

LAGUNA BLANCA SCHOOL

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2026-2027 PROFILE

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Laguna Blanca School is an independent 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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FACTS AND FIGURES

Upper School Enrollment (9-12)	181
Class of 2027	48
Average Section Size	9.4
Faculty to Student Ratio	5:1
9-12 Faculty	40
Hold Advanced Degrees	98%

ACADEMICS

Courses Offered	135
Honors Courses	48
AP Courses	20
Grades 11-12	
Taking 1 AP	20%
Taking 2 APs	15%
Taking 3 APs	65%

In May 2026, 81 students took 221 AP exams

Scores of 4 or 5	62%
Scores of 3 or above	87%

National Merit Class of 2027

Commended Scholars	2
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CLASS OF 2026

Percent applied ED/EA:	32%/15%
Matriculation Rate:	100%
Community Service Hours:	5,609

CLASS OF 2026 SAT/ACT RESULTS

TEST	MID-50 PERCENTILE	MEAN
SAT EBRW	640-680	687
SAT Math	620-680	649
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 at least 24 year-long courses** during their high school tenure. Transcripts record semester grades for all courses, which meet three to four 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 16 sports and competes in California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) competition.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

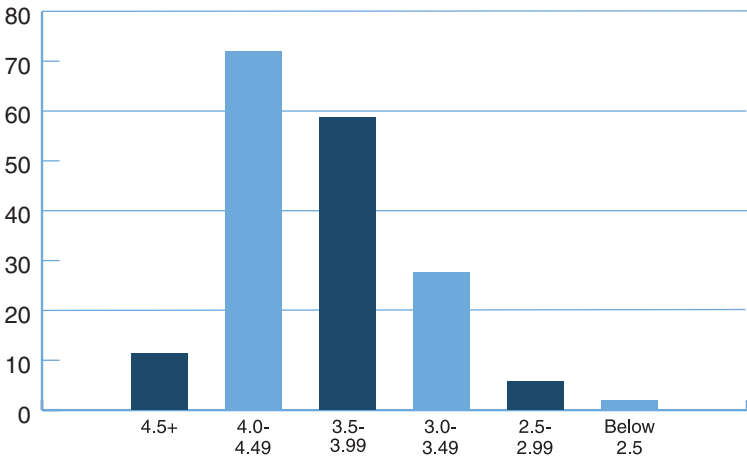
SUBJECT	YEARS
English	4 years
History (including World History & U.S. History)	3 years
Mathematics (including Geometry & Algebra 2 / Trig.)	3 years
Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, & Physics)	3 years
World Languages (French, Latin, or Spanish)	3 years
Fine Arts	3 semesters
Public Speaking	1 semester
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 are advised not to take AP courses in 9th or 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 2025-2026



2026-27 UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH	SOCIAL SCIENCE	MATH	SCIENCE	STEM	WORLD LANGUAGES	VISUAL ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS	HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS
English 9	World History 1	Algebra 1B	Biology/H	AP Cybersecurity	Spanish 1	Ceramics	DRAMATIC ARTS COURSES:	Personal Development
English 10/H	World History 2/H	Geometry	Chemistry/H	Industrial Tech and Design/H	Spanish 2	Ceramics 2	Digital Video Filmmaking	Public Speaking
AP English Language	US History/H	Algebra 2/ Trigonometry/H	Physics/H	Introduction to Engineering	Spanish 3/H	Honors Ceramics 3	Honors Play Production	Study Hall (9th)
AP English Literature	AP US History	Data Science	AP Biology	Honors Engineering	Spanish 4/H	Drawing and Painting	Theater Arts	Sports Performance
ENGLISH SEMINAR/H	AP Comp Government	Honors Data Science 2	AP Chemistry	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	Spanish 5/H	Drawing and Painting 2	MUSICAL ARTS COURSES:	Sports Marketing
-3 Offerings in Fall	AP Economics	Pre-Calculus/H	AP Environmental Science	Coding for Makers	AP Spanish Lang	Honors Drawing and Painting 3	Honors Stage Band	ATHLETICS: at least one season per year
-3 Offerings in Spring	AP Psychology	AP Statistics	AP Physics C: Mechanics		French 1	Digital Photography	Introduction to Songwriting	COMMUNITY SERVICE: 16+ hours
Honors HRP 1	AP US Government	AP Calculus AB	AP Psychology		French 2	Printmaking/3D Art	Music Theory and Musicianship	SENIOR PROJECTS: 75+ hours
Honors HRP 2	AP Business and Personal Finance	AP Calculus BC	Honors SRP 1		French 3/H	Honors Art Portfolio	Band: Pop and Rock Ensemble	COLLEGE COUNSELING: 4-year program:
Honors HRP 3	Current Events	Honors Calculus	Honors SRP 2		French 4/H	Yearbook/H	Vocal Ensemble/H	
Creative Writing	Ethnic Studies/H	Honors Multivariable Calculus	Honors SRP 3		AP French	Journalism/H		
Public Speaking	Introduction to Philosophy	Personal Finance	Anatomy and Physiology/H		Latin 1			
	Honors Philosophy 2		Introduction to Forensics/H		Latin 2			
	TEDxLBS/H		Marine Science/H		Latin 3/H			
	Student Leadership/H				Latin 4/5H			
					AP Latin			

UPPER SCHOOL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Humanities Research Program (HRP)

This multi-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 (SRP)

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.

Concentrations

This program immerses students in interdisciplinary coursework focused on one of four areas: Business and Entrepreneurship, Creative Arts, Global Citizenship, or STEM and Innovation. Students go beyond Laguna's core curriculum through relevant coursework and extracurricular engagement and complete portfolios documenting their academic and extracurricular learning.

