



Viewpoint School, founded in 1961, is an independent, non-profit, coeducational college preparatory day school with an enrollment of 1,200 students in Transitional Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade and 500 students in the high school. Viewpoint is on a 40-acre campus in the City of Calabasas, near the Santa Monica Mountains of Southern California. Students come from 90 zip codes around Los Angeles, and the parents represent 75 countries. Nearly 100% of graduates attend four-year colleges nationwide and around the world.

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□ School Profile 2023-2024

VIEWPOINT SCHOOL'S MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

At the start of the 2021-22 school year, Viewpoint School unveiled its refreshed mission, vision, and values, which culminates two years of collaboration by the entire school community.

Our Mission: To create exceptional readiness for extraordinary futures by cultivating the critical skill set, courageous mindset, and resilient identity of each individual Viewpoint student

Our Vision: A school where tradition connects us and innovation propels us
A community where families value unity in diversity
A world where education changes lives

Our Values: Love, Honor, Excellence, Imagination, Optimism

110 STUDENTS ARE IN THE CLASS OF 2024

GRADING SYSTEM

- Viewpoint School does not rank.
- Students are required to enroll in five academic classes per semester in Ninth and Tenth Grades, and a minimum of four academic classes and one elective each semester in Eleventh and Twelfth Grades.
- Viewpoint reports both weighted and unweighted GPAs, on a 4.0 scale, for work completed at Viewpoint only.
- One point is added to the cumulative weighted GPA for each Honors, AP, and VAS course.

VIEWPOINT ADVANCED STUDIES – VAS

Last year, a new designation on the transcript, VAS, refers to post-AP classes that represent the most advanced classes in those subject areas. VAS courses require successful completion of the associated AP courses.

- VAS Advanced Topics in Calculus Honors
- VAS Algorithms & Data Structures Honors
- VAS Artificial Intelligence Honors
- VAS Game Development Honors
- VAS Honors Seminar in Environmental Science
- VAS Linear Algebra Honors
- VAS Logic Gates to Modern Computing Honors
- VAS The Supernatural in French Literature Honors
- VAS Voices of the French-Speaking World Honors
- VAS Voices of the Spanish-Speaking World Honors
- VAS Web Development Honors
- VAS World Literature Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Viewpoint School offers 29 AP courses.

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB, BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Chinese Language
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Computer Science A, Principles
- AP English Language, Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language
- AP Latin
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1, 2
- AP Physics C: E&M, Mechanics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language, Literature
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art: 3D – Ceramics, Sculpture
- AP United States History
- AP World History

A total of 908 students took 2,256 exams over the last three years.

3-Year Average AP Participation by Grade:

72% earned scores of 3 or above

40% earned scores of 4 or 5

15% earned scores of 5

51% of Tenth Grade

91% of Eleventh Grade

97% of Twelfth Grade

3-Year Total Scholars Recognition:

136 AP Scholars with Distinction

84 AP Scholars with Honor

175 AP Scholars

1 AP International Diploma

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM – CLASS OF 2024

6 Semifinalists

3 Commended Students

TBD National Hispanic Recognition Award

TBD National African American Recognition Program

□ Highlights of the Curriculum 2023-2024

Unique STEM Courses

- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Business Calculus
- Advanced Design Lab I, II, III Honors
- Engineering Design I, II, III Honors
- Field Ecology & Techniques
- Graphic Design for Media & Entrepreneurship
- Oceanography
- Viewpoint Advanced Studies (VAS) Web Development, Game Design, Artificial Intelligence Honors

Unique Performing and Visual Arts Courses

- Choreography I, II
- Digital Music Composition and Production
- Directing I, II
- Documentary Filmmaking
- Film Acting for Actors and Directors
- Filmmaking IV Honors
- Hip Hop I -IV
- Musical Theater
- Photography Honors
- Speech and Debate
- Sports Media
- Tap I -IV
- Theater Design and Technology
- Viewpoint Jazz Ensemble

Unique English and Social Studies Courses

- Creative Writing
- Ethics and Leadership
- Global Economics
- Humanities
- International Relations

Unique World Language Courses

- Chinese V Honors
- Chinese Culture and Conversation
- Cultural Themes in French Cinema
- Cultural Themes in Spanish Cinema
- Francophone Culture and Conversation
- Latin Literature Honors

VIEWPOINT SCHOLARS AND INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

Many students engage in self-directed exploration or research on a specific topic. They require administrative approval and faculty mentorship. Recent project topics include:

- 2D Animated Short Film Character Animation
- Analytical Philosophy of the Mind, Neuroscience, and Information Theory
- Ancient Greek Studies
- Artists as Freedom Fighters
- Data Analytics and the NBA 3-point Shot
- Digital Music Songwriting and Production
- Emotional Truth in Film
- History of Chinese sports
- Investments Research
- Management Information Systems & Product Design
- Philosophy of Time and Time Travel
- Qualitative Inorganic Analysis
- Special Relativity and the Twin Paradox
- The Effects of Global Warming on the Walrus
- The Mathematics of Bird Flight
- The Role of Classical & Jazz Music on Cognition
- Theoretical and Applied Mechanics: FIRST Robotics

CLUBS AND AFFINITY GROUPS

Viewpoint School students are busy! Here is a sampling of clubs created by our students.

Clubs:

- 3D Printing Club
- Acapella Club
- Admissions Ambassadors Club
- Animal Welfare Society Club
- Aspects Literary Magazine
- Challenge Success
- Crafts for Kids
- Digital Arts Club
- Environmental Sustainability Council
- Fashion Club
- Fantasy Stocks
- Garden Club
- Girls in STEM
- Juggling Club
- Latin Club
- Model UN
- Pre-Med Club
- Save A Child's Heart
- Tabletop Games Club
- Viewpoint Math Circle
- VS Archery Club
- Wellness Ambassadors
- The NAVY, Spirit Club

Affinity Groups:

- Asian American Pacific Islander Club
- Black Student Union
- Chinese Club
- Feminism Club
- Filipino-American Student Association
- Girl Up Viewpoint
- Indian Student Union
- Jewish Student Union
- Latin American Student Association
- Middle Eastern Student Union
- Spectrum: Gender-Sexuality Alliance

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY LIFE AT VIEWPOINT SCHOOL

Diversity Leadership Team

Under the direction of the School's Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Life, four Viewpoint School faculty members serve as diversity coordinators across divisions—Primary/Lower, Middle, and Upper.

Viewpoint School Enrollment by the Numbers:

- 70+ Countries represented by Viewpoint parents
- 50% Students of Color
- 19% Traditionally Underrepresented Students
- 20% Students Receive Need-Based Financial Aid
- Over \$6 Million Total Financial Aid

Diversity Leadership Day:

This annual event is a full-day conference for students to explore issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. After a keynote address, students attend workshops led by their peers, faculty, and other educators and consultants.

Social Justice Leadership Honor Society

Students in Grades 11 and 12 may apply and interview for the Social Justice Leadership Honor Society, which is in its fourth year at Viewpoint.

