



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 70 zip codes and 157 middle and high schools throughout San Diego County and beyond. Last year, The Bishop's School distributed approximately \$5.2 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 129 students in the Class of 2026.

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 47 varsity and junior varsity teams. Nearly 20 percent of our graduating seniors continue their athletic careers at the college level. Our 125 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 and Advanced Honors

Typically available starting in tenth grade, Honors and Advanced Honors courses represent the most advanced course offerings in the Bishop's curriculum. This advanced coursework is designed with an expectation of higher-order thinking, advanced skill development and mastery of essential knowledge in the discipline, placing an emphasis on depth of inquiry, open-ended assessments and work, and student initiative.

Honors courses meet or exceed the rigor of the College Board Advanced Placement program. Advanced Honors courses encourage intensive study in a seminar setting beyond the bounds of Honors courses, allowing students to pursue special and advanced interests in particular fields of study. Advanced Honors courses are the most rigorous in their respective subject areas and may be offered after the successful completion of departmental Honors courses or by application.

Honors and Advanced Honors are weighted, receiving an additional 1.00 point in GPA calculations. They are indicated by the inclusion of Honors or Advanced Honors in the course title.

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 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 Class Rank

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 full 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.

Class of 2026 Weighted GPA Distribution

(through the end of junior year):

Middle 50% GPA	3.62-4.22
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Class of 2025 Testing Profile

Test	# of test takers	Middle 50% range
SAT	94 of 128 students	1350-1540
ACT	27 of 128 students	30-35

Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

English

Required: four years - English I, English II, English III, English IV

English I	Advanced Honors English* ‡
English II	<u>English IV Semester Electives:</u>
English III: American Literature	Creative Fiction, Dramaturgy, Epic Epics,
Honors English III: American Literature*+	Memory as Fiction, Narrative Fiction,
Honors English IV: Writing*+	Page to Stage, Poetry, Women Writers

History & Social Science

Required: Modern World History, U.S. History, one additional semester of History; one additional semester of History or Social Science

Modern World History	<u>History Elective (Year-long)</u>
U.S. History, Honors U.S. History*+	Honors Western Thought & Culture*+
<u>History Electives (Semester-long)</u>	<u>Social Sciences Electives (Semester-long)</u>
The American West	Applied Economics
Big History	Applied Psychology
Global Issues	Public Speaking
Racism, Genocide & the Holocaust	Honors U.S. Government & Politics*
Honors African American Studies*	Honors Comparative Government & Politics*
Honors Ancient Empires*	
Honors Atomic Bomb*	<u>Social Sciences Electives (Year-long)</u>
Honors Global Cold War *	Honors Psychology*+
Honors Protest & Social Movements*	Honors Economics: Micro/Macroeconomics*+
Honors War on Terror *	Advanced Honors Economics*‡

Mathematics

Required: three years at least through Math 5

Math 4 Core	Calculus
Math 4	Honors Calculus AB*+
Math 4 Enriched	Honors Calculus BC*+
Math 5 Core	Honors Statistics*+
Math 5	
Math 5 Enriched	Adv. Honors Mathematics: Multivariable Calculus*‡
Precalculus Core	Adv. Honors Mathematics: Linear Algebra*‡
Precalculus	Adv. Honors Mathematics: Number Theory*‡
Precalculus Honors*	

Performing and Visual Arts

Required: two semesters in one medium/discipline

Performing Arts	Visual Arts
Dance I, II, III, IV	Ceramics I, II, III
Studio Dance Group	Digital Media I, II, III, IV
Theater Arts I, II, III, IV	Group Studio Art I, II, III
Theater Design & Production I, II, III, IV	Film & Digital Media I, II, III
Costume Design & Construction I, II	Photography I, II, III
Bishop's Chorus I, II, III, IV	Creative Electronics
Jazz Band I, II, III, IV	Studio Art: Portfolio IV
Music Production I, II	Honors Art History*+
Honors Music Theory*+	Honors Ceramics
Honors Dance (Formerly Performing Dance Group)	Honors Digital Media
Honors Theater Arts (Formerly Acting Workshop)	Honors Studio Art Portfolio*+
Honors Theater Production (Formerly Adv. Theater Production)	
Honors Chorus (Formerly Bishop's Singers)	

Religion & Ethics

Required: Biblical Literature and one additional semester

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	<u>Semester-long Electives</u>
Conceptual Physics Enriched	Astronomy: Solar Systems, Stars and Motion
Honors Physics*+	Astronomy: The Expanding Universe
Advanced Honors Physics*‡	Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering
Chemistry	Electrical Engineering
Honors Chemistry*	Environmental Science: California
Advanced Honors Chemistry*+	Environmental Science: Global Issues
Biology	Food Science
Honors Biology*+	Forensic Science
Advanced Honors Biology*‡	Marine Biology
	Science on Stage

