



School Profile

Academic Year 2025-2026

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History

Founded: 1944
Type: Catholic High School of the San Francisco Archdiocese, Private
Enrollment: 888 students from more than 130 schools
Location: San Mateo is a small city located between Silicon Valley and San Francisco.
Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges; Western Catholic Educational Association
Membership: NACAC, WACAC, ASCA, WCAL

Mission

Junipero Serra High School is a distinguished Catholic institution dedicated to preparing boys for college and beyond. Our commitment is to academic excellence with spiritual growth at the heart of all that we do. We prepare our students to become responsible and honorable leaders, ready to navigate the complexities of the world that they will inherit.

Our comprehensive academic curriculum is challenging and enriching, complemented by a diverse array of extracurricular activities designed to engage every interest.

At Serra, we foster an environment of compassion and mutual respect, which are key characteristics of our community. We support our students on their journey toward becoming men of faith, wisdom, service, community and leadership.

Composition of the Class of 2026: 210 Students

Race: 47% Caucasian; 21% Multiracial; 16% Asian; 2% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders; 2% African American; 1% American Indian or Alaska Native; 7% Other or chose not to declare

Ethnicity: 23% identify as Latino or Hispanic

Geographical: San Francisco Bay Area with the majority of students coming from San Mateo County and a small percentage of students commuting from San Francisco and the East Bay

Catholic: 57%; **Students Receiving Financial Aid:** 41%

National Merit	2025	2024	2023	2022
Semi-Finalist	0	2	2	4
Commended	7	9	8	6

Graduation Requirements

Core academic classes by semester

English 8	Theology 7	Social Studies 6
Mathematics 6	Science 6	World Language (one language) 4
P.E. and Health 1	Visual and Performing Arts 2	Electives 8

Class of 2026 GPA Distribution

	Unweighted	Weighted
4.0+	3	72
3.50-3.99	106	52
3.00-3.49	64	50
2.50-2.99	29	28
Below 2.5	8	8
Total	210	210

Rank in Class

Serra does not compute or report class rank.

Serra calculates three GPA's. A total GPA includes all grades awarded at Serra. A weighted GPA includes one extra point for each honors or AP grade awarded beginning in the freshman year. An academic GPA includes all academic course grades awarded.

Academic GPA is used to determine Honor Roll lists. A student with an academic GPA over 3.0 is placed on the **Honor Roll**. A student with an academic GPA over 3.5 is placed on the **Principal's List**.

Academics

The academic program at Serra is a rigorous and comprehensive program designed to prepare students for college. Each department offers a combination of core courses and electives that are sequentially designed to challenge students to their full potential. Students are required to complete six academic classes in both fall and spring semesters. There is a yearly Christian service requirement, which supports our school mission. **It is difficult for Serra students to take additional classes until senior year due to Theology.**

Serra offers a total of 22 AP courses. Given the rigor of college preparatory, students are limited to a number of AP courses based on placement, counseling and student-life balance. **AP courses are only primarily offered to juniors and seniors; students are limited to four AP classes junior year and four AP classes senior year.** Students must meet prerequisites for placement in AP classes.

Courses Offerings at Serra

ENGLISH English 1-2 Honors English 1-2 English 3-4 Honors English 3-4 Junior English AP English Language Senior Lit and Comp Honors Senior Lit and Comp AP English Literature Great Books Publications 1-2 Freelance Reporting	Honors Diseases and Human Physiology Conceptual Physics Physics Honors Physics AP Physics 1 AP Physics C: Mechanics AP Physics C: E&M AP Biology AP Chemistry Introduction to Engineering Design Robotics Engineering Honors Robotics Engineering Science Research Project	Mandarin II Mandarin III Mandarin IV AP Chinese Language and Culture Spanish I Spanish II Honors Spanish II Spanish III Honors Spanish III Spanish IV AP Spanish Language and Culture	INNOVATION AND INFORMATION Honors Advanced Solutions for the Global Good Creative Solutions for the Global Good Global Leadership Seminar Intro to Business: Marketing Intro to Business: Entrepreneurship Principles of Design Thinking AP Computer Science A Computer Programming Intro to Android App Development
MATHEMATICS Algebra 1 Honors Algebra 1 Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra 2 Honors Alg 2/Trig Business Algebra 2 Pre-Calculus Honors Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics Data Science	SOCIAL STUDIES World History 1 Honors World History 1 The 20th Century California History Ethnic Studies History of Genocide: A Study of Human Responsibility Honors World History 2 United States History AP United States History Government Economics AP Government and Politics	VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS Art 1: Visual Art and Art History Art 2: Explorations in Visual Art and Art History AP 2D Art and Design AP 3D Art and Design AP Drawing Ceramics 1: 3D Sculpture in Clay Film 1: Digital Filmmaking and Screenwriting Drama 1: Introduction to Performance Drama 2: Acting for the Stage Drama 3: Adv Acting and Production Drama 4: Adv Acting and Performance Jazz Ensemble Concert Band Symphonic Band Men's Chorus Music and Video Production Lab Yearbook Publications	THEOLOGY Theology 1: Siempre Adelante: Becoming Men of Faith, Wisdom and Service Theology 2: Jesus and the Gospel Theology 3A: Catholic Ethics and Morality Church History Philosophy Honors Philosophy Philosophy of Sport Religions of the World Theology 4A: Men in Relationships Theology 4B: Social Justice
SCIENCE Biology Honors Biology Chemistry in the Community Chemistry Honors Chemistry Environmental Science Diseases and Human Physiology	WORLD LANGUAGE French I French II French III French IV AP French Language and Culture Mandarin I	PHYSICAL EDUCATION Physical Education 3 Physical Education/Health PE Trainer	TRI-SCHOOL CLASSES 3D Art Anatomy and Physiology AP Art History AP Psychology AP Seminar Forensic Biology Honors Anatomy and Physiology Non-Darkroom Photography Sports Management Sports Medicine Video Production

