATHS

In addition to Honors and AP courses, Kirby offers four elective high school Intensive Paths for students wishing to pursue in-depth study in a specific academic or artistic field. All paths meet or exceed the 94-unit graduation requirement.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTENSIVE PATH (STIP)
STIP provides a program for students interested in intensive study of science, math, and/or computer sciences, with the goal of reaching a high level of mastery and positioning themselves for advanced college-level work. STIP students’ coursework includes four years of laboratory science, four years of mathematics (including Pre-calculus), a research project or internship, and additional elective units in science, math, and computer science.

HUMANITIES INTENSIVE PATH (HIP)
HIP enables students who are passionate about history, writing, and/or literature to explore those areas in depth. HIP coursework includes five years of history or English and culminates in a focused senior project advised by a faculty mentor.

LANGUAGES INTENSIVE PATH (LIP)
LIP offers students intensive study of foreign languages and cultures. LIP students use their elective options for focused study in world cultures, including four years of one foreign language and two additional years in a second language.

ARTS INTENSIVE PATH (AIP)
AIP emphasizes the study of fine or performing arts. Under the mentorship of a faculty advisor, AIP students choose a general arts program or concentrated study in a specific discipline, supported by a total of 18 additional units in the arts and a creative, culminating project presented in the senior year.

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated using all courses. In high school, final GPAs are cumulative from the fall semester of freshman year. For transfer students, all courses from the previous school are used (except when transferring from an International School). Advanced Placement, Honors, and University of California transferable college-level courses are weighted. Class Rank: Students are not ranked.

SAT TEST SCORES

SAT REASONING TEST SCORES

AVERAGE COMBINED SCORES (OUT OF 1600)

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SAT Reasoning combined scores include math, critical reading and writing scores.

* Only 10% of the class of 2021 were able to take the SAT. This average combined score does not reflect a majority of Kirby Students.
Kirby graduates have matriculated at the following schools in the past 5 years:

| American University | Bard College | Bennington College | Berklee College of Music | Boston University | Brown University | Cabrillo College | California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo | Carleton College | Case Western Reserve University | Clark University | Colgate University | College of Wooster | Colorado College | Colorado School of Mines | Colorado State University | Columbia College Chicago | Columbia University | Cornell University | Delft University of Technology | Denison University | Emerson College | Georgia Institute of Technology | Gonzaga | Goucher College | Hampshire College | Harvey Mudd College | Johns Hopkins University | Lewis and Clark College | Long Island University | Loyola Marymount University | Macalester College | Menlo College | Mills College | Muhlenberg College | New York University | NHL Stenden, Netherlands | Northeastern University | Northern Arizona University | Northwestern University | Oberlin College | Occidental College | Oregon State University | Parsons School of Design | Pitzer College | Portland State Honors Program | Pratt Institute | Princeton University | Purdue University | Reed College | Regis University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Rhode Island School of Design | Royal Veterinary College, England | San Diego State University | San Jose State University | Santa Barbara City College | Santa Clara University | Savannah College of Arts and Design | School of Visual Arts | Scripps College | Seattle University | Skidmore College | Smith College | Southern Oregon University | St. Olaf College | Stanford University | SUNY at Purchase | Swarthmore College | Syracuse University | The New School | Tufts University | Tulane University | University of British Columbia, Canada | University of California, Berkeley | University of California, Davis | University of California, Irvine | University of California, Los Angeles | University of California, Riverside | University of California, San Diego | University of California, Santa Barbara | University of Colorado, Boulder | University of Edinburgh, Scotland | University of Illinois, Chicago | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | University of Oregon, Honors College | University of the Pacific | University of Pittsburgh | University of Puget Sound | University of Rochester | University of San Francisco | University of South Wales | University of Southern California | University of St. Andrews, Scotland | University of Redlands | University of Washington | University of Wisconsin | Vassar | Washington University, St. Louis | Wellesley College | Willamette University | Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) |

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