



Santa Catalina School

2024-2025

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 1950, Santa Catalina School is an independent, Catholic, all-girls boarding and day school located in Monterey, California. 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. Catalina's athletic facilities field 12 sports in which 70% of students participate. The Sister Claire and Sister Christine Mathematics and Science Center is home to our unique Marine Ecology Research Program and our robotics team.

- Total students: 215 (126 boarding/89 day)
- 78 boarding students from 11 states
- 48 international students from 12 countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Ukraine)
- Students of color: 45%
- Student-teacher ratio: 8:1
- Teaching Faculty: 28
- Average class size: 12
- Need-based financial aid: 36% of the student body
- Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Honor Code

The Santa Catalina Honor Code is rooted in the value of truth (*veritas*) and emphasizes honesty and integrity as the foundation of the community. Each student is responsible for their academic work, ensuring it reflects their own effort and learning. The Honor Code is signed by all students at the beginning of each year, and violations are reviewed by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee. Santa Catalina notifies colleges to which any senior has applied of disciplinary action resulting in suspension or permanent separation from the school. The student is then responsible for contacting college admission offices within two weeks of the disciplinary decision to explain the circumstances leading to her change in status.

Class of 2025

There are 38 students in the Class of 2025.

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2024		
Subject	Mean Score	Middle 50%
EBRW	603	530 - 680
Math	609	540-690
Total	1212	1060-1390
ACT: Test Scores for the Class of 2024		
Composite	27	23-31

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
F = .00	F = 0.00	0-59

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 Dean of Academics. 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 2024.*

Enhanced Learning Opportunities

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 2024-2025

	9	10	11	12
English	English 1: Journeys & Transformations	English 2: The Self & the Other English 2 Honors: The Self & the Other	English 3: Dreams & Aspirations AP English Literature	Senior English Electives♦Ⓢ
History	Introduction to Historical Methods♦	World History 1500 to Present: The Making of the Modern World	U.S. History AP U.S. History	Senior Research Seminars♦Ⓢ
Mathematics	Algebra 1 Geometry Geometry Honors Introduction to Programming♦	Geometry Geometry Honors Algebra 2 w/Trigonometry Algebra 2 Honors	Algebra 2 w/Trigonometry Algebra 2 Honors Precalculus Precalculus Honors	Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC 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♦ AP Biology AT: Physics w/TrigonometryⓈ AT: Physics w/CalculusⓈ AT: Marine Ecology Research 3 Independent StudyⓈ
Religious Studies	World Religions♦ Scripture♦		Peace & Justice♦ Religion, Film, and Literature♦	AT: 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			
Advising / Health & Wellness	Freshman Journey Freshman Foundations♦ Introduction to Health & Wellness♦	Sophomore Journey Concepts of Well-being♦	Junior Journey	Senior Journey
Electives (Music, Dance, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts)	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	Dance 4: Advanced Performance
	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble	Chamber Choir Chamber Ensemble

♦One semester course

ⓈIntensive Advanced Topic (AT) courses.

College Matriculations

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Graduates from the Classes of 2020-2024 matriculated to the following colleges and universities.

The University of Alabama (4)	Elon University	Point Loma Nazarene University (2)
American University (2)	Fairfield University	Princeton University
Arizona State University (3)	Florida Southern College	University of Redlands
University of Arizona (2)	Fordham University (2)	Rhode Island School of Design
Barnard College (5)	Gonzaga University (2)	Saint Mary's College of California
Bates College (2)	Grinnell College	San Diego State University (5)
Baylor University	Hamilton College	University of San Diego (5)
Belmont University	Harvard University	University of San Francisco
Boston College (4)	Harvey Mudd College	Santa Barbara City College
Boston University	University of Hawaii at Manoa (2)	Santa Clara University (2)
Bowdoin College (2)	Hillsdale College (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Brandeis University	IE University Madrid	Savannah College of Art & Design (2)
Brown University	University of Illinois	Sonoma State University
Bryn Mawr College	at Urbana-Champaign	University of Southern California (7)
Bucknell University	Iowa State University	Southern Methodist University (3)
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (8)	Ithaca College	Stanford University (2)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	James Madison University (2)	St. John's College
California State University, Monterey Bay	Johns Hopkins University (3)	Syracuse University (5)
California State University, Northridge	Lewis & Clark College	Technológico de Monterrey
University of California, Berkeley (6)	Lipscomb University	Texas Christian University (2)
University of California, Davis (5)	Loyola Marymount University (6)	The George Washington University
University of California, Irvine (2)	Loyola University New Orleans	The University of Edinburgh
University of California, Los Angeles (3)	Macalester College	The University of Texas at Austin
University of California, Riverside	Malone University	University of Toronto (2)
University of California, Santa Barbara (2)	Marquette University	Tufts University (2)
University of California, Santa Cruz (3)	University of Miami (2)	Tulane University of Louisiana
Carnegie Mellon University	University of Michigan (3)	Universidad de Monterrey (3)
Case Western Reserve University	University of Mississippi (2)	Universidad Panamericana, Guadalajara
Chapman University (7)	Montana State University	University of St. Andrews
University of Chicago	Monterey Peninsula College (3)	University of Utah
Clemson University	New York University (5)	Vanderbilt University
University of Colorado Boulder (3)	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Vermont
Colorado School of Mines	Northeastern University (7)	University of Virginia (3)
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	Northwestern University	Wake Forest University (3)
Columbia University	University of Notre Dame	University of Washington (7)
in the City of New York	Oberlin College (2)	Wellesley College
Dartmouth College	Occidental College (2)	Westmont College
Davidson College	Oregon State University	Wheaton College
University of Denver (3)	Pennsylvania State University	Whitman College
DePaul University	University of Pennsylvania	Willamette University
	Pepperdine University (3)	University of Wisconsin (3)
	Pitzer College	Yale University (2)