



Santa Catalina School

2022-2023

Mission

Santa Catalina exists to develop in each student a striving for excellence, a maturing awareness of moral and spiritual values, a sense of responsible purpose, and a determination to serve the world with courage, grace, and compassion.

Motto

Veritas—truth—is the motto of Santa Catalina School. Underlying all actions, relationships, and communication is the assumption that this standard exists. Only with this principle clearly acknowledged and firmly in place is the school's mission worthy and possible.

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Santa Catalina Profile

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 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: 211 (116 boarding/95 day)
- 61 boarding students from 10 states
- 55 international students from 9 countries (Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine)
- Students of color: 47%
- Student-teacher ratio: 7:1
- Faculty: 36
- Average class size: 11
- Need-based tuition assistance: 34% 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.

COVID-19 Response

Santa Catalina began distance learning in March 2020, began hybrid learning in April 2021, and re-opened fully in August 2021. We did not make significant changes to our calendar, grading system, course offerings, or academic requirements/expectations during this period. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, AP exams were made optional for all students in 2020 and 2021.

Class of 2023

There are 53 students in the Class of 2023.

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2022		
Subject	Mean Score	Middle 50%
EBRW	648	590-690
Math	654	610-750
Total	1302	1220-1470
ACT: Test Scores for the Class of 2022		
Composite	25	22-27

Grading Scale

Unweighted Courses	Weighted Courses	Grading Scale
A = 4.00	A = 4.5	93-100
A- = 3.67	A- = 4.17	90-92
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

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 Interim Head of Upper School. The school year is divided into two semesters.

**The grading scale was updated during the 2021-2022 school year. Prior to this, the required score for an "A" was 95-100, and the required score for an "A-" was 90-94. Except in the case of AP courses, Studio Art Seminar, and Rehearsal and Performance, grades in the fine and performing arts are not included in GPA calculations for the classes of 2023 and 2024.*

Enhanced Learning Opportunities

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.

Advanced Topic Courses

Intensive Advanced Topic (AT) courses are offered in a number of disciplines. Inspired by the passions of Santa Catalina students, AT courses are designed and implemented based on the ever-expanding capacities and critical pedagogical judgment of our expert faculty. With an emphasis on experiential learning and the exploration of topics in greater depth, AT courses reinforce skills essential for success in upper-level college courses.

AT courses are highly demanding and are intended to be the most academically challenging offerings in their respective departments, with syllabi and requirements equivalent to college coursework in the subject area.

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 eight science classes by graduation. 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 (e.g. the Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting).

Performing and Visual Arts Certificate Programs

Certificate programs in the visual and performing arts guide students through a comprehensive, multi-year course of study that expands as well as refines each student's artistic repertoire. Not only does each student develop a portfolio of work that can be used for college applications and future interviews, but both certificate programs also culminate with a senior showcase consisting of either a live performance or gallery exhibition. Many certificate program requirements do not appear on the transcript.

Certificate in Global Leadership

The Certificate in Global Leadership provides students learning opportunities beyond our graduation requirements to develop deeper global competence and international leadership skills. The program, which begins in the sophomore year, takes an interdisciplinary approach and includes required academic coursework, travel abroad with an experiential education component, service, and reflection. The purpose of the program is to develop students' knowledge, skills, and empathic orientation so they can be diplomatic leaders and ethical, globally minded change-makers. Many certificate program requirements do not appear on the transcript.

