

LAGUNA BLANCA SCHOOL

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2025-2026 PROFILE

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Laguna Blanca School is a coeducational, college preparatory day school serving students in grades Early Kindergarten to Grade 12. The school opened its doors in 1933 to 45 young men and graduated its first official class four years later in 1937. Laguna Blanca became coeducational in 1942. Today, the school enjoys two campuses: the original 35-acre facility that features our Middle and Upper School programs for Grades 5-12 in the beautiful residential neighborhood of Hope Ranch and our charming EK-4 Lower School campus located in Montecito. The city of Santa Barbara is a suburban coastal community 100 miles north of Los Angeles that hosts a population of 90,000 and a metropolitan population of 440,000.

College Board / ACT Code: 053255

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California Association of Independent Schools
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Association of Technology Leaders in Independent Schools
California Teachers Development Collaborative
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Cum Laude Society
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of Secondary School Principals
Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
Western Association for College Admission Counseling

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Upper School Enrollment (9-12)	180
Class of 2026	41
Average Section Size	9.4
Faculty to Student Ratio	1:5
9-12 Faculty	40
Hold Advanced Degrees	98%

ACADEMICS

Courses Offered	133
Honors Courses	39
AP Courses	20
Grades 11-12	
Taking 1 AP	15%
Taking 2 APs	22%
Taking 3 APs	62%
In May 2025, 102 students took 235 AP exams	
Scores of 4 or 5	61%
Scores of 3 or above	89%
National Merit Class of 2026	
Commended Scholars	6
Semifinalist	1

CLASS OF 2025

Percent applied ED/EA:	4%/28%
Going to College Rate:	98%
Community Service Hours:	5,879

CLASS OF 2025 SAT/ACT RESULTS

TEST	MID-50 PERCENTILE	MEAN
SAT EBRW	640-680	655
SAT Math	620-680	643
SAT Highest Combined 1600	1290-1420	1285
ACT	24-30	27

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	4.33	97.5 – 100
A	4.00	92.5 – 97.49
A-	3.67	90.0 – 92.49
B+	3.33	87.5 – 89.99
B	3.00	82.5 – 87.49
B-	2.67	80.0 – 82.49
C+	2.33	77.5 – 79.99
C	2.00	72.5 – 77.49
C-	1.67	70.0 – 72.49
D+	1.33	67.5 – 69.99
D	1.00	62.5 – 67.49
D-	0.67	60.0 – 62.49
F	0.00	0 – 59.99

ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND THE ARTS

Laguna Blanca students **must complete no fewer than six and no more than seven classes each semester and the equivalent of 24 yearlong courses** during their high school tenure. Transcripts record semester grades for all courses, which meet five days a week on an eight-day rotating cycle. Alongside core academics, students pursue visual and performing arts that foster creativity and expression, with opportunities to present their work in exhibitions, concerts, and productions. Co- and extracurricular offerings provide further breadth and balance. Laguna Blanca's athletic program fields teams at the junior varsity and varsity level in 15 sports and competes in California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) competition.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

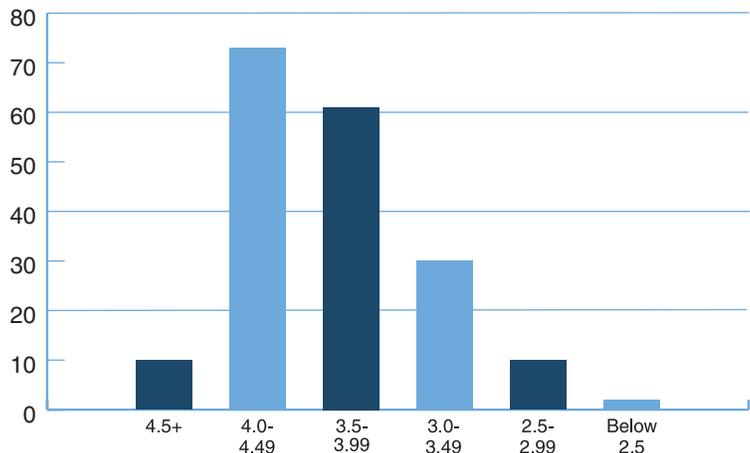
SUBJECT	YEARS
English	4 years
History (including World History & U.S. History)	3 years
Mathematics (including Geometry & Algebra 2 / Trig.)	3 years
Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, & Physics)	3 years
World Languages (French, Latin, or Spanish)	3 years
Fine Arts	3 semesters
Public Speaking	1 semester
Human Development	1 semester
Athletics / P.E.	4 seasons / terms
Community Service	4 project equivalent
Senior Project (capstone)	3 week endeavor

