



SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

Learning forward

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Upper School Profile

Class of 2026

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 2026 is Sierra Canyon's eighteenth graduating senior class.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Enrollment

Pre-K-12: 1,200 Students

Upper School, 9-12: 520 Students

Class of 2026: 136 Students

Diversity: 58%

International: 10%

Zip Codes: 124

Receiving Financial Aid, 9-12: 47.5%

Faculty

132 full-time and 4 part-time

66% hold advanced degrees

42 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

- Sierra Canyon School does not rank
- GPA includes work at Sierra Canyon School only
- Sierra Canyon only reports weighted GPAs—one point per semester is added to the GPA calculation for each Honors and AP course
- Sierra Canyon does not offer A+s—an A is the highest grade a student can receive

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Thirty students from Grades 11 and 12 were inducted into the Cum Laude Society. Sixty students from the Class of 2026 were inducted into the Sierra Canyon Chapter of the National Honor Society.
- The Varsity Math Team earned 1st place at both the Fall and Spring USC Math Competitions, 1st place at La Cañada High School Aleph-5 Competition, and finished 1st in Los Angeles in the year-long California Math League contest.
- Twenty-four students from the Class of 2025 will continue their athletic careers at some of the top colleges and universities in the country.
- Four students were selected by the prestigious All-American High School Film Festival to screen their films in NYC.
- Six students and three faculty traveled to Denver 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
- The Music Industry

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Class of 2025 SAT Results

	SAT
# of Test Takers	71
Mid 50% (total)	1100 - 1360
Mean	1193
Mid 50% (EBRW)	560 - 710
Mid 50% (Math)	520 - 680

CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES AT-A-GLANCE

- 22 AP Courses, 42 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:

48% of Tenth Grade

57% of Eleventh Grade

74% of Twelfth Grade

61 students are AP Scholars with Distinction

AP Exams at Sierra Canyon in Spring 2025:

259 Students sat for 632 exams

91% earned scores of 3 or above

AP EXAM AND PASS RATE PERCENTAGE	
Biology: 100%	U.S. Government: 100%
Chemistry: 100%	English Language: 98%
Computer Science A: 100%	World History: 98%
Precalculus: 100%	European History: 95%
Spanish Language & Culture: 100%	United States History: 94%
Statistics: 100%	Physics I: 91%

Sierra Canyon requires all students enrolled in an AP course to sit for the spring exam.

CLASS OF 2025 COLLEGE ADMISSION RESULTS

- 135 students
- Accepted to 228 colleges and universities
- Attending 75 different institutions
- 42% of class attending California colleges
- Attending colleges in 24 states (plus the District of Columbia and France)



AP COURSES

Art History	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[^]
Honors English IV
AP English Literature
Honors Humanities
Colloquium*
Creative Writing*[^]
Honors Research*
Yearbook
Honors Yearbook
Journalism &
Newspaper Design
Honors Journalism &
Newspaper Design
Speech and Debate[^]

Math

Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus[^]
AP Precalculus
Advanced Algebra
with Financial
Applications
Advanced Topics
in Math
Statistics
AP Statistics
Honors Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Honors Multivariable
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*[^]
Oceanography*[^]
Astronomy*
Science Research
Methods A/B*[^]
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics I
AP Physics II
AP Physics C
AP Environmental Science

Social Studies

Ancient & Pre-Modern
Civilizations
Modern Civilizations
AP World History
United States History
AP United States History
AP Art History
AP European History[^]
AP United States
Government
The Civil Rights
Movement*[^]
American Government*
Comparative
Government*[^]
Genocide in the
Modern Era*[^]
Leadership Studies*[^]
The Sociology of
Well-Being*
The Music Industry

Introduction to Economics*
Applied Economics*
Economics with
Financial Literacy*[^]
The American Civil War*[^]
20th Century
Philosophy*[^]
History of Sports in the
United States*
Civic Discourse*[^]
Ethics in Contemporary
Society*[^]
American History
Since 1945*
The African American
Experience in the U.S.*

World Languages

Spanish I
Spanish II
Honors Spanish II
Spanish III
Honors Spanish III
Spanish IV
Honors Spanish IV
Spanish V
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*[^]
AP French Language
and Culture
Latin I
Latin II
Honors Latin II
Latin III
Honors Latin III
Latin IV
Honors Latin IV
Honors Latin V
AP Latin
Ancient Greek

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 I
Digital Art II
Drawing & Painting I
Drawing & Painting II
Drawing & Painting III[^]
Honors Drawing
& Painting III
Filmmaking I
Filmmaking II
Filmmaking III[^]
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
Sierra Canyon Dance
Company
Honors Sierra Canyon
Dance Company
Vocal Performance
Workshop
Instrumental Ensemble
Honors Instrumental
Ensemble

Music Theory I[^]
Music Theory II[^]
AP Music Theory[^]
Song Writing*
Music Production*
Acting/Scene Study I
Acting/Scene Study II
Theatre Conservatory
Honors Theatre
Conservatory
Public Speaking

Computer Science

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science
Principles
Honors Computer
Concepts
Game Development*[^]
Web Development*[^]
Honors Software
Engineering

Other

Associated Student Body
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Strength & Conditioning
Yoga

* Semester long courses

[^] Not offered in 2025-26