



The School and Community

Founded in 1909, The Bishop's School is an independent, all-gender college-preparatory day school pursuing intellectual, artistic and athletic excellence in the context of the Episcopal tradition. The School currently enrolls 800 students in grades 6 through 12, drawing from 65 zip codes and 153 middle and high schools throughout San Diego County and beyond. Last year, The Bishop's School distributed approximately \$4.9 million in financial aid to approximately 20 percent of the student body. Students of color made up more than 50 percent of the student population. There are 127 students in the Class of 2025.

Student Life

Bishop's boasts a wide array of clubs and organizations that allow students to pursue their interests beyond both the classroom and our campus. Through activism, affinity and identity spaces, arts, athletics, culture, hobbies and interests, politics, religious groups, service, social justice or anything in between, students find ways to explore and grow that are more than academic. Student life highlights include:

Advisory

This program anchors our focus on student well-being. Advisory groups are composed of roughly 10 students paired with one or two faculty or staff members. Advisories meet at the start of every school day and have additional meetings each week for lessons and discussions on health and DEIJ (diversity, equity, inclusion and justice), chapel and community building. Students typically stay with their advisor all four years of high school, allowing them to foster close relationships with adults who get to know them well through their Bishop's journey.

Arts

Bishop's arts programs include award-winning performing and visual artists. Acting Workshop, Advanced Theater Production, Bishop's Singers, Performing Dance Group and Studio Dance Group are audition-only ensembles, requiring students to be enrolled in the corresponding course during the academic day (see p. 3) and expect significant time commitment outside of the classroom. The visual arts provide exceptional mentorship in art portfolio development, exhibition, publication and curatorial opportunities. Creativity expands beyond the studios and becomes a part of the student's identity.

Athletics

Bishop's prepares gifted student-athletes to compete at the college level while ensuring that all students are exposed to the lifelong benefits of athletics and physical fitness. During the school year, more than 80 percent of our upper school students play on one or more of the 40 varsity and junior varsity teams. Nearly 20 percent of our graduating seniors continue their athletic careers at the college level. Our 121 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Championships ranks fifth among all San Diego schools.

Leadership

Participation in organizations such as Associated Student Body, (ASB), Journalism, Mock Trial, Peer Support, and Speech and Debate also require students to be enrolled in the corresponding elective class during the academic school day and entail a large time commitment outside the classroom. See p. 3, Independent Electives.

Service and Social Innovation

These programs emphasize mindful reflection and relationship building, customized by each student based on their personal passion. 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 class traditionally completes approximately 30,000 service hours by graduation. Students who opt in to our celebrated Social Innovation program work toward solving a societal issue; past projects have focused on homelessness, climate change and other urgent social needs.

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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.

Accreditations & Memberships

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

Academic Program

As a college-preparatory school where typically 100 percent of graduates plan to attend four-year colleges or universities, Bishop's has designed a curriculum that reflects that central purpose of our mission. The accompanying chart on page 3 provides a guide to our graduation requirements and course offerings.

Honors

Honors courses are offered in place of Advanced Placement courses and are equivalent or more in academic rigor. Asterisks on Honors classes on the chart on page 3 indicate courses that were formerly AP.

Advanced Honors

Advanced Honors courses encourage intensive study in a seminar setting beyond the bounds of Honors courses to allow students to pursue special and advanced interests in particular fields of study. Advanced Honors courses are the highest level/most rigorous in their respective subject areas.

Advanced Placement Policy

As of 2021-2022, Bishop's completed its multi-year phase-out of the Advanced Placement program and no longer offers AP courses. Although no expectations are placed 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 if they are seeking college placement or credit.

Independent Study

Each year, a number of students propose independent study courses that must be supported by faculty and approved by department heads. Examples of recent IS courses include Asian-American Literature, Differential Geometry, General Relativity, History and Methods of Disaster Art, Surrealism, and Women & Religion. Independent Study courses receive a letter grade and are included in the GPA calculation.

Creative Sciences

This celebrated program supports interdisciplinary hands-on learning through faculty and student engagement and through the use of The Center for Creative Sciences. The physical exploratory space acts as a hub for technology and innovation, hosts classes, independent student projects, faculty professional development opportunities and impacts every department on campus. It features state-of-the-art 3D printers and scanners, arduinos, a CNC router, Edison work benches, laser cutters and engravers, Makey Makeys and soldering stations.

Global Online Academy

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 thus offers limited enrollment in its classes. GOA's course offerings enhance opportunities to learn and explore topics not covered or conveniently scheduled in the programs on campus.

