



The School and Community

The Bishop's School in La Jolla, California is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory day school for 800 students in grades six through 12, drawing from over 50 zip codes and 157 middle and high schools. Founded in 1909, the School is affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Many of our students commute more than an hour each way. Of the 102 teaching faculty members, 87 have advanced degrees, and the student-teacher ratio is 9 to 1. Last year, Bishop's distributed approximately \$4.2 million in financial aid to approximately 20 percent of the student body. Students of color make up more than 51 percent of the student population. There are 131 students in the Class of 2023.

Student Life

The Bishop's School encourages development in all aspects of a student's life.

Bishop's **athletics** program is designed to be broad enough to prepare gifted athletes to compete at the college level while also ensuring that all students are exposed to the lifelong benefits of athletics and physical fitness. During the course of a school year, over 80 percent of Bishop's Upper School students play on one or more of the 40 varsity and junior varsity teams.

The School also has award-winning **performing arts** groups. Acting Workshop, Advanced Theater Production, Bishop's Singers, Performing Dance Group and Studio Dance Group are highly selective, audition-only ensembles that represent the School's greatest performing arts talents and require significant time commitment outside of the classroom.

In addition to the arts, **academic teams and programs** such as Academic League, Associated Student Body Council (ASBC), Journalism, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Peer Support, Robotics, Speech and Debate and Yearbook require substantial commitment on the part of the involved students.

There are a variety of **student-led clubs** on campus. Some focus on helping others, such as Period Poverty Project and Lucky Ducklings, while others focus on shared interests, such as Spikeball Club and Gardening Club. **Affinity spaces** cultivate a sense of belonging for people of a shared identity through discussion and cultural celebration.

Community service emphasizes mindful reflection and relationship building and is customized by each student based on their personal passion. As part of the program, students work regularly with a service organization of their choosing. Throughout this experience, students reflect and answer questions on a blog before sharing their personal service journey with peer groups. Students must complete at least 20 hours of service each year, and each graduating class has traditionally completed a total of roughly 30,000+ service hours by the time they complete their Bishop's career.

Fast Facts

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Mission Statement

Bishop's is an Episcopal school that nurtures students of intellect and character to think independently, learn collaboratively, grow their sense of self and act with greater purpose.

Vision

Our vision is the pursuit of the question: How do our students learn and grow best? Everything we do must return to this fundamental question.

Diversity Statement

Bishop's is an inclusive community that believes our differences are a source of strength. We are committed to the pursuit of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice. We respect the dignity of every human being and aspire to be a school where all are known, cared for and feel that they belong.

Discipline Statement

"Probation" represents the most serious disciplinary offense at Bishop's. In the case of probation for disciplinary reasons, it is school policy to report sanctions issued by the Values Committee or Head of School to the colleges to which the student has applied or will attend.

Accreditations & Memberships

The Bishop's School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, The College Board, CAIS, NAIS, NACAC, WACAC, ACCIS (Founding School), School Year Abroad, Global Online Academy and the Cum Laude Society.

Academic Offerings

Honors courses are in place of the AP curriculum. As of 2021-22, Bishop's no longer offers AP courses and places no expectation on students to take AP exams. Bishop's does administer the exams to accommodate students who may wish to take one or more tests by their own choice.

Advanced Honors courses encourage intensive study in a seminar setting beyond the bounds of Honors courses in an effort to allow students to pursue special and advanced interests in particular fields of study.

Global Online Academy (GOA) is a not-for-profit consortium of leading independent schools around the world dedicated to developing 21st century skills while preserving the academic excellence that is the hallmark of its member schools. The Bishop's School is a member of Global Online Academy and offers limited enrollment in its classes. GOA's course offerings enhance opportunities to learn and explore topics not covered or conveniently scheduled in the program on campus.

Independent study (IS) courses allow students to explore their passions with faculty sponsors; they must be supported by faculty and approved by department heads. Past IS examples include Quantum Mechanics, the Art of Directing, Cellular Biology of Female Reproduction, and Survey of South American History Through Literature. Independent study courses receive a letter grade and are included in the GPA calculation.

Grade Point Average and Standardized Testing

The Bishop's School calculates a GPA but encourages students to “think beyond the GPA.” We know that the GPA can be an oversimplification of the student's academic record and does not tell the whole story of their academic journey.

The GPA is calculated using all letter grades from Grade 9 and higher on the Bishop's transcript, with the exception of Health and Global Online Academy Courses. Non-Bishop's courses are also not included in the GPA.

