

# A Dynamic Learning Environment

# SIERRACANYONSCHOOL

# Fostering a Community of Excellence



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# **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): 690

**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: 15
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.

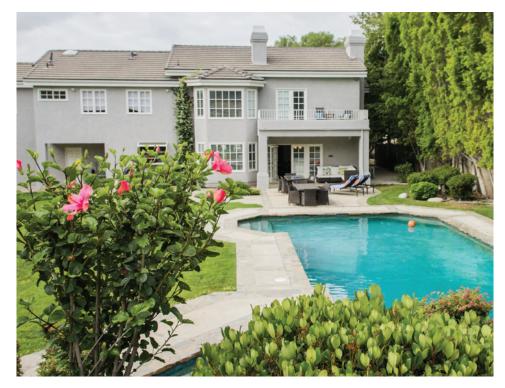
The school day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students have the opportunity to participate in numerous clubs and sports on campus as well as the many arts, cultural, athletic, and entertainment offerings (hiking, skiing, surfing, golf) in the Greater Los Angeles and nearby areas.















**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 oncampus boarding.

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

- Online application available at ApplytoSC.org (choose one application only):
  - o Sierra Canyon Online Application
  - o 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:
  - o Math teacher

Notre Dame

Pomona College

- o English teacher
- o 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 110+ 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 University of California, Berkeley Carnegie Mellon University University of California, Davis Columbia University University of California, Los Angeles Cornell University University of California, San Diego Dartmouth College **Duke University** University of California, Santa Barbara Georgetown University University of Pennsylvania University of Rochester Harvard University University of Southern California Johns Hopkins University McGill University University of Washington **New York University** Vanderbilt University Northwestern University Vassar College

Wesleyan