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 2022-2026

Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University (5)
Amherst College (3)
Arizona State University (7)
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix)
Auburn University (4)
Azusa Pacific University
Bard College (4)
Bard College Berlin
Barnard College
Bates College (3)
Baylor University (9)
Belmont University (2)
Beloit College (2)
Bennington College (2)
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Birmingham-Southern College
Bond University
Boston College (5)
Boston University (13)
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University (2)
Bridgewater State University
Brigham Young University (Idaho)
Brown University
Bucknell University (5)
Cal Poly SLO (20)
Cal Poly Humboldt (8)
Cal Poly Pomona (6)
California Lutheran University (7)
California State University (Channel Islands)
California State University (Chico) (2)
California State University (Dominguez Hills)
California State University (Fresno)
California State University (Fullerton) (2)
California State University (Long Beach) (6)
California State University (Los Angeles) (5)
California State University (Monterey Bay) (3)
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University (10)
Central Washington University
Chapman University (17)
Claremont McKenna College (6)
Clark University (3)
Clemson University (4)
Coe College
Colgate University (4)
College of Charleston (7)
College of the Atlantic
Colorado College (2)
Colorado School of Mines (3)
Colorado State University (12)
Connecticut College (9)
Cornell University (3)
Cuesta College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University (4)
Denison University (3)
Dickinson College (4)
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University (2)
Durham University
Eckerd College
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
Elon University (4)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott) (2)
Emerson College (3)

Emory University (2)
Emory University (Oxford) (3)
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Fordham University (9)
Franklin & Marshall College (4)
George Mason University
George Washington University (5)
Georgia Tech
Goldsmiths, University of London
Gonzaga University (3)
Grand Canyon University
Hamilton College
Hampshire College (CLOSED) (2)
Hartwick College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College (3)
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hendrix College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (2)
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana University (Bloomington) (10)
Iowa State University
Ithaca College (2)
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College (3)
King's College London (4)
Lafayette College (4)
Lake Forest College
Lake Superior State University
Lawrence University
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University (8)
Lewis & Clark College (11)
Louisiana State University (2)
Loyola Marymount University (28)
Loyola University Chicago (6)
Loyola University Maryland (2)
Loyola University New Orleans (3)
Luther College
Macalester College
Manhattanville University
Marquette University (2)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health
McGill University (4)
Mercyhurst University
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Miami University (3)
Michigan State University (4)
Middlebury College (3)
Montana State University (10)
Montclair State University
New York University (7)
Northeastern University (21)
Northeastern University (New York City)
Northeastern University London (2)
Northwestern University (2)
Oberlin College (5)
Occidental College (7)
Oklahoma State University (2)
Oregon State University (3)
Oregon State University (Cascades)
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University (New York City) (3)
Parsons School of Design at The New School (2)
Penn State University (7)
Penn State University (Beaver)
Pepperdine University (17)
Pitzer College (7)
Pomona College (2)

Pratt Institute (2)
Purdue University (10)
Purdue University (Northwest)
Reed College (4)
Regent's University London
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (3)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College (3)
Rice University
Richmond American University London (3)
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (2)
Saint Mary's College of California (3)
San Diego State University (21)
San Francisco State University (7)
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College (10)
Santa Clara University (29)
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 (2)
Seton Hall University (2)
Skidmore College (5)
Smith College (2)
Sonoma State University (3)
Southern Methodist University (28)
St. Bonaventure University
St. John's College (Annapolis)
St. John's University (New York)
Stanford University
Suffolk University (2)
Swarthmore College (2)
Syracuse University (8)
Taylor University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (7)
The American University of Paris (2)
The Boston Conservatory at Berklee
The Catholic University of America
The Evergreen State College
The New School (2)
The Ohio State University (5)
The University of Edinburgh (3)
The University of Warwick
Thomas Jefferson University (2)
Towson University
Trinity College (7)
Trinity University
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University (9)
Union College (5)
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin (2)
University College London
University College Roosevelt
University of Alabama (4)
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Arizona (14)
University of Arkansas
University of Auckland
University of British Columbia (2)
University of California (Berkeley) (24)
University of California (Davis) (22)
University of California (Irvine) (13)
University of California (Los Angeles) (12)
University of California (Merced) (12)
University of California (Riverside) (16)
University of California (San Diego) (27)
University of California (Santa Barbara) (20)
University of California (Santa Cruz) (23)
University of Chicago (2)
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado (Boulder) (46)
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
University of Connecticut (8)
University of Dayton
University of Delaware (2)
University of Denver (18)
University of Florida (2)
University of Hawaii (Manoa) (5)
University of Idaho
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) (4)
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa (3)
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Maine
University of Maryland (2)
University of Melbourne (2)
University of Miami (14)
University of Michigan (4)
University of Minnesota (4)
University of Mississippi (6)
University of Missouri (Kansas City)
University of Montana (2)
University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
University of New England
University of New Hampshire (3)
University of North Carolina (Asheville)
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon (19)
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh (5)
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound (9)
University of Redlands (6)
University of Richmond (4)
University of Rochester (4)
University of San Diego (32)
University of San Francisco (11)
University of Southern California (9)
University of St. Andrews (8)
University of Tampa (2)
University of Tennessee
University of Texas (3)
University of Toronto (3)
University of Utah (3)
University of Vermont (3)
University of Virginia (4)
University of Washington (21)
University of Westminster
University of Wisconsin (11)
University of Wyoming
University of the Pacific
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College (4)
Virginia Tech (2)
Wake Forest University (3)
Warren Wilson College
Washington State University (2)
Washington University in St. Louis (2)
Wesleyan University (7)
Western Michigan University (3)
Westmont College (7)
Whitman College (5)
Whittier College
Willamette University (5)
William & Mary (3)
Williams College
Woodbury University (2)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (3)
Yale University (2)
York University

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