GRADING CRITERIA AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Laguna Blanca Does Not Rank Its Students.

Laguna Blanca School computes unweighted and weighted grade-point averages (GPA) for each student. Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 1.0 grade point, and Honors classes receive an additional 0.5 grade point each semester. **Due to the rigor of Laguna's overall curriculum, students are advised to take no more than three AP courses per year in 11th and 12th grade. Students may not take AP courses in 9th and 10th grade, with the exception of advanced placement in a math or world language course. All Laguna students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the College Board AP exam.**

9-12 CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GRADE POINT DISTRIBUTION 2024-2025



2025-26 UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH	SOCIAL SCIENCE	MATH	SCIENCE	STEM	WORLD LANGUAGES	VISUAL ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS	HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS
English 9	World History I	Algebra 1B	Biology	Industrial Technology and Design/H	Spanish 1	Ceramics	DRAMATIC ARTS COURSES:	Personal Development
English 10/H	World History II/H	Geometry	Chemistry/H		Spanish 2	Intermediate/Advanced Ceramics	Digital Video Filmmaking	Public Speaking
Ancient World/H	U.S. History/H	Algebra II/Trigonometry/H	Physics/H	Introduction to Engineering	Spanish 3/H	Drawing & Painting	Honors Play Production	Sports Performance
Voice of Witness/H	Art History	Data Science 1	SRP 1	Advanced Engineering	Spanish 4/H	Intermediate/Advanced Drawing & Painting	Theater Arts	Sports Marketing
HRP 1 Foundation	Case Studies in US Democracy	Advanced Data Science Honors	SRP 2	Intro to Artificial Intelligence	AP Spanish Language	Digital Photography	Honors Stage Band	ATHLETICS: at least one season per year
HRP 2 Capstone	Chicana/o Studies	Precalculus/H	Advanced Science Research	Engineering Physics	AP Spanish Literature	Printmaking and 3D Art	Introduction to Songwriting	COMMUNITY SERVICE: 16+ hours
Journalism	Comp. Religion/Advanced	Honors Calculus	Anatomy & Physiology/H	Coding for Makers	French 1	Yearbook	Music Fundamentals	SENIOR PROJECTS: 75+ hours
Advanced Journalism	Current Events	Personal Finance	Introduction to Forensics/H	Introduction to Python	French 2	Journalism	Pop and Rock Ensemble	
Yearbook	Entrepreneurship	AP Statistics	Marine Science/H	AP Computer Science	French 3/H	Advanced Journalism	Vocal Ensemble/H	
Creative Writing	Ethnic Studies/H	AP Calculus AB	The Science of Food		French 4/H	Advanced Portfolio	Advanced Vocal Ensemble	
Public Speaking	Philosophy	AP Calculus BC	AP Biology		AP French			
AP Language	TEDxLaguna Blanca/Advanced	Multivariable Calculus Honors	AP Chemistry		Latin 1			
AP Literature	AP US History		AP Physics C		Latin 2			
	AP Comparative Government & Politics		AP Environmental Science		Latin 3/H			
	AP Economics		AP Psychology		Latin 4/5H			
	AP Psychology				AP Latin			
	AP US Government							

UPPER SCHOOL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Humanities Research Program

This two-year program integrates literature, history, and the arts through lectures, field experiences, and multimedia. Students engage with researchers and in experiential learning opportunities. Juniors publish and present capstone projects synthesizing their interdisciplinary research.

