School Profile 2026-27

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Our Vision:

A school where tradition connects us and innovation propels us
A community where families value unity in diversity
A world where education changes lives

Our Mission:

To create exceptional readiness for extraordinary futures by cultivating the critical skill set, courageous mindset, and resilient identity of each individual Viewpoint student

Our Values:

Love, Honor, Excellence, Imagination, Optimism



Viewpoint School, founded in 1961, is an independent, non-profit, coeducational college preparatory day school with an enrollment of over 1,100 students in Transitional Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade and about 500 students in the Upper School. Viewpoint is on a 40-acre campus in the City of Calabasas, near the Santa Monica Mountains of Southern California. Students come from 90 zip codes around Los Angeles, and the parents represent 75 countries. Nearly 100% of graduates attend four-year colleges nationwide and around the world.



$8 million
Total Financial Aid

23%
Traditionally Underrepresented Students

55%
Students of Color
(Including International Students)

75
Countries of Origin
for Parents

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GRADING SYSTEM

- Viewpoint School does not rank.
- Viewpoint reports weighted and unweighted GPAs on a 4.0 scale for work completed at Viewpoint only.
- One point is added to the cumulative weighted GPA for each Honors, AP, and VAS course.
- VAS (Viewpoint Advanced Studies) refers to post-AP classes that represent the most advanced classes in those subjects.
- Limited AP and VAS course availability in Ninth and Tenth Grade.
- Application and department approval required for Honors, AP, and VAS classes.
- Minimum of five classes required per semester, with many students taking six or seven classes and exceeding graduation requirements.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years taken in the Upper School
Social Studies	3 1/2 years, including one semester designated Global Core
World Languages	3 years of the same language, with at least 2 years in the Upper School, or 2 years each of 2 different languages
Science	3 years, including 2 years of laboratory science
The Arts	2 sequential semesters in the same discipline, chosen from Visual and Performing Arts
Physical Education	8 trimesters (two seasons per year)
Computer Science	Ninth Grade Explorations in Coding I or Computer Science 9
Human Development	Ninth Grade Human Development
Senior Speech	Written and presented in senior year
Community Service	45 hours (minimum) of volunteer work prior to graduation

Curriculum Highlights

Viewpoint School offers courses across the curriculum in core academic subjects—English, history, math, sciences, world languages—as well as robust offerings in the performing and visual arts, computer science, social and emotional learning, and independent studies. Some highlights include:

New AP Courses
Several new AP courses are offered this year—AP African American Studies, AP Cybersecurity, AP Microeconomics, and AP Macroeconomics.

Human Development—Skills and Mentors Honors
Student-centered and process-based, this experiential training exposes students to communication strategies, personal goal setting, cultural competency, and group facilitation abilities to guide conversations toward meaningful exploration and conflict resolution. Students mentor Ninth Grade students as well as students in Middle School.

Robotics
Robotics are lab-based courses introducing the principles of robotics through the design, construction, and control of mobile robots. Students engage in research, calculations, and experiments to analyze robotic subsystems, applying concepts in motion control, sensor integration, and programming. Viewpoint hosts the Clash in the Canyons every October, with 35+ teams competing.

Film at Viewpoint
Film starts in Middle School with hands-on, project-based electives ranging from stop-motion animation to music video production, exploration of new media and screenwriting. In the Upper School, students choose from different tracks—Narrative and Experimental, Documentary, Acting and Directing for Film, and Sports Media. Or they can mix and match, and even design their own independent study projects. All pathways explore the aesthetic, technical and ideological choices that filmmakers make to convey their story. Students enter and often win in national film festivals.

Sports Media
Students learn multimedia journalism centered around Viewpoint sports to produce different media content. Sports Media is a semester elective that promotes community and school spirit by utilizing a variety of skill sets to create informational and promotional videos for sports teams.

SCHOLAR PROGRAMS & HONOR SOCIETIES

Midway through junior year, interested students apply for one of the Scholars Programs. Requirements include AP, elective coursework, and experiential learning. The creation of an online portfolio is completed by September of senior year.

Global Scholars is for students who want to explore cultures and their values, artifacts, and issues. Requirements include advanced coursework in World Languages and Social Studies, experiential learning, and a portfolio of reflections on their cultural experiences.

Literary Scholars unites a community of readers and writers who engage in advanced English coursework, join formal writing communities on campus and beyond, and create a portfolio of work.

STEM Scholars challenges students to apply STEM skills in real-world contexts through advanced coursework in Science, Computer Science, and Mathematics. Experiential learning includes interviews with industry experts, research trips abroad, and internships with leading professionals.

Business and Entrepreneurship Scholars guides students to create a structured business and entrepreneurship pathway that blends academics with real-world experience. Through coursework, projects, internships, and other experiences, students are exposed to various aspects of business.

Honor Societies

- Chinese Honor Society
- Conservatory of Theatre
- CORE: Community Service Honor Society
- Cum Laude Society
- Duke of Edinburgh Program
- Founders' Club: School Ambassadors
- French Honor Society
- Latin Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math)
- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Quill and Scroll Society
- Science National Honors Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

ATHLETICS

We offer a full range of competitive sports and 150 teams spanning from Grades 4-12. Our primary goal is to teach life lessons through sports, focusing on the journey over the end result, and controlling the controllables such as attitude and effort. Viewpoint partners with the Positive Coaching Alliance.

2024-25 and 2025-26 Athletics by the Numbers

- 10% of seniors are recruited to play Division I-III and 3C2A athletics
- 14 Gold Coast League Championships
- 10 Gold Coast League MVPs
- 98 Gold Coast All-League Athletes
- 1 CIF State Championship
- 5 CIF Southern Section Championships
- 71% Students play on Upper School athletic teams
- 29 Teams in the Upper School
- 60 Coaches on staff

Students must complete ⅔ trimesters of PE a year by being on JV and Varsity teams, or participating in Outdoor Education, a hiking club, yoga, or personal training.

ARTS

At Viewpoint, the arts are valued, nurtured, and emphasized, cultivating the courageous mindset. Our award-winning music, film, visual art, theatre, and dance students discover their voices, creative expression, and self-confidence.

- **Visual Arts:** Art, Ceramics, Documentary Film, Drawing, Graphic and Digital Design, Film, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture.
- **Theatre Arts:** Acting, Conservatory of Theatre, Directing, Speech and Debate, and Theatre Design and Technology
- **Dance:** Classical Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Hip Hop, and Dance Company
- **Music:** Concert Choir, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, AP Music Theory and Composition, Digital Music Composition and Production, Viewpoint Jazz Ensemble, and Voices Now