Letter grades are assigned a numerical value on the 4.00 scale (A = 4.00, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, etc.). Weighted GPAs are calculated by adding an additional 1.00 to the letter grade for any course with an “Honors” or “Advanced Honors” designation (A = 5.00, A- = 4.67, etc.).

The Bishop's School does not calculate class rank.

GPA and Standardized Testing Profile Class of 2023: 131 students	
Middle 50% GPA	3.71-4.33
Middle 50% SAT	1340-1530 (94 test takers)
Middle 50% ACT	30-34 (43 test takers)

COVID-19 Impact for Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 experienced school in a fully remote setting (March-May 2020 in Grade 9), shifted to in-person learning on a rotating schedule (August 2020-March 2021 in Grade 10), and resumed their regular in-person schedule (April 2021 at the end of Grade 10 to now). Bishop's maintained its letter grading policy throughout this time.



Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

*Denotes weighted course (honors or advanced honors).

†Denotes former AP course; AP-equivalent.

Advanced honors courses are considered post-AP.

English	
Required: four years - English I, English II, English III/IV	
English I	†*English III/IV Honors American Literature
English II	†*English III/IV Honors Writing
English III/IV (numerous semester-long courses)	*Advanced Honors English

History & Social Science	
Required: Modern World History, U.S. History, two additional semesters	
Modern World History	Racism, Genocide & the Holocaust
U.S. History	*Honors Seminar in Historical Research
†*Honors U.S. History	†*Honors Comparative Government & Politics
Big History	†*Honors U.S. Government & Politics/ Mock Trial
Economics	†*Honors Psychology
†*European History (No longer offered as of 2021-2022)	†*Honors Economics: Micro/ Macroeconomics
Global Issues	*Advanced Honors Economics

Mathematics	
Required: three years at least through Math 5	
Math 3, Math 3 Enriched	†*Honors Calculus BC
Math 4 Core, Math 4, Math 4 Enriched	*Advanced Honors Math: Multivariable Calculus
Math 5 Core, Math 5, Math 5 Enriched	*Advanced Honors Math: Linear Algebra
Precalculus Core, Precalculus, *Honors Precalculus	*Advanced Honors Math: Number Theory
Calculus	†*Honors Statistics
†*Honors Calculus AB	

Performing and Visual Arts	
Required: two semesters in one medium/discipline	
Performing Arts	Visual Arts
Dance I/II	Ceramics I/II
Studio Dance Group	Ceramics III
Performing Dance Group	Studio Art I/II
Theater Arts I/II	Studio Art III
Acting Workshop	Film & Digital Media I/II
Theater Design & Production I/II	Film & Digital Media III
Costume Design & Construction I/II	Photography I/II
Advanced Theater Production	Photography III
Bishop's Chorus I/II	Creative Electronics
Bishop's Chorus III/IV	Studio Art: Portfolio IV
Bishop's Singers Mixed Choir	†*Honors Studio Art
Jazz Band I/II	
Jazz Band III/IV	
Music Production I/II	
†*Honors Music Theory	

Religion & Ethics	
Required: Introduction to Biblical Literature and one additional semester	
Introduction to Biblical Literature	Race & Religion in America
Feminism: A Biblical Perspective	Social Justice in American Society
The Prophetic Voice	The Holocaust: Religious Questions
Introduction to the Philosophy of Human Rights	*Honors Philosophy of Religion

Science	
Required: Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, Biology	
Conceptual Physics, Conceptual Physics Enriched	†*Honors Biology
Engineering Physics	*Advanced Honors Biology
†*Honors Physics	Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering
*Advanced Honors Physics	Electrical Engineering
Chemistry	Environmental Science
†*Honors Chemistry	Food Science
*Advanced Honors Chemistry	Forensic Science
Biology	Human Anatomy
*Honors Biology	Marine Biology

World Languages	
Required: two years at least through Level III	
Chinese I, II, III, IV	*Latin IV Honors: Literature
*Chinese III Honors	†*Latin IV Honors: Caesar & Vergil
†*Chinese IV Honors	*Advanced Honors Latin: Literature
*Advanced Honors Chinese	*Honors Greek
French I, II, III, IV	Spanish I, II, III, IV
*French III Honors	*Spanish III Honors
†*French IV Honors	†*Spanish IV Honors
*Advanced Honors French	*Advanced Honors Spanish: Modern Mexico
Latin I, II, III, IV	*Advanced Honors Spanish: Film & Literature
*Latin III Honors	

Computer Science	
†Software Development	Experimental Programming
Applied Computer Science	Creative Electronics
*Honors Computer Science	Designing for Web, Industry & Publication
*Advanced Honors Computer Science	Robotics
	Applied Robotics

Independent Electives	
Journalism	Peer Support
Introduction to Speech	ASBC/Leadership
Advanced Speech & Debate	L.E.A.D.
Yearbook	

Additional Requirements	
Health	Physical Education

Matriculation

At Bishop's, we celebrate all students' post-secondary plans. Below is matriculation information for students who chose to enroll in college or university. No single year is representative of our matriculation "trends."

