



Santa Catalina School

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First founded in 1850, as California was achieving statehood, Santa Catalina School is an independent, all-girls, boarding and day school located on the Monterey Peninsula. Santa Catalina's mission is driven by four key values: excellence, spirituality, responsibility, and service.

Santa Catalina's curriculum draws inspiration from the classical tradition of the arts and sciences and our Catholic heritage, coupled with innovative classes to meet the demands of the 21st century. Our college-prep academics are complemented by rich offerings in the fine and performing arts and athletics. The school's 500-seat theater hosts three major dramatic productions each year, an array of concerts, and other programs, including our annual student-produced TEDx event. Catalina's athletic facilities field 20 athletic teams in which 70% of students participate. The Sister Claire and Sister Christine Mathematics and Science Center provides state-of-the-art facilities and is home to our unique Marine Ecology Research Program and our robotics team.

- Total students: 230 (133 boarding/97 day)
- 70 boarding students from 12 states
- 63 international students from 9 nations (Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan)
- Students of color: 41%
- Student-teacher ratio: 7:1
- Faculty: 28
- Average class size: 13
- Need-based tuition assistance: 35% of the student body
- Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Honor Code

Violations of the Santa Catalina Honor Code, signed by all students at the beginning of each year, are reviewed by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee. Santa Catalina notifies colleges to which any senior has applied of disciplinary action resulting in a suspension or permanent separation from the school. The school does not inform colleges of the reason for the disciplinary action. The student is responsible for contacting college admission offices within two weeks of the discipline decision to explain the circumstances leading to her change in status.

Journey Program

Journey, Santa Catalina's signature co-curricular program, encompasses a weekly advising session as well as triannual Journey Days, which offer deeper "dives" into topics of community interest through presentations by visiting speakers, films, and discussion groups. Journey ensures a smooth transition into Santa Catalina for new students, teaches students essential life skills, promotes their growth as leaders, and helps them to seek the best possible fit in the college application process.

Class of 2022

There are 54 students in the Class of 2022.

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2021

Subject	Mean Score	Middle 50%
EBRW	646	580-720
Math	661	590-740
Total	1307	1220-1410

ACT: Test Scores for the Class of 2021

Composite	28	24-33
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Grading Scale

Unweighted Courses	Weighted Courses	Grading Scale
A = 4.00	A = 4.5	95-100
A- = 3.67	A- = 4.17	90-94
B+ = 3.33	B+ = 3.83	87-89
B = 3.00	B = 3.5	83-86
B- = 2.67	B- = 3.17	80-82
C+ = 2.33	C+ = 2.83	77-79
C = 2.00	C = 2.5	73-76
C- = 1.67	C- = 2.17	70-72
D+ = 1.33	D+ = 1.83	67-69
D = 1.00	D = 1.5	63-66
D- = .67	D- = 1.17	60-62
F = .00	F = 0.00	0-59

Grade Point Average

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

**Except in the case of AP courses, Studio Art Seminar, and Rehearsal and Performance, grades in the fine and performing arts are not included in GPA calculations for the classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024.*

Advanced Topic Courses

Intensive Advanced Topic (AT) courses are offered in a number of disciplines. AT courses are highly demanding and are intended to be the most academically challenging offerings in these departments, with syllabi and requirements equivalent to college coursework in the subject area.

Course Offerings

ENGLISH: 4 years

English 1	Short Stories and Fiction
English 2, English 2 Honors	AT The Art of Memoir
English 3	AT The Art of Rhetoric
AP English Literature	AT Dramatic Literature
The Art of Rhetoric	AT Shakespeare
Global Perspectives	

HISTORY: 3 years

World History 1: To 1500	AT Women in America
World History 2: Since 1500	AT Intro to International Relations
U.S. History	AT History of African Americans
AP U.S. History	AT Immigration in America
Global Issues	AT Dictatorships: Acquisition,
in Historical Context	Maintenance, and Loss of Power
AT The Constitution & the	
Government of the U.S.	

