



EXPERIENCE
SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA USA

A Dynamic Learning Environment

SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

Fostering a Community of Excellence



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International Program Director

FAST FACTS

Founded: 1978

Founders: Mick Horwitz & Howard Wang

Head of School: Jim Skrumbis

Location: Los Angeles, California

Campus Size: 42 acres

Upper Campus Enrollment (grades 7-12): 660

International Students: 10%

Countries Represented: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, England, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Myanmar, Russia, Singapore, Spain, South Sudan, and Vietnam

Average Class Size: 14

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1

School Year: End of August to early June

Vacations:

Winter Break: 2 weeks at the end of December

Spring Break: 2 weeks at the end of March

Honors Courses: 35

AP Courses: 24

Sierra Canyon School is one of California's most prestigious independent schools. We have a long-standing tradition of enrolling international students into our diverse and inclusive community. Wide-ranging Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available. Applicants must be proficient in English as ESL courses are not offered. International students thrive in a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum designed to prepare students for entry into the top universities in the United States and abroad. Sierra Canyon's International Program Director serves as an additional advisor to all international students and assists them in submitting college applications and preparing for the TOEFL & SAT or ACT.

The school day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students have the opportunity to participate in numerous clubs and sports on campus as well as the many arts, cultural, athletic, and entertainment offerings (hiking, skiing, surfing, golf) in the Greater Los Angeles and nearby areas.



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Housing: Homestay and on-campus residences for grades 8–12. Students in grade K-7 may enroll if they reside with a parent or relative in the local area.

Located in the northern edge of Los Angeles, international students appreciate the School's beautiful campus and surroundings, the safe neighborhoods where the campus is situated, and easy access to Los Angeles International Airport for trips home and back. A well-established homestay program is managed by a highly experienced International Program Director. Homestay families are interviewed extensively prior to selection and pairing with international students.

Sierra Canyon School is accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF), is a member of the Cum Laude Society, and has a National Honor Society chapter.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Sierra Canyon School enrolls students from around the world in grades K-11. Younger students are eligible for admission if they plan to live in the local area with a parent or relative. Eighth through 12th grade students may participate in Sierra Canyon's homestay program or on-campus boarding.

The following items are required as part of the application to Sierra Canyon:

- Online application available at **ApplytoSC.org** (choose one application only):
 - Sierra Canyon Online Application
 - Standard Application Online (SAO)
- Copy of Passport
- Boarding/Homestay Application (for applicants to grades 8 and above)
- Official transcript(s) – Grades from the past two years and the current school year are required. Translated copies in English are also requested.
- Three official letters of recommendation:
 - Math teacher
 - English teacher
 - Administrator if available or a 3rd teacher of student's choice
- Official Standardized Testing – only one of the following tests:
 - TOEFL – scores of 85+ preferred
 - Junior TOEFL – scores of 700+ preferred
 - IELTS – scores of 6.5 – 8+ preferred
 - Duolingo - scores of 100+ preferred

After receipt of a completed application, students will be scheduled for a virtual interview. A limited number of interviews are available in person in select cities abroad during the winter.

Sierra Canyon School issues I-20 visas to students who are admitted after receipt of their enrollment deposit and signed contract.

For questions about the application process or requirements, please contact the Admission Office at: SCinternationaladmission@sierracanyonschool.org.

UNIVERSITIES THAT SOME OF OUR GRADUATES ATTEND

Boston College	Pratt University
Boston University	Princeton University
Brown University	Stanford University
California Institute of Technology	Syracuse University
Carnegie Mellon University	University of California, Berkeley
Columbia University	University of California, Davis
Cornell University	University of California, Los Angeles
Dartmouth College	University of California, San Diego
Duke University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Georgetown University	University of Pennsylvania
Harvard University	University of Rochester
Johns Hopkins University	University of Southern California
McGill University	University of Washington
New York University	Vanderbilt University
Northwestern University	Vassar College
Notre Dame	Wesleyan University
Pomona College	Yale University

CURRICULUM

Sierra Canyon is committed to instilling intellectual curiosity in students and providing an excellent education that will serve as a foundation for life. Students are challenged to achieve their full potential individually and as part of a community. Creative, social, emotional, physical, and ethical development are heavily emphasized within the academic program. Expert teachers deliver an innovative curriculum in a dynamic and small classroom environment.

35 Honors Courses Including

Algebra
Architecture
Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
Engineering
English
Filmmaking
French
Geometry
Latin
Multivariable Calculus
Performing and Visual Arts
Physics
Precalculus
Spanish

24 AP Courses Including

United States Government
United States History
Art History
Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
Computer Science
English
Environmental Science
European History
French
Latin
Music Theory
Physics
Precalculus
Psychology
Spanish
Statistics
Studio Art
World History

Unique Courses

Animation
Architecture
Biotechnology
Chamber Orchestra
Computer Coding
Design Thinking
Engineering
Forensic Science
Economics
Robotic Automation
Theater Design
Video Game Creation

Athletics

Baseball
Basketball
Cheer
Cross-Country
Dance
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

Clubs and Activities

Art Club
Chemistry Club
Chess Club Community
Leadership
eSports
Engineering Club
Environment Club
Film Festival
International Club
Mock Trial
Model U.N.
Pre-Med Club
Speech and Debate
Stock Market Club
Student Government
Student Newspaper
Volunteer Clubs

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