College	Class of '22	4-Yr. Total
Alabama A&M University	0	1
American University	0	3
Amherst College	1	5
Babson College	0	1
Barnard College	0	3
Bates College	1	2
Baylor University	1	5
Bentley University	0	1
Biola University	0	1
Bocconi University	0	1
Boston College	4	5
Boston University	2	7
Bowdoin College	4	4
Brandeis University	0	1
Brigham Young University	1	1
Brown University	2	7
Bryn Mawr College	0	1
Bucknell University	0	1
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	1	7
Cal State Channel Islands	0	1
Cal State Chico	0	1
Cal State Northridge	1	1
Cal State San Marcos	0	1
Carleton College	0	1
Carnegie Mellon University	0	1
Case Western Reserve University	0	4
Chapman University	0	6
Claremont McKenna College	2	5
Colby College	0	1
Colgate University	0	5
College of the Holy Cross	1	1
Colorado State University	0	1
Columbia University	1	6
Connecticut College	0	1
Cornell University	4	9
Creighton University	1	1
Dartmouth College	0	5
Davidson College	2	3
Denison University	0	1
Dickinson College	1	1
Duke University	5	8
Emerson College	0	1
Emory University	3	5
Fordham University	0	2
Furman University	0	1
George Washington University	2	8
Georgetown University	3	10
Gettysburg College	1	1
Gonzaga University	0	1

College	Class of '22	4-Yr. Total
Grand Canyon University	0	1
Harvard University	1	8
Haverford College	1	1
Indiana University - Bloomington	3	5
Iona University	0	1
Johns Hopkins University	1	2
Kenyon College	1	1
Lafayette College	0	1
Lehigh University	1	2
Lewis & Clark College	0	1
Loyola Marymount University	1	6
Marist College	1	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	9
McGill University	1	1
New York University	1	5
Northeastern University	3	10
Northwest Nazarene University	0	1
Northwestern University	0	4
NYU Shanghai	1	2
Oberlin College	0	1
Occidental College	4	5
Oxford College of Emory University	0	2
Penn State University (Main Campus)	0	1
Pepperdine University	0	1
Pitzer College	0	2
Pomona College	0	1
Princeton University	1	3
Purdue University (Main Campus)	1	2
Reed College	1	3
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	1
Rice University	0	3
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	0	2
Sacred Heart University	0	1
Saddleback College	0	1
San Diego State University	2	7
San Jose State University	1	1
Santa Clara University	4	23
Scripps College	0	1
Skidmore College	0	2
Southern Methodist University	3	10
Stanford University	2	10
Syracuse University	0	1
Texas Christian University	2	7
The American University of Paris	0	2
The New England Conservatory of Music	0	1
The New School	0	1
The University of Edinburgh	0	1
The University of Texas at Austin	0	3
Tsinghua University	0	1

College	Class of '22	4-Yr. Total
Tufts University	0	5
Tulane University of Louisiana	0	3
United States Air Force Academy	0	1
United States Naval Academy	1	4
University of Arizona	1	2
University of California Berkeley	4	20
University of California Davis	1	1
University of California Irvine	1	2
University of California Los Angeles	2	9
University of California Riverside	0	1
University of California San Diego	3	8
University of California Santa Barbara	2	13
University of California Santa Cruz	0	3
University of Chicago	7	24
University of Colorado Boulder	0	2
University of Denver	2	2
University of Florida	0	1
University of Georgia	0	1
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	0	2
University of Kansas	1	1
University of Maryland - College Park	1	2
University of Miami	0	4
University of Michigan	2	8
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	2
University of Notre Dame	0	1
University of Oregon	1	3
University of Pennsylvania	2	8
University of Puget Sound	0	1
University of Rochester	0	1
University of San Diego	1	3
University of Southern California	8	32
University of the Pacific	0	1
University of Toronto	0	1
University of Vermont	0	1
University of Virginia	1	2
University of Washington (Seattle)	0	1
University of Wisconsin - Madison	4	6
Vanderbilt University	0	1
Vassar College	0	2
Villanova University	0	1
Wake Forest University	1	1
Washington University in St. Louis	1	1
Webb Institute	0	1
Wellesley College	0	4
Wesleyan University	0	2
Williams College	1	3
Yale University	4	13