College Admissions Tests and AP Exams

2025 Advanced Placement Exams

600 exams given at Serra to 238 students in different subjects
90% of Serra students received a 3 or higher
69% of Serra Students received a 4 or 5

90% 2025 AP Pass Rate

80% 2021-2025 (5-year average pass rate)

School Programs

Academic Resource Center (ARC): The ARC serves those members of the student body that have been diagnosed with a learning disability. Under the direction of a BCET, the mission is to provide the support needed for students to become successful learners. The ARC provides accommodations; the program does not offer modifications.

Design-Led Innovation Program: Serra's Design-Led Innovation Program is an interdisciplinary course of study that focuses on creative problem solving, innovation and service. Students learn and apply the process of design thinking and they have the opportunity to become innovators who find solutions to real world problems. The program has an international focus and partnerships with schools in South Africa, Columbia and Japan.

Tri-School Classes: Additional classes may be taken at our "sister" Catholic girls' high schools; Notre Dame High School in Belmont and Mercy High School in Burlingame as part of our Tri-School Program.

Mission and Brotherhood: The Padre Brotherhood underpins every aspect of student life. Mission and Brotherhood is a student leadership and moral decision-making program based on gospel values that teaches our Padres how to make better decisions for themselves and to stand up for those who are not able to do so.

Campus Ministry: Padres of all faiths are given an opportunity to explore their unique spirituality, while also engaging in meaningful and rewarding service opportunities and social justice outreach. Students put their faith into action by making a difference in their local communities including retreats and immersion opportunities.

Athletics: Serra fields highly-competitive teams in 14 different sports (38 teams). Eighty-seven percent of students participate in one or more of the team sports. All 14 Varsity teams were recognized by CCS as scholastic teams. The crew team, which is not a CCS sponsored team, also accomplished the academic scholar.

Performing Arts and Co-curriculars: More than 300 students participate in Serra's expansive Visual and Performing Arts program. Many performing arts and co-curricular activities are Tri-School. In addition, 96% of students participate in at least one of the 50+ clubs, Honor Societies, affinity groups and student organizations offered at Serra.

Class of 2025

Percent attending college in the fall : **99%** ♦ Four-year institution: **91%** ♦ Two-year institution with intent to transfer: **8%**

Junípero Serra High School Graduates from the past four years matriculated to the following colleges and universities:

University of California (11.74%)

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz

California State Universities (19.10%)

California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona
California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Cal Maritime
California State University, Chico
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Sonoma State University

California Private Colleges and Universities (17.47%)

California Baptist University
California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Loyola Marymount University
Menlo College
Occidental College
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University
Simpson University
University of La Verne
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
Westmont College
Whittier College

Out of State Colleges and Universities (50.34%)

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Boise State University
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University

Columbia University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Hamilton College
Hanover College
Harvard University
Haverford College
High Point University
Indiana University
Kansas State University
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Chicago
Marquette University
Mercyhurst University
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Montana State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oregon State University
Pacific University
Pennsylvania State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's University
Seattle University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Utah University
St. Edward's University
St. Lawrence University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The George Washington University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Hawaii at Hilo

University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Idaho
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Montana
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota
University of Northern Colorado
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Austin
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan University
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University

International (1.96%)

McGill University
Queen's University, Ontario
St. Ambrose University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of York
Waseda University

Community Colleges (13.77%)

Austin Community College
Cañada College
City College of San Francisco
College of San Mateo
DeAnza College
Foothill College
Long Beach City College
Santa Barbara City College
Skyline College