Course Offerings 2022-2023

	9	10	11	12
English	English 1: Journeys & Transformations English Grammar & Composition	English 2: The Self & the Other English 2 Honors: The Self & the Other	English 3: Dreams & Aspirations AP English Literature	AT: The Art of Memoir✦ AT: The Art of Rhetoric✦ AT: Dramatic Literature✦ AT: Shakespeare✦ AT: Tales of Guile, Wisdom, and Woe: Short Stories & Fiction✦
History	World History to 1500: The Origins & Development of World Cultures	World History 1500 to Present: The Making of the Modern World	U.S. History AP U.S. History	Global Issues in Historical Context AT: Art History AT: Dictatorships: Aquisition, Maintenance, & Loss of Power✦ AT: Immigration in America✦ AT: Intro to International Relations✦ AT: Women in America✦
Mathematics	Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors	Geometry Geometry Honors	Pre-Calculus Pre-Calculus Honors Introduction to Programming✦	The Nature of Math✦ Personal Finance✦ AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AT: Statistics AT: Multivariable Calculus AT: Computer Science & Technology
Science	Conceptual Physics	Chemistry Chemistry Honors Marine Ecology Research 1	Biology Biology Honors AP Chemistry Marine Ecology Research 2 Honors	Marine Biology✦ Oceanography✦ Natural Resources & Global Change✦ Biodiversity, Ecosystems, & Conservation✦ AP Biology AT: Physics w/Trigonometry AT: Physics w/Calculus AT: Marine Ecology Research 3
Religious Studies	World Religions	Scripture✦	Peace & Justice✦ Religion, Film & Literature✦	Philosophy✦
World Languages	French: Level 1 through AP & AT • Mandarin: Level 1 through AP & AT • Spanish: Level 1 through AP & AT Honors classes begin at Level 3			
Health & Wellness	Introduction to Health & Wellbeing✦	Concepts of Well-being✦		
Electives	Art 1: Foundations 2-D	Art 2: Intermediate 2-D Digital Media	Art 3: Advanced 2-D 3-D Media Photography	Studio Art Seminar
	Beginning Drama	Intermediate Drama	Advanced Drama	Rehearsal & Performance
	Dance 1: Technique & Performance	Dance 2: Choreography & Performance	Dance 3: Improvisation & Performance	
	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	AP Music Theory Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble

✦One semester course.

College Matriculations

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Graduates from the Classes of 2018-2022 matriculated to the following colleges and universities.

The University of Alabama (4)	Fordham University (2)	Rhode Island School of Design (2)
Allegheny College	George Washington University	University of Rochester
American University (3)	Georgetown University	University of St. Andrews
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Saint Mary's College of California (4)
The University of Arizona (2)	Grinnell College	San Diego State University (6)
Bates College (2)	Grove City College	University of San Diego (6)
Baylor University	Hamilton College	University of San Francisco (2)
Belmont University	Harvey Mudd College	Santa Barbara City College (2) ▲
Boston College (5)	University of Hawaii at Manoa (4)	Santa Clara University
Boston University	Hillsdale College (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Bryn Mawr College (2)	IED Barcelona Design School	Savannah College of Art and Design
Bucknell University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)	Scripps College (2)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (3)	Indiana University, Bloomington	Seattle University
California State University, Chico	Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico	University of Southern California (10)
California State University, Monterey Bay	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Sinaloa	Southern Methodist University (4)
California State University, Northridge	Iowa State University	Stanford University (3)
California State University, Sacramento	Ithaca College	Syracuse University (4)
University of California, Berkeley (5)	James Madison University	Technológico de Monterrey (2)
University of California, Davis (5)	Johns Hopkins University (4)	Technológico de Monterrey, Querétaro
University of California, Irvine	Lafayette College	Texas Christian University (2)
University of California, Los Angeles (3)	Lewis & Clark College	The New School
University of California, Riverside	Lipscomb University	University of Toronto (2)
University of California, Santa Barbara (4)	Loyola Marymount University (3)	Tufts University (2)
University of California, Santa Cruz (2)	Malone University	Universidad de Monterrey (3)
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Marquette University (2)	Universidad Panamericana, Guadalajara
Case Western Reserve University	University of Michigan	University of Utah
Chapman University (8)	University of Mississippi (3)	University of Vermont
Colby College	Montana State University	University of Virginia (2)
University of Colorado, Boulder	Monterey Peninsula College (3) ▲	Wake Forest University (2)
Colorado College	New York University (3)	Waseda University
Colorado School of Mines	Northeastern University (5)	Washington and Lee University
Colorado State University	Northern Arizona University	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Columbia University	Northwestern University (2)	University of Washington (5)
University of Denver (5)	University of Notre Dame	Wellesley College
Eckerd College	Oberlin College (2)	Western Washington University
École Polytechnique	Occidental College (2)	Westminster College, UT
The University of Edinburgh	University of Oregon (3)	Westmont College
Emory University (2)	Pennsylvania State University	Wheaton College
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising	University of Pennsylvania	Whitman College
Fashion Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University	Whittier College
Florida Southern College	Point Loma Nazarene University (2)	Willamette University
	Pratt Institute	College of William and Mary (2)
	Princeton University	Williams College
	University of Redlands	University of Wisconsin (3)
		Yale University (2)

▲ UC Transfer Admission Guarantee Program