Grade Point Average and Standardized Testing

While Bishop's does calculate a GPA, we encourage 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 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 on-level (non-Honors) courses in performing and visual arts.
- Non-Bishop's courses, such as Global Online Academy, are 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 a class rank for external reporting purposes.

COVID-19 Impact for the Class of 2025

Bishop's was fully remote from March-May 2020, shifted to in-person learning on a rotating schedule from August 2020-March 2021 and eventually resumed its regular in-person schedule in April 2021. Bishop's maintained its letter grading policy throughout this time. The Class of 2025 began Grade 9 fully in-person in fall 2021.

Class of 2025 Weighted GPA Distribution

(through the end of junior year):

Middle 50% GPA	3.70-4.32
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Class of 2024 Testing Profile

(The Class of 2025 is in the midst of standardized testing for the college application process.)

Test	# of test takers	Middle 50% range
SAT	76 of 128 students	1360-1550
ACT	49 of 128 students	30-35

Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

*Denotes weighted course (Honors or Advanced Honors) | +Denotes former Advanced Placement course or AP-equivalent.

‡Denotes courses that are considered “post-AP” level and/or the most rigorous/advanced in the given subject area.

English Required: four years - English I, English II, English III, English IV	
Grade 9: English I	Grade 10: English II
Grade 11:	Grade 12:
English III: American Literature	English IV Semester Electives:
Honors English III: American Literature*+	Honors English IV: Writing*+
	Advanced Honors English* ‡

History & Social Science Required: Modern World History, U.S. History, one additional semester of History; one additional semester of History or Social Science	
Grade 9: Modern World History	Grade 10: U.S. History, Honors U.S. History *+
<i>Semester-long electives</i>	<i>Year-long electives</i>
Applied Economics	Honors European History *+ (no longer offered as of 2022-2023)
Applied Psychology	Honors Psychology *+
Big History	Honors Economics: Micro/Macroeconomics *+
Economics (through 2023-2024)	Advanced Honors Economics *‡
Racism, Genocide & the Holocaust	Honors Western Thought & Culture *+ (not offered 2024-2025)
Honors Ancient Empires * (not offered 2024-2025)	
Honors Atomic Bomb*	
Honors Global Cold War *	
Honors Protests & Social Movements*	
Honors War on Terror *	
Honors Comparative Government *+	
Honors U.S. Government & Politics *+	

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

Performing and Visual Arts Required: two semesters in one medium/discipline	
Performing Arts	Visual Arts
Dance I, II	Ceramics I, II, III
Studio Dance Group	Digital Media I, II, III §
Performing Dance Group	Studio Art I, II, III
Theater Arts I, II, III, IV	Film & Digital Media I, II, III (no longer offered as of 2022-2023)
Acting Workshop	Photography I, II, III (no longer offered as of 2022-2023)
Theater Design & Production I, II, III, V	Creative Electronics
Costume Design & Construction I, II	Studio Art: Portfolio IV
Advanced Theater Production	Honors Studio Art Portfolio * §
Bishop's Chorus I, II, III, IV	Honors Art History *+ §
Bishop's Singers Mixed Choir	
Jazz Band I, II, III, IV	
Music Production I, II	
Honors Music Theory *+ §	
§ In 2023-24, Film & Digital Media and Photography courses were combined into the new Digital Media courses. § Honors Music Theory & Honors Studio Art are the only Arts courses included in Bishop's GPA calculation.	

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	<i>Semester-long electives</i>
Honors Physics *+	Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering
Advanced Honors Physics *‡	Electrical Engineering
Chemistry, Honors Chemistry *	Environmental Science: Global Issues
Advanced Honors Chemistry *+	Environmental Science: California
Biology, Honors Biology *+	Food Science
Advanced Honors Biology *‡	Forensic Science (not offered 2024-2025)
	Human Anatomy (not offered 2024-2025)
	Marine Biology
	Science on Stage

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 * (not offered 2024-2025)
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 *‡ (not offered 2024-2025)	Advanced Honors Spanish: Modern Mexico *‡
Latin I, II, III, IV	Advanced Honors Spanish: Film & Literature *‡
Latin III Honors *	

Computer Science	
<i>Sequence through 2023-2024</i>	<i>New sequence as of 2024-2025</i>
Experimental Programming	Experimental Programming (semester-long)
Software Development I, II +	Software Development +
Applied Computer Science - Web Development & Databases ‡	Full-Stack Web Development ‡
Honors Computer Science - Algorithms & Data Structures *‡	<i>Choice:</i>
Advanced Honors Computer Science - Computer Vision & AI *‡	Honors Artificial Intelligence & Computer Vision * ‡ and/or
	Honors Algorithms & Data Structures * ‡

Independent Electives	
Journalism	Peer Support
Introduction to Speech	Peer Counseling/Kindness Crew (offered 2023-2024 only)
Advanced Speech & Debate	ASB/Leadership
Mock Trial	Yearbook

Additional Curricular Requirements
Health

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, for the Class of 2024 as well as the Classes of 2021-2024, given that no single year is indicative of our matriculation "trends."

