



# SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

Learning forward

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## Upper School Profile

Class of 2025

### OVERVIEW

**SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL** is a nonprofit, independent, nondenominational, coeducational day school in the northern San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles with an enrollment of 1,200 students in grades Pre-K-12. Admission to Sierra Canyon School is selective. Sierra Canyon School is located on 42 beautiful, rustic acres and has two campuses across the street from each other: the Lower Campus for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth and the state-of-the-art Upper Campus for students in grades Seven through Twelve. The Class of 2025 is Sierra Canyon's seventeenth graduating senior class.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Enrollment

**Pre-K-12:** 1,200 Students

**Upper School, 9-12:** 520 Students

**Class of 2025:** 134 Students

**Diversity:** 58%

**International:** 10%

**Zip Codes:** 124

#### Faculty

**131 full-time** and **11 part-time**

**52%** hold advanced degrees

**40** have been at Sierra Canyon for **10+ years**

#### Class Averages

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 9:1

**Average academic class size:** 14

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**English:** 4 years

**History:** 3 years (4 recommended)

**Mathematics:** 3 years (minimum of Algebra II required)

**Science:** 3 years (4 recommended)

**World Languages:** 3 years in Grades 9-12 (4 recommended)

**Visual/ Performing Arts:** 2 years

**All students are strongly encouraged to maintain a full course load of five core academic courses throughout their Upper School careers.**

### GRADING SYSTEM

- GPA includes work at Sierra Canyon School only
- Sierra Canyon School does not rank
- One point is added to the GPA calculation for each Honors and AP course

## 2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Twenty-six students from Grades 11 and 12 were inducted into the Cum Laude Society. Fifty-three students from the Class of 2025 were inducted into the Sierra Canyon Chapter of the National Honor Society.
- The Varsity Math Team made school history with ten members invited to the American Invitational Math Examination —only students who finish the AMC in the 5% nationally receive this special honor.
- Twenty-seven students from the Class of 2024 will continue their athletic careers at some of the top colleges and universities in the country.
- Seven students and ten films were selected by the prestigious All-American High School Film Festival.
- Six students and three faculty traveled to St. Louis to participate in the Student Diversity and Leadership and People of Color Conferences.

## UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

- Animation
- Applied Economics
- Architecture
- Competitive Math
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Honors Humanities Colloquium
- Honors Research
- Multivariable Calculus

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

### Class of 2025: Junior Year Results

	SAT
# of Test Takers	50
Mid 50% (total)	1120 - 1360
Mean	1221
Mid 50% (R)	550 - 690
Mid 50% (M)	530 - 690

## CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES AT-A-GLANCE

- 24 AP Courses, 36 Honors Courses
- Opportunities in the visual and performing arts: music, dance, theater, architecture, sculpture, drawing, painting, photography, animation, digital art, and filmmaking
- 23 interscholastic athletic teams
- 50+ clubs and organizations

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

### AP Participation by Grade:

46% of Tenth Grade

59% of Eleventh Grade

67% of Twelfth Grade

46 students are AP Scholars with Distinction

### AP Exams at Sierra Canyon in Spring 2024:

248 Students sat for 555 exams

91% earned scores of 3 or above

SUBJECT	# TESTED	SCORES OF 3, 4, 5
Calculus AB	27	27
English Language	42	38
U.S. History	50	48
Spanish	17	17
Precalculus	32	32
Biology	18	16

## CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ADMISSION RESULTS

- 129 students
- Accepted to 190 colleges and universities
- Attending 72 different institutions
- 46% of class attending California colleges
- Attending colleges in 26 states (plus the District of Columbia)



## AP COURSES

Art History <sup>^</sup>	Computer Science	European History	Physics II	Studio Art
Biology	Principles	French Language	Physics C	United States
Calculus AB	English Language	Latin	Precalculus	Government
Calculus BC	English Literature	Music Theory	Spanish Language	United States History
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Physics I	Statistics	World History
Computer Science A				

## UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

### English

English I  
English II  
Honors English II  
English III  
Honors English III  
AP English Language  
English IV<sup>^</sup>  
Honors English IV  
AP English Literature  
Honors Humanities  
Colloquium\*  
Creative Writing\*<sup>^</sup>  
Honors Research\*  
Yearbook  
Honors Yearbook  
Journalism &  
Newspaper Design  
Honors Journalism &  
Newspaper Design  
Speech and Debate<sup>^</sup>

### Math

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Honors Geometry  
Algebra II  
Honors Algebra II  
Precalculus  
Honors Precalculus<sup>^</sup>  
AP Precalculus  
Advanced Topics  
in Math  
Statistics  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Honors Multivariable  
Calculus  
Advanced Algebra  
with Financial  
Applications  
Honors Calculus  
Honors Competitive  
Math\*

### Science

Biology  
Honors Biology  
Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry  
Physics  
Honors Physics  
Physiology  
Forensic Science\*  
Introduction to  
Engineering\*  
Honors Engineering I  
Honors Engineering II  
Biotechnology\*<sup>^</sup>  
Oceanography\*<sup>^</sup>  
Astronomy\*<sup>^</sup>  
Science Research  
Methods A/B\*<sup>^</sup>  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics I  
AP Physics II  
AP Physics C  
AP Environmental Science

### Social Studies

Ancient & Pre-Modern  
Civilizations  
Modern Civilizations  
United States History  
AP United States History  
AP Art History<sup>^</sup>  
AP European History  
AP United States  
Government  
AP World History  
The Civil Rights  
Movement\*  
American Government\*  
Comparative  
Government\*<sup>^</sup>  
Genocide in the  
Modern Era\*<sup>^</sup>  
Leadership Studies\*<sup>^</sup>  
The Sociology of  
Well-Being\*

Introduction to Economics\*  
Applied Economics\*  
Economics with  
Financial Literacy\*<sup>^</sup>  
The American Civil War\*<sup>^</sup>  
20th Century  
Philosophy\*<sup>^</sup>  
History of Sports in the  
United States\*  
Public Speaking &  
Civic Engagement\*<sup>^</sup>  
Civic Discourse\*<sup>^</sup>  
Ethics in Contemporary  
Society\*<sup>^</sup>  
American History  
Since 1945\*

### World Languages

Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Honors Spanish II  
Spanish III  
Honors Spanish III  
Spanish IV  
Honors Spanish IV  
Honors Spanish V  
AP Spanish Language  
and Culture  
French I  
French II  
Honors French II  
French III  
Honors French III  
French IV  
Honors French IV  
Heroism in French  
Literature\*<sup>^</sup>  
AP French Language  
Latin I  
Latin II  
Honors Latin II  
Latin III  
Honors Latin III  
Latin IV  
Honors Latin IV  
Honors Latin V  
AP Latin

### Visual and Performing Arts

Animation I  
Animation II  
Honors Animation III  
Honors Animation IV  
Architecture I  
Architecture II  
Architecture III  
Honors Architecture III  
Digital Art  
Drawing & Painting I  
Drawing & Painting II  
Drawing & Painting III  
Honors Drawing  
& Painting III  
Filmmaking I  
Filmmaking II  
Filmmaking III<sup>^</sup>  
Honors Filmmaking III  
Honors Filmmaking IV  
Photography I  
Photography II  
Photography III  
Honors Photography III  
Sculpture I  
Sculpture II  
Sculpture III  
Honors Sculpture III  
Honors Studio Art IV  
AP Studio Art  
Dance I  
Dance II  
Honors Sierra Canyon  
Dance Company  
Vocal Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Honors Instrumental  
Ensemble  
Music Theory I  
Music Theory II  
AP Music Theory

Music Production  
Acting/Scene Study I  
Acting/Scene Study II  
Theatre Conservatory  
Honors Senior  
Theatre Conservatory

### Computer Science

AP Computer Science A  
AP Computer Science  
Principles  
Honors Computer  
Concepts  
Introduction to  
Computer Science\*  
Game Development\*<sup>^</sup>  
Web Development\*<sup>^</sup>

### Other

Associated Student  
Body

\* Semester long courses

<sup>^</sup> Not offered in 2024-25