Santa Catalina School
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First founded in 1850 as a convent and school to educate the daughters of Spanish colonists in *Alta California*, Santa Catalina School is an independent, Catholic, all-girls, boarding and day school located on California's Monterey Peninsula, just one mile from the beach. Our college preparatory course of studies is established in the classical tradition of the arts and sciences, enhanced by vigorous programs in the fine and performing arts, athletics, and co-curricular activities.

Mission
Santa Catalina School exists to develop in each student a striving for excellence, a maturing awareness of moral and spiritual values, a sense of responsible purpose, and a determination to serve the world with courage, graciousness, and compassion.

- Total students: 233 (116 boarding/117 day)
- Boarding from outside CA: 6% representing AZ, CO, FL, HI, NE, NM, NV, TX
- International boarding: 16% representing 7 nations (China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan)
- Students of color: 36%
- Faculty: 35 (77% hold advanced degrees; 23% hold Ph.D.s)
- Student-teacher ratio: 8:1
- Average class size: 12
- Need-based tuition assistance: 42% of the student body for a total of $2,051,180.00
- Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Memberships: National Association of Independent Schools, the National Coalition of Girls Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, the Heads Network, the Online School for Girls, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the Western Association for College Admission Counseling, the Association of Independent School College Counselors, and the College Board

Marine Ecology Research Program
The MER Program is a three-year intensive, accelerated study of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's marine environment reserved for highly motivated students. Students in the program may complete a concentration of up to 8 science classes by graduation. Each student develops and pursues a research project, working with instructors and local marine agencies (i.e. Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station):

- Sophomore year: Marine Ecology Research 1
- Junior year: Marine Ecology Research 2 Honors
- Senior year: Marine Ecology Research Project, culminating with the presentation of the student's research findings at a public, scientific forum i.e. the Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting and a certificate of program completion

Journey Program
Journey is a four year-long advisory program, which ensures a smooth transition into Santa Catalina for new students, advances students' leadership skills, and ensures students the best college placement. Through weekly classes, advisee group meetings, one-on-one advising sessions and quarterly Journey Days, students learn essential life skills, developing a digital portfolio along the way to record and track their goals, growth, and college plan. In the spring, seniors present individual Senior Reflections to the student body.

Co-Curriculars and Service
In keeping with *Do Well. Do Good.*, Catalina students participate in a wide array of co-curricular activities such as athletics, music, theatre, clubs, student publications, the Journey Program, and the MER Program as well as service. We have a long-standing commitment to such organizations as The Children's Fund, Model United Nations, the Food Bank of Monterey County, Dorothy's Kitchen, and The Boys and Girls Club.

Class of 2017
There are 54 students in the Class of 2017.

National Merit Recognition
Classes of 2015 and 2016

- Commendations: 11

SAT Test Results Class of 2016
- Average Critical Reading: 580
- Average Math: 599
- Average Writing: 599

College Board Testing Results 2016
In May 2016, 108 students participated in the Advanced Placement program, taking 242 tests with 80% scoring a 3 or higher.

- AP Scholars: 19
- AP Scholars with Honor: 12
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 14
- National AP Scholars: 3

ACT Test Results Class of 2016
Average Composite Score: 28

Honors and AP Courses

- **Arts**
  - AP Art History*
  - AP Studio Art: 2-D
- **English**
  - AP English Language and Composition
  - AP English Literature and Composition
  - English 1 Honors
  - English 2 Honors
- **Foreign Language**
  - AP Chinese Language and Culture
  - AP French Language and Culture
  - AP Latin
  - AP Spanish Language and Culture
  - AP Spanish Literature and Culture
  - Chinese 3 Honors
  - French 3 Honors
  - Latin 3 Honors
  - Spanish 3 Honors
- **History**
  - AP United States History
  - AP World History
  - AP Human Geography
- **Mathematics**
  - AP Calculus AB
  - AP Calculus BC
  - AP Statistics
  - Algebra 2 Honors
  - Geometry Honors
  - Precalculus Honors
- **Music**
  - AP Music Theory*
- **Science**
  - AP Biology
  - AP Chemistry
  - AP Environmental Science*
  - AP Physics 1
  - AP Physics C: Mechanics
  - Biology Honors
  - Chemistry Honors
  - Conceptual Physics Honors
  - Marine Ecology Research 2 Honors

**Course taken through Online School for Girls (OSG). Santa Catalina students may take OSG courses not offered on our campus. Courses receive Santa Catalina School credit and grades are included in the cumulative GPA.*

Graduation Requirements

- English, 4 years
- Foreign Language, 3 years
- History, 3 years
- Laboratory Science, 3 years
- Math, 3 years
- Religious Studies, 3 years
- Arts Elective, 3 years
- Physical Education, each year of attendance

Grade Point Average

Santa Catalina School does not rank students. GPA calculations are cumulative on a 4.0 scale. Weighting is .5 for Honors and AP courses. Students may not take an AP course without approval from the Dean of Studies/Registrar and the Head of Upper School. The school year is divided into two semesters.

**Arts electives (unless AP), instrument and voice lessons, dance, and physical education are not included in our GPA.*

Grading Scale

Unweighted / Standard Courses	Weighted / Honors and AP Courses
A = 4.00	A = 4.5
A- = 3.67	A- = 4.17
B+ = 3.33	B+ = 3.83
B = 3.00	B = 3.5
B- = 2.67	B- = 3.17
C+ = 2.33	C+ = 2.83
C = 2.00	C = 2.5
C- = .67	C- = 2.17
D+ = 1.33	D+ = 1.83
D = 1.00	D = 1.5
D- = .67	D- = 1.17
F = .00	F = 0.00

Reporting Disciplinary Action

Santa Catalina School will report to colleges any change in status in academic performance or serious violations of school rules or standards of conduct that result in disciplinary actions. Santa Catalina expects all students to model a high level of responsibility and integrity, and instructs students to answer honestly any questions regarding disciplinary violations and actions.

College Matriculation

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Two or more graduates from the Classes of 2012-2016 matriculated to the following colleges (institutions in **bold** have enrolled three or more alumnae):

The American University of Paris
Amherst College
The University of Arizona
Bard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
Chapman University
Davidson College
Duke University
Emory University
Georgetown University
Georgetown Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan College
University of Miami
University of Michigan
New York University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
University of Oregon
Pace University, New York City
University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania
Pitzer College
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
Reed College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Sonoma State University
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The New School (Main Campus)
Tulane University
Universidad Panamericana
Villanova University
University of Washington
Wellesley College
Yale University

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