College	Class of '24	4-Yr. Total
Abilene Christian University		1
Alabama A&M University		1
American University		2
Amherst College		3
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)		1
Barnard College		2
Bates College	1	2
Baylor University	1	6
Bentley University		1
Berklee College of Music	1	1
Bocconi University		1
Boston College	2	7
Boston University	2	4
Bowdoin College		6
Brigham Young University		1
Brown University	1	5
California Institute of Technology		1
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	1	5
California State University (Fullerton)	1	1
California State University (Northridge)		1
Carleton College		1
Case Western Reserve University	2	6
Chapman University	2	3
Claremont McKenna College		3
Colby College		1
Colgate University		1
College of the Holy Cross		1
Colorado College		1
Columbia University		2
Cornell University	2	9
Creighton University		1
Dartmouth College	2	4
Davidson College		2
Dickinson College	1	2
Drexel University	1	2
Duke University	1	7
Elon University		1
Emerson College		1
Emory University		4
Fordham University	1	2
George Washington University		5
Georgetown University	2	10
Gettysburg College		1
Grinnell College		1
Harvard University	3	11
Haverford College	1	2
Howard University		1
Indiana University - Bloomington	2	6
Johns Hopkins University	3	6
Kenyon College		1
Lafayette College		1

College	Class of '24	4-Yr. Total
Lake Forest College		1
Le Moyne College	1	1
Lehigh University		2
Loyola Marymount University		5
Marist College		1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	10
McGill University	1	2
Menlo College		1
Middlebury College	2	2
Mount Holyoke College		1
New York University	1	6
Northeastern University	3	15
Northwestern University	1	3
NYU Shanghai		1
Oberlin College	1	3
Occidental College		5
Olin College of Engineering		1
Oxford College of Emory University	2	2
Pennsylvania State University	1	2
Pepperdine University	1	3
Pitzer College	1	1
Pomona College		2
Princeton University	5	8
Purdue University (Main Campus)	2	4
Reed College		3
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute		1
Rice University	2	5
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology		1
Sacred Heart University		1
Saddleback College		1
San Diego State University	3	6
San Jose State University		1
Santa Clara University	6	26
Santa Monica College	1	1
Sarah Lawrence College	1	1
Scripps College	1	1
Skidmore College		1
Southern Methodist University	4	12
Southern Utah University	1	1
Stanford University	1	10
Syracuse University	2	3
Texas A&M University	1	1
Texas Christian University		5
The American University of Paris		2
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art		1
The New School		1
The University of Edinburgh	2	2
The University of Texas at Austin	1	2
Trinity College	2	2
Trinity College (Dublin)	1	1
Tsinghua University		1

College	Class of '24	4-Yr. Total
Tufts University	1	3
Tulane University of Louisiana	1	3
United States Air Force Academy		1
United States Naval Academy		2
University of Arizona	1	2
University of California Berkeley	2	12
University of California Davis		2
University of California Irvine		2
University of California Los Angeles	2	13
University of California Riverside	1	1
University of California San Diego	1	7
University of California Santa Barbara		5
University of California Santa Cruz	1	2
University of Cambridge	1	1
University of Chicago	2	23
University of Colorado Boulder	2	3
University of Denver		4
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign		2
University of Kansas		1
University of Maryland - College Park		1
University of Massachusetts Lowell		1
University of Miami	2	4
University of Michigan	6	13
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	3
University of Oregon		4
University of Pennsylvania	1	6
University of Puget Sound		1
University of Richmond	2	3
University of Rochester	1	3
University of San Diego	1	4
University of Southern California		24
University of Sydney	1	1
University of the Pacific		1
University of Toronto		1
University of Vermont		1
University of Virginia (Main Campus)		2
University of Washington (Seattle)		1
University of Wisconsin (Madison)	1	14
Vanderbilt University		1
Vassar College		2
Ventura College	1	1
Villanova University	1	1
Wake Forest University		3
Washington and Lee University	1	2
Washington University in St. Louis		2
Webb Institute		1
Wellesley College		1
Wesleyan University	2	3
Williams College		2
Yale University	1	7