Science Research Program

This selective program immerses students in advanced scientific inquiry through coursework, seminars, and mentorships. Each junior conducts original research and publishes and presents their findings in a professional scholarly defense.

Journalism: *The Fourth Estate*

Students develop skills in research, reporting, writing, and design while producing Laguna Blanca's award-winning publication. Advanced students assume editorial leadership and represent the school at journalism forums.

TEDxLagunaBlancaSchool

This program develops leadership and organizational skills through planning TEDxLagunaBlancaSchool. Students oversee theme selection, speakers, stage design, marketing, and sponsorships, producing a professional event for the Santa Barbara community.

Senior Projects

Senior projects have been a meaningful tradition and graduation requirement at Laguna for over 30 years. Each senior completes 60

hours of internship work at an enterprise of their choice, culminating with formal presentations and reflection papers on their experience.

Honors Play Production

This program engages Laguna's most advanced thespians in rehearsing and staging a major production. Students participate in performance and technical roles, culminating in a professional public performance.

Honors Stage Band

This ensemble challenges musicians to refine artistry, expand repertoire, and demonstrate leadership. Students perform on and off campus, often collaborating with other ensembles and the school community.

Advanced Vocal Ensemble

Reserved for advanced vocalists, this course emphasizes technical mastery, sight-reading, and sophisticated repertoire. Students perform in multiple formal settings within the school and at external concerts.

Advanced Portfolio

This signature program empowers advanced artists to work independently, developing a concept-driven portfolio that showcases technical mastery, creative depth, and a cohesive body of original work.

Yearbook: *La Honda*

The *La Honda* staff documents the EK-12 school year with joy, inclusivity, and design excellence. Students gain professional skills in journalism, photography, and publishing while preserving school history.

COLLEGE ADMISSION CLASSES OF 2021-2025

Agnes Scott College
 Allegheny College
American University (4)
Amherst College (2)
 Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix
Arizona State University, Tempe (6)
 Auburn University (3)
 Azusa Pacific University
Bard College (7)
Bates College (3)
Baylor University (6)
 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Bennington College (2)
 Bentley University
 Berklee College of Music
 Binghamton University
 Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College (6)
Boston University (8)
Brandeis University (2)
 Bridgewater State University
Bucknell University (5)
 California College of the Arts
California Lutheran University (5)
 California Polytechnic State University,
 San Luis Obispo (21)
 California State Polytechnic University,
 Pomona (5)
 California State University, Chico (2)
 California State University, Dominguez Hills
 California State University, East Bay
 California State University, Fresno
 California State University, Long Beach (5)
 California State University, Los Angeles (4)
 California State University, Monterey Bay (3)
 California State University, San Marcos
 Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University (3)
Catholic University of America
 Central Washington University
Chapman University (15)
Claremont McKenna College (7)
Clark University (5)
Clemson University (4)
 Colgate University (3)
College of Charleston (6)
 College of the Atlantic
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines (5)
Colorado State University, Fort Collins (12)
Connecticut College (10)
Cornell University (2)
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 DePaul University (5)
Denison University (2)
 Dickenson College (4)
 Drew University
 Drexel University (2)
 Duke Kunshan University
Duke University (2)
 Durham University
Eckerd College (2)
 Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
 Elon University (4)
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 (Prescott) (2)

Emerson College (3)
 Emory University (2)
 Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
Fordham University (8)
Franklin & Marshall College (3)
 Franklin University, Switzerland (2)
George Washington University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Gonzaga University (3)
 Guilford College
 Hamilton College
 Hampshire College
 Hartwick College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
 Hawai'i Pacific University
 Hendrix College
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Indiana University at Bloomington (9)
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 James Madison University
 Kenyon College (4)
King's College London
 Lafayette College (4)
 Lake Forest College (3)
 Lake Superior State University
 Lawrence University
 Le Moyne College
Lehigh University (8)
Lewis & Clark College (12)
 Louisiana State University (2)
Loyola Marymount University (26)
Loyola University Chicago (5)
 Loyola University Maryland (2)
 Loyola University New Orleans (2)
 Luther College
 Marquette University (2)
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
 and Health
 McGill University (3)
 Mercyhurst University
 Metropolitan State University of Denver
 Miami University (Oxford) (3)
 Michigan State University (4)
Middlebury College (2)
Montana State University (9)
New York University (9)
Northeastern University (16)
 Northeastern University London
Northwestern University
 Oberlin College (4)
 Occidental College (6)
 Oklahoma State University
 Oregon State University (2)
 Oregon State University, Cascades
 Otis College of Art and Design (2)
Oxford College of Emory University (2)
 Pace University (4)
 Parsons School of Design at the
 New School (3)
 Pennsylvania State University (Beaver)
**Pennsylvania State University,
 University Park** (6)
Pepperdine University (16)
 Pitzer College (3)