MATHEMATICS: 3 years; 1 semester of Computer Science

Algebra 1	The Nature of Math
Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors	Personal Finance
Geometry, Geometry Honors	AP Calculus AB
Precalculus, Precalculus Honors	AP Calculus BC
Intro to Programming	AT Statistics
Computer Science & Technology	AT Multivariable Calculus

SCIENCE: 3 years

Conceptual Physics	Biodiversity, Ecosystems, &
Chemistry, Chemistry Honors	Conservation
Marine Ecology Research 1*	AP Chemistry
Biology, Biology Honors	AP Biology
Marine Ecology Research 2 Honors*	AT Marine Ecology Research
Marine Biology	Project 3*
Oceanography	AT Physics w/Trigonometry
Natural Resources & Global Change	AT Physics w/Calculus

RELIGIOUS STUDIES: 5 semesters

World Religions	Scripture
Peace & Justice	Philosophy

WORLD LANGUAGES: 3 years

French 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AP Chinese Language
Mandarin 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AT Mandarin Chinese
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 3 Honors, 4	AP Spanish Language
AP French Language	AT Spanish Literature

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS: 3 years

Chamber Choir	AP Music Theory
Chamber Ensemble	
Dance 1	Dance 2
Beginning Drama	Advanced Drama
Intermediate Drama	Rehearsal & Performance
Art 1, 2, 3	Photography
Digital Media	Studio Art Seminar
3-D Media	

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Health & Wellness	After-school Activity: 8 semesters
Concepts of Well-being	(P.E., interscholastic sports,
	performing arts, etc.)

*Marine Ecology Research Program (MERP)

MERP is a three-year intensive, accelerated study of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's marine environment. Each student develops and pursues a research project, working with instructors and local marine agencies (e.g. Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station). The program culminates with the presentation of the student's research findings at a public, scientific forum (e.g. the Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting).

College Matriculations

100% of Santa Catalina School students traditionally attend a four-year institution. Graduates from the Classes of 2017-2021 matriculated to the following colleges and universities.

Allegheny College	Reed College
American University (3)	Regis University
Bates College (2)	Rhode Island School of Design
Baylor University (2)	Saint Mary's College of California (5)
Berklee College of Music	San Diego State University (3)
Boston College (3)	Santa Barbara City College (2) ▲
Boston University	Santa Clara University (3)
Bowdoin College	Santa Rosa Junior College
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)
Bucknell University	Scripps College (3)
California Polytechnic State University,	Seattle Pacific University
San Luis Obispo (5)	Seattle University (2)
California State Polytechnic University,	Seton Hall University
Pomona	Sonoma State University
California State University, Chico	Southern Methodist University (5)
California State University, Northridge	Stanford University (4)
California State University,	Syracuse University (4)
Sacramento (2)	Texas Christian University (4)
Carnegie Mellon University (5)	The New School (2)
Case Western Reserve University	Tufts University (2)
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Universidad de Monterey
Chapman University (10)	Universidad Panamericana
Colby College (2)	Universidad Panamericana,
College of William and Mary	Guadalajara
Colorado College	The University of Alabama (3)
Colorado School of Mines	The University of Arizona (2)
Colorado State University	University of California, Berkeley (4)
Columbia University	University of California, Davis (5)
Duke University	University of California,
Eckerd College	Los Angeles (2)
Emory University (2)	University of California, Riverside
Fashion Institute of Design	University of California, San Diego
and Merchandising	University of California,
Fashion Institute of Technology	Santa Barbara (4)
Fordham University (2)	University of California, Santa Cruz
George Washington University	University of Chicago
Georgetown University	University of Denver (4)
Gonzaga University	University of Edinburgh
Grinnell College	University of Hawaii at Manoa (4)
Grove City College	University of Illinois at
Hamilton College	Urbana-Champaign (2)
Harvey Mudd College	University of Mississippi (3)
Hillsdale College (2)	University of Oregon (4)
Indiana University at Bloomington	University of Pennsylvania
Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de	University of Redlands (3)
Mexico	University of Rochester
Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey	University of San Diego (7)
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios	University of San Francisco
Superiores de Monterey, Sinaloa	University of Southern California (9)
Iowa State University	University of St. Andrews
Ithaca College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
James Madison University	University of Utah
Johns Hopkins University (4)	University of Vermont
Lafayette College	University of Virginia
Lewis & Clark College	University of Washington (5)
Loyola Marymount University (3)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Malone University	Virginia Tech
Marist College	Wake Forest University
Marquette University	Waseda University
Monterey Peninsula College (3) ▲	Washington and Lee University
New York University (3)	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
New York University	Wellesley College
(Tisch School of the Arts)	Western Washington University
Northeastern University (4)	Westminster College, Utah
Northern Arizona University	Westmont College
Northwestern University (2)	Whitman College
Nova Southeastern University	Whittier College
Oberlin College (2)	Willamette University
Pennsylvania State University	Williams College
Point Loma Nazarene University	Yale University (2)
Quest University Canada	▲ UC Transfer Admission Guarantee Program