



# KIRBY SCHOOL

## GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

### SCHOOL PROFILE

#### **Christy Hutton**

Head of School

#### **Faith Reid**

Interim Assistant Head

#### **Rick Fitzgerald**

Academic Dean

#### **Emily Lamoureux '00**

Director of Admissions

#### **Cathy Conley**

College Counselor



## MISSION STATEMENT

Kirby empowers students to shape their futures with confidence. Students in our diverse community learn to think critically, develop their creativity, and achieve with thoughtfulness and respect.

## KIRBY'S VALUES

### WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF BELONGING

- ◇ We are equitable, inclusive and collaborative
- ◇ We embody diverse perspectives
- ◇ We care for ourselves and each other
- ◇ We create safe spaces for everyone to be themselves

### WE FIND JOY IN CREATIVITY AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

- ◇ We are curious and have passion for knowledge
- ◇ We invest in ourselves
- ◇ We believe every student is unique and has a different path
- ◇ We are adaptable and responsive
- ◇ We value out of the box thinking

### WE NURTURE CONFIDENCE AND CRITICAL THINKING FOR A CHANGING WORLD

- ◇ We are authentic in all that we do
- ◇ We trust ourselves and are genuine
- ◇ We have courage and tenacity
- ◇ We prepare students for college and their future

## THE SCHOOL

Kirby School is an independent, co-educational day school for grades 6 through 12 and is a member of, and accredited by, the California Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Kirby's CEEB Code is 053290. Established in 1994, Kirby was named for Santa Cruz pioneer Georgiana Bruce Kirby, who devoted her life to education, freedom, and enfranchisement. The School was founded on the belief that students who are respected and encouraged will exhibit great enthusiasm for learning and achieve at the highest levels.

## FACULTY

Over 60 percent of Kirby's teaching staff hold advanced degrees, including 4 Doctorates and 21 Master's Degrees. Fine and performing arts teachers have augmented their formal degrees with extensive professional experience.

## STUDENTS

Kirby's current enrollment is 129 students: 41 in the middle school (6-8) and 88 in the high school (9-12). The graduating Class of 2024 had 24 students. Kirby's average class size is 12. The school admits students on their ability to be successful in a rigorous academic environment without regard to race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical disability, national origin or other legally protected status.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

Kirby's commitment to tuition assistance is designed to support a highly qualified and diverse student body, and is a fundamental part of the school's mission. For the 2024-2025 academic year, 34% of Kirby's students received tuition assistance, totaling \$1,600,000.

425 Encinal Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Phone: 831.423.0658  
kirby.org

# Academic Program

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Kirby's graduation requirements exceed the "a-g" admissions requirements of the University of California system. Honors and AP courses are listed in **bold**. Semester-long courses are marked with an \*.

### ENGLISH

(4 years required)

English 9

English 10

English 11 and English 12

choices:

#### **AP Multicultural English Literature & Composition**

History, Literature, Art: Indigenous

US Literature \*

History, Literature, Art: South Africa\*

Queer Voices in Literature \*

Personal Narratives \*

Creative Writing\*

Banned Books\*

Public Speaking\*

Graphic Novels\*

Creative Writing\*

### HISTORY

(3 years required)

History 9

History 10

**Honors History 10: Modern World**

**History**

US History

**Honors US History Practicum**

**AP US Government**

**AP Comparative Government & Politics**

Applied Ethics

Government Cabinet (1 unit/sem)

### LANGUAGES

(2 years of one language required;  
through level 3 recommended)

American Sign Language 1, 2, 3 & 4

Latin 1, 2, 3

**Honors Latin: Special Topics**

Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4

**Honors Spanish 5**

Ancient Greek

**MATHEMATICS** (3 years  
required)

Algebra1

Geometry

Algebra 2

Pre-Calculus

Multivariable Calculus

**AP Calculus AB/BC**

**AP Statistics**

**Honors Linear Algebra**

**Honors Differential Equations**

Financial Mathematics

Macroeconomics

Number Theory

### LABORATORY SCIENCES

(3 years required)

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Human Biology \*

Marine Biology \*

Forensic Chemistry

**Honors Physics**

**Honors Advanced Chemistry**

**Honors Environmental Science**

**Honor Advanced Biology**

**AP Physics**

### COMPUTER SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Intro to Programming

Robotics

**AP Computer Science**

Engineering & Design Thinking

Music Technology: Mixing \*

Music Technology: Recording \*

Digital Photography\*

Yearbook (1 unit/sem)

### PERFORMING ARTS

(1 year required)

Chamber Choir (by audition)

Jazz Choir (by audition) (1 unit/sem)

String Methods (1 unit/sem)

Orchestra (by audition) (1 unit/sem)

Jazz Ensemble (by audition) (1 unit/sem)

Intro to Guitar \*/Piano \*

Intro to Drama

Advanced Drama

Music Theory

**AP Music Theory**

Playwriting/Screenwriting

### VISUAL ARTS

(1 year required)

Art 1: Foundation

Art 2: Intermediate 2D Art

**Art 3: Portfolio Preparation & AP**

**Coursework**

**Art 4: Advanced Portfolio Preparation**

**& AP Coursework**

Book Arts 1, 2, and 3

Darkroom Photography\*

Photography: Portfolio Preparation\*

### FITNESS, WELLNESS & HUMAN DEV.(4 units total required)

Health and Wellness \*

Health and Wellness A \* (1 semester  
required)

High School Fitness \* (2 units/sem)

Contract Fitness \* (1 unit/sem)

Psychology \*



# Academic Achievement

## INTENSIVE ACADEMIC PATHS

Kirby offers **four elective Intensive Paths** for high school students to pursue **in-depth study** in a specific field. Each student receives ongoing mentorship from a **faculty advisor**. Students design, complete and present a final **capstone project**. Students can combine portions of two paths for an individualized area of deeper inquisition. Intensive Path units must be completed at Kirby.

