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Canterbury School
2025-2026 School Profile

About Us

Canterbury School is an independent, college preparatory boarding and day school for students in grades 9-12. Founded in 1915 and guided by our Catholic heritage, the School prides itself on creating a community based on its Five Values: Honesty, Respect, Compassion, Spirituality, and Self-Reliance. Canterbury challenges students to think critically, communicate effectively, and develop into global citizens and leaders.

The Sixth Form class numbers 108, including 11 postgraduates.

Faculty members number 71; of the teaching faculty of 50, 70% hold advanced degrees. Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, State of Connecticut. Present enrollment is 333; approximately 66% of the students board. Students must participate in a sport or afternoon activity in all three seasons.

Canterbury School uses the British Form System.

III Form = Grade 9 IV Form = Grade 10
V Form = Grade 11 VI Form = Grade 12

Curriculum Highlights & Academic Context

- Canterbury does not rank our students.
- Canterbury runs on a semester calendar.
- Classes meet Monday through Saturday.
- Our student-faculty ratio is 6:1.
- All courses at Canterbury School are taught at the college preparatory level.
- While not limited in the number of AP/SUPA/Honors courses a student can take in a given year, each student's course of study is determined by the Academic Office in consultation with the student and relevant faculty. Placement in Honors, AP and SUPA courses depends on numerous factors, including grades previously earned, grade level, departmental prerequisites and, for incoming students, placement exams in math and world language.
- All underform students are required to complete at least 5.5 credits per year, while Sixth Form students must complete a minimum of 5 credits per semester. As students advance to their Fifth and Sixth Forms they gain much more flexibility in their course selections.
- Minimum course requirements by discipline:
  4 credits in English, 3 credits in Math, 2 credits in Lab Science, 3 credits in History & Social Sciences, 3 credits in World Language (attaining level 3 in one language), 1 credit in Studio & Performaing Arts, and .5 credit each year in Theology.

Grading & Transcript Changes

- Beginning last school year (2024-2025), student grades are now numerical on a 100-point scale.
- We are shifting from a weighted GPA to an unweighted GPA. During this transitional time, we will not report a cumulative GPA for the Class of 2026.

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA)

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) is a dual enrollment program allowing Canterbury students to take and earn college credit from Syracuse University. These classes are taught during the regularly scheduled Canterbury school year by Canterbury teachers trained as adjunct Syracuse University instructors. These courses are taught at or above the AP level.

The Canterbury Honor Society

Members of the Class of 2026 with exemplary academic performance are eligible for membership in the Canterbury Honor Society. *Please note that students who enrolled in the fall of 2024 will be reviewed for membership in January 2026. Students who enrolled at Canterbury in the fall of 2025 are not eligible.*

Members must:

- Be enrolled in a highly rigorous academic program including honors, AP, and SUPA classes in a diverse course of study (Honors Multivariable Calculus and Honors Linear Algebra satisfy the AP/SUPA requirement) through their Sixth Form year.
- Have no individual grades lower than B-/80 throughout the entirety of their high school academic career.
- Demonstrate academic integrity and consistent engagement as a positive contributor to the academic culture of the School.

The overall level and progression of courses in which students are enrolled during Third, Fourth and Fifth Form years at Canterbury are also taken into consideration. Students who have violated the Canterbury Honor Code are not eligible.

College Matriculation

College Matriculation: We are proud of our strong record of placing Canterbury graduates in outstanding colleges and universities. If you would like to view our matriculation list, please visit our website at www.cbury.org/academics/college-counseling.

Course Listing by Department

Please note that not all courses are offered every year.

ENGLISH
Academic Writing
Elements of Lit & Composition
American Voices
Genre in Literature
Literature of Conflict
Post-Industrial Literature
Public Speaking
Wayfarers: The Search for Meaning
SUPA Creative Nonfiction
SUPA Gender & Literary Texts

Honors Courses
Honors Elements of Lit & Composition
Honors American Voices
Honors Contemporary Literature
Honors Creative Nonfiction
Honors Creative Writing
Honors Gender & Literary Texts
Honors Identity and Culture
Honors Literature of Renaissance
Honors Origins, Myths, & Legends

AP Courses
AP English Language
AP English Literature

MATHEMATICS
Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra 2
Elementary Functions
Pre-Calculus
Probability and Statistics
Calculus

Honors Courses
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra 2
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Calculus
Honors Linear Algebra**
Honors Multivariable Calculus**

AP Courses
AP Calculus
AP Statistics

SCIENCE
Biology*
Chemistry*
Physics*
Animal Anatomy*
Astronomy
Biome Ecology
Comparative Anatomy*
Ecology*
Engineering
Environmental Science*
Human Perception & Behavior
Marine Science
Psychological Functions of Life
Science, Ethics, and Society
Science of the Body
Wavelengths and Frequencies
SUPA Earth System Science*

Honors Courses
Honors Biology*
Honors Chemistry*
Honors Physics*

AP Courses
AP Biology*
AP Chemistry*
AP Physics 1*
AP Physics 2*
AP Physics C*
AP Psychology

LANGUAGE
French 1
French 2
French 3
French 4
French 5
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4
Advanced Topics in Spanish
Latin 1
Latin 2
Latin 3
Latin 4

Honors Courses
Honors French 3
Honors Spanish 3
Honors Spanish 4
Honors Latin 3
Honors Latin 4

AP Courses
AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Latin

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE
Foundations of Civilization
World History
US History
American Government
Holocaust
Modern Times
Modern Middle East
Revolutions & Revolutionaries
SUPA Business Management
SUPA Entrepreneur./Global Economy
SUPA Finance

Honors Courses
Honors Constitutional Law
Honors Finance
Honors Financial Institutions
Honors Financial Markets
Honors Foundations of Civilization
Honors World History
Honors US History

AP Courses
AP European History
AP Macroeconomics
AP World History
AP US History
AP US Government & Politics

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION, DESIGN, & INNOVATION
Digital Art & Design
Digital Illustration
Digital Media/Videography
Digital Photo
Engineering
Innovation Lab
Intro to App Design
Intro to CAD
Intro to Computer Programming
Intro to Game Design
Intro to Graphic Design
Maker Lab

STUDIO & PERFORMING ARTS
STUDIO ART
Ceramics
Ceramics 2
Drawing
Painting
Sculpture

THEATER
Drama
Musical
Musical Theater
Technical Theater

MUSIC
Canterbury Singers
Carillon Guild
Chorale
Classical Chamber
Computer Music I
Computer Music II
Concert Jazz Band
Contemporary Music Band
Group Piano I
History of Rock
Jazz/Rock/Pop Ensemble
Music Lessons
Orchestra
Rock Band
Singer's Studio
Varsity Voices

Honors Courses
Honors Contemporary Music Band
Honors Varsity Voices

Advanced Courses
Advanced Art Portfolio

AP Courses
AP 2D Design
AP 3D Design
AP Drawing

THEOLOGY
Theology III
Theology IV
Contemporary Moral Issues
Faith and Justice
Grief and Loss
Metaphysics
People of Conscience
Religions of the World
Scripture and the World
Social Justice
Spiritual Journey
Spiritual Journey 2
Theological Wisdom

** indicates a lab course; ** indicates a course taught at or above the AP level.*

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