

STERNE HIGH SCHOOL

A group of graduates in blue gowns and caps are walking along a paved path. In the background, there is a large, ornate fountain with multiple water jets. The setting appears to be a park or campus with trees and benches.

**Start With
Strengths**

Discover how you learn.

Explore your strengths.

Become a leader.

It starts at Sterne.

Achieve your potential.

Sterne offers a comprehensive and challenging college preparatory curriculum through project-based instruction designed and led by expertly-trained faculty. Self-reflection, self-advocacy, and leadership opportunities are at the core of this program, as each student's understanding of their own learning profile fosters autonomy and critical thinking. Students take the initiative in connecting directly with teachers and academic coaches to address specific challenges. In a four-year process, our college counseling team guides every family and works with each student to find the best-fit that's right for them. Our graduates go on to make waves as creators, problem-solvers, thinkers, and leaders.

350+

graduate acceptances
to colleges and
universities
since 2018

100%

acceptance rate to
four-year colleges
and universities for
students who applied

Take the lead.

Sterne students are leaders and mentors on campus and throughout the community. Through the Eye to Eye program, our high school students mentor younger students to develop social and emotional skills, and create supportive environments. Student government allows students to advocate for each other, working together with peers, faculty members, and school administrators on issues important to them. Abundant service learning opportunities let students interact with the community at large, making meaningful impacts beyond the classroom.

500+

hours annually of
service learning
and community
engagement

25

events each year
led by our
student
government





Pursue your passions.

Students with athletic and artistic aspirations thrive at Sterne. A majority of our students participate in a competitive or club sport, and we provide opportunities for athletes of all stripes and abilities. Students develop physical and mental strength, self-confidence, and a team ethos—life skills that extend far beyond the gym. Likewise, our cutting edge arts facilities and peerless instructors are instrumental in guiding students to pursue their artistic passions. From the studio to the stage, in front of the camera and behind the scenes, creativity and self-expression are always center stage at Sterne.

65%

of Sterne students participate in a competitive or club sport

70%

of Sterne students are active in a visual or performing arts class or program



Discover your place.

Learning comes alive when students expand their horizons. Curriculum-based experiential trips provide hands-on experiences that deepen understanding, contextualize content, and connect Sterne students to cultures and communities within our neighborhood and around the world. Back on campus, celebrating uniqueness is a core value, and our high school's robust offering of clubs and affinity groups give students the opportunity to explore interests, pursue passions, and form friendships. Annual traditions include pep rallies, talent shows, dances, concerts, Homecoming, Spirit Week, Prom, and so much more; these events highlight school pride and connect the Sterne community.

20+

clubs and affinity groups every year for high school students

33k+

experiential trip miles traveled internationally since 2018



It starts here.

Founded in 1976, Sterne moved into our “forever home” at 838 Kearny Street in 2017. Our vibrant urban campus is located in the heart of San Francisco, where the Financial District, Chinatown, and North Beach neighborhoods converge. Recent facility upgrades include a new science lab and visual arts studio; a state-of-the-art A/V suite that includes a recording studio, film lab, and music room; a black box theater; and a full gymnasium. Sterne’s campus hosts student concerts, art shows, athletic competitions, assemblies, dances, pep rallies, and social events that connect our community by bringing students and families together.

9:1

ratio of students
to teacher

42%

LGBTQ+
students

35%

self-identified
students of color

2017

year we signed
a 99-year lease
at 838 Kearny

32%

of families
receive tuition
assistance

40

zip codes
represented

Sterne’s mission is to build on the foundation of individual strengths to discover and nurture each student’s version of greatness.

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ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS

N A I S
National Association
of Independent Schools

CAIS
Accreditation
Candidate

Sterne School admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or sex in the administration of its educational and employment policies, admissions policies, financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

UCSF Dyslexia Center Partner