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTENSIVE PATH (STIP)

STIP provides a program in intensive study of science, math, and/or computer sciences. STIP students' coursework includes four years of laboratory science, four years of mathematics, and a research project or internship.

STIP course requirements include:

- 16 units each in both lab science and math
- 8 additional units in science, math, or computer tech
- Classes + project: 42 units
- Total units in addition to GE requirements: 18

### HUMANITIES INTENSIVE PATH (HIP)

HIP enables students who are passionate about history, writing, and/or literature to explore those areas in depth. HIP coursework includes five years of history or English and culminates in a focused senior project.

HIP course requirements include:

- 16 units each in History and English
- 6 additional English/History units including the Honors US History Practicum
- Classes + project = 40 units
- Total units in addition to GE requirements: 12

### LANGUAGES INTENSIVE PATH (LIP)

LIP offers students intensive study of world languages and cultures. LIP students use their elective options for focused study in world cultures, including four years of one world language and two additional years in a second language.

LIP course requirements include:

- 18 units language
- Complete one language through Level 4, 3 years to be completed in high school
- Classes + project = 20 units
- Total units in addition to GE requirements: 12

### ARTS INTENSIVE PATH (AIP)

AIP emphasizes the study of fine or performing arts. AIP students choose a general arts program or concentrated study in a specific discipline, culminating in project performed senior year.

AIP course requirements include:

- 4 units each in visual arts and performing arts
- 18 additional elective art units, performance or tech roles may account for up to 4 credits
- Classes + project = 28 units
- Total units in addition to GE requirements: 20

# College Admissions

Kirby graduates have been accepted to the following colleges in the past 5 years:

American University	George Washington University	San Diego State University	University of Redlands
Arizona State University	Gettysburg College	San Francisco State University	University of Rochester
Art Center College of Design	Gonzaga University	San Jose State University	University of San Diego
Bard College	Goucher College	Santa Clara University	University of San Francisco
Barnard College	Hampshire College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of South Wales
Bates College	Harvey Mudd College	Savannah College of Arts and Design	University of Southern California
Beloit College	Hawaii Pacific University	School of Visual Arts	University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Bennington College	Ithaca College	Scripps College	University of Utah
Bentley University	Johns Hopkins University	Seattle University	University of Vermont
Berklee College of Music	Juniata College	Skidmore College	University of Victoria, Canada
Boston University	Kenyon College	Smith College	University of Washington, Seattle
Brandeis University	Lawrence University	Sonoma State University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Brown University	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	Ursinus College
Bryn Mawr College	Lewis & Clark College	Southern Oregon University	Vassar College
Cabrillo College (Honors)	Long Beach State University	St. Olaf College	Warren Wilson College
California College of the Arts	Long Island University	Stevens Institute of Technology	Washington University, St. Louis
Cal Poly, Humboldt	Loyola Marymount University	Stanford University	Wellesley College
Cal Poly, Pomona	Macalester College	SUNY at Purchase	Wesleyan University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	McGill University	SUNY at Albany	Western Washington University
Cal State Chico	Menlo College	Swarthmore College	Wheaton College
Cal State East Bay	Miami of Ohio University	Syracuse University	Whitman College
Cal State Fullerton	Michigan State University	The New School	Whittier College
Cal State Long Beach	Mills College	The Ohio State University	Willamette University
Cal State Monterey Bay	Mount Holyoke College	Trinity College, Ireland	William & Mary
Cal State Sacramento	Muhlenberg College	Tufts University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)
Cal State San Francisco	New York Institute of Technology	Tulane University	
Cal State San Jose	New York University	Union College	
Cal State Sonoma	NHL Stenden, Netherlands	University of Alabama	
Carleton College	North Carolina State University	University of Arizona	
Carnegie Mellon University	Northeastern University	University of British Columbia, Canada	
Case Western Reserve University	Northern Arizona University	University of California, Berkeley	
Clark University	Northwestern University	University of California, Davis	
Champlain College	Oberlin College	University of California, Irvine	
Chapman College	Occidental College	University of California, Los Angeles	
Claremont McKenna College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of California, Merced	
Clark University	Oregon Institute of Technology	University of California, Riverside	
Clarkson College	Oregon State University	University of California, San Diego	
Colby College	Otis College of Art & Design	University of California, Santa Barbara	
Colgate University	Pacific Northwest College of Art	University of California, Santa Cruz	
College of the Atlantic	Parsons School of Design	University of Colorado, Boulder	
College of Wooster	Penn State University	University of Denver	
Colorado College	Pitzer College	University of Edinburgh, Scotland	
Colorado School of Mines	Portland State (Honors)	University of Hawaii, Manoa	
Colorado State University	Pratt Institute	University of Illinois, Chicago	
Columbia College Chicago	Princeton University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	
Columbia University	Purdue University	University of Maryland	
Cornell University	Queensland College, Australia	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	
Delft University of Technology	Reed College	University of Miami	
Denison University	Regis University	University of Michigan	
Dickinson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Minnesota	
Drexel University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Nevada	
Duquesne University	Rhodes College	University of Oregon (Honors)	
Durham University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of the Pacific	
Earlham College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh	
Emerson College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Puget Sound	
Evergreen State College	Royal Veterinary College, England		
Fordham University	Rutgers University		
Georgia Institute of Technology			