Pomona College
Pratt Institute (2)
 Purdue University (5)
 Purdue University Northwest
Reed College (4)
 Regent's University of London
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)
Rhode Island School of Design
 Rhodes College (2)
**Richmond – The American International
 University in London** (5)
 Rochester Institute of Technology (4)
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (3)
 Saint Mary's College of California (3)
San Diego State University (19)
San Francisco State University (6)
 San Jose State University (2)
Santa Barbara City College (10)
Santa Clara University (30)
Santa Monica College
 Sarah Lawrence College (3)
 Savannah College of Art and Design (2)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College (6)
 Seattle University (3)
 Seton Hall University (2)
Skidmore College (4)
 Smith College (2)
 Sonoma State University (4)
Southern Methodist University (26)
 St. Bonaventure University
 St. John's University
Stanford University (2)
 Stony Brook University (2)
 Suffolk University (2)
 SUNY at Purchase College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University (5)
 Taylor University
 Texas A & M University
 Texas Christian University (6)
The American University of Paris (4)
 The College of Wooster
 The Evergreen State College
 The New England Conservatory of Music
The New School (5)
 The Ohio State University (2)
 The University of Alabama (3)
The University of Edinburgh
 The University of Montana
 The University of Tampa
 The University of Texas at Austin
 The University of Warwick
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Towson University
Trinity College (7)
 Trinity University
 Tufts University (2)
Tulane University of Louisiana (9)
 Union College (5)
 University College Dublin
 University College Roosevelt
 University of Alaska, Anchorage
 University of Arizona (11)
 University of Arkansas
 University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley (24)
University of California, Davis (19)
University of California, Irvine (11)
University of California, Los Angeles (14)
 University of California, Merced (8)

University of California, Riverside (7)
 University of California, San Diego (23)
University of California, Santa Barbara (18)
University of California, Santa Cruz (18)
University of Chicago
 University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
University of Colorado Boulder (41)
University of Connecticut (8)
 University of Dayton
 University of Delaware
University of Denver (18)
 University of Florida (2)
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii at Manoa (5)
 University of Idaho
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (3)
 University of Indianapolis
 University of Iowa (3)
 University of La Verne
 University of Maine
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)
University of Miami (11)
University of Michigan (3)
 University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) (2)
 University of Mississippi (5)
 University of Missouri (Kansas City)
 University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
 University of New England
 University of New Hampshire (3)
 University of North Carolina at Asheville
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 University of Oregon (17)
University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh (3)
 University of Portland
 University of Puget Sound (10)
 University of Redlands (3)
University of Richmond (3)
University of Rochester (3)
University of San Diego (29)
 University of San Francisco (9)
University of Southern California (8)
University of St Andrews (8)
 University of the Pacific
 University of Toronto
 University of Utah (4)
University of Vermont (4)
University of Virginia (3)
**University of Washington (Seattle
 Campus)** (18)
 University of Westminster
University of Wisconsin, Madison (10)
Vassar College (4)
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
 University (2)
Wake Forest University (2)
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Wesleyan University (7)
Western Michigan University (2)
Westmont College (6)
Whitman College (5)
 Whittier College
Willamette University (6)
 William & Mary
 Williams College
 Woodbury University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
 Yale University
 York University

Number in parenthesis designates acceptances; bold indicates at least one matriculation.



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