World Languages

Required: two years at least through Level III

Chinese I	French I	Latin I	Spanish I
Chinese II	French II	Latin II	Spanish II
Chinese III	French III	Latin III	Spanish III
Chinese IV	French IV	Latin III Honors*	Spanish IV
Chinese III Honors*	French III Honors*	Latin IV	Spanish III Honors*
Chinese IV Honors*	French IV Hon.*+	Latin IV Honors: Literature*	Spanish IV Honors*+
Adv. Hon. Chinese*+	Adv. Hon. French*‡)	Latin IV Honors: Caesar & Vergil*+	Adv. Hon. Spanish: Modern Mexico*‡
		Adv. Honors Latin: Literature*‡	Adv. Hon. Spanish: Film & Literature*‡
		Honors Greek*	

Computer Science

Experimental Programming (Semester-long)

Software Development +

Full-Stack Web Development ‡

Choice:

Honors Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision ‡

Honors Algorithms and 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

* 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.

Matriculation

At Bishop's, we celebrate all students' post-secondary plans. Below is matriculation information for the Class of 2025 as well as the Classes of 2022-2025, given that no single year is representative of our matriculation trends.

College	Class of '25	4-Yr. Total
Abilene Christian University		1
Amherst College		2
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)		1
Auburn University	1	1
Barnard College		1
Bates College		2
Baylor University		2
Berklee College of Music		1
Boston College	2	8
Boston University		4
Bowdoin College	2	8
Brigham Young University		1
Brown University	1	5
Bucknell University	2	2
California Institute of Technology	1	2
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo		3
California State University (Fullerton)		1
California State University (Northridge)		1
Carleton College	1	1
Carnegie Mellon University	3	3
Case Western Reserve University	1	3
Chapman University	2	4
Claremont McKenna College		3
Colby College		1
College of the Holy Cross	1	2
Colorado College		1
Columbia University	2	3
Cornell University		7
Creighton University		1
Dartmouth College		2
Davidson College	1	3
Denison University	2	2
Dickinson College		2
Drexel University		2
Duke University	2	8
Elon University		1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)		1
Emerson College		1
Emory University		4
Fordham University	1	2
George Washington University	1	3
Georgetown University	1	7
Gettysburg College		1
Grinnell College	1	2
Harvard University	3	11
Haverford College	1	3
Howard University		1
Indiana University - Bloomington	2	7
Johns Hopkins University		6
Kenyon College		1

College	Class of '25	4-Yr. Total
Lake Forest College		1
Le Moyne College		1
Lehigh University	2	3
Loyola Marymount University		3
Macalester College	3	3
Marist College		1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	5	13
McGill University		2
Menlo College		1
Middlebury College		2
Montana State University	1	1
Mount Holyoke College		1
New York University	2	7
Northeastern University		13
Northwestern University	2	3
NYU Shanghai		1
Oberlin College		3
Occidental College		4
Olin College of Engineering		1
Oxford College of Emory University		2
Penn State University (University Park)		1
Pepperdine University		2
Pitzer College	1	2
Pomona College		2
Princeton University	2	10
Purdue University (Main Campus)	1	4
Reed College		1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	2
Rice University		3
San Diego State University	3	8
San Jose State University		1
Santa Clara University		15
Santa Monica College		1
Sarah Lawrence College		1
Scripps College	2	3
Smith College		1
Southern Methodist University	3	13
Southern Utah University		1
Stanford University	4	10
Syracuse University		3
Texas A&M University		1
Texas Christian University	2	5
The American University of Paris	1	1
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art		1
The University of Edinburgh		2
The University of Texas at Austin	1	3
Trinity College		2
Trinity College (Dublin)		1
Tufts University	3	4
Tulane University of Louisiana	2	5
United States Air Force Academy		1

College	Class of '25	4-Yr. Total
United States Naval Academy	2	3
University of Arizona		2
University of British Columbia	1	1
University of California (Berkeley)	3	14
University of California (Davis)		2
University of California (Irvine)	2	4
University of California (Los Angeles)	1	11
University of California (Merced)	1	1
University of California (Riverside)		1
University of California (San Diego)		5
University of California (Santa Barbara)		4
University of California (Santa Cruz)		2
University of Cambridge		1
University of Chicago	4	17
University of Colorado Boulder	1	3
University of Denver		4
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign		1
University of Kansas		1
University of Maryland - College Park		1
University of Massachusetts Lowell		1
University of Miami	1	3
University of Michigan	3	14
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill		4
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	1	1
University of Oregon		3
University of Pennsylvania	3	8
University of Puget Sound	2	2
University of Redlands	1	1
University of Richmond		3
University of Rochester		2
University of San Diego	1	4
University of Southern California	4	21
University of St. Andrews	1	1
University of Toronto	2	2
University of Virginia (Main Campus)	1	2
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)	2	2
University of Wisconsin (Madison)	2	15
Vanderbilt University		1
Vassar College	1	1
Ventura College		1
Villanova University	1	2
Wake Forest University	1	4
Washington and Lee University	1	3
Washington University in St. Louis	2	4
Wellesley College	1	2
Wesleyan University		2
Williams College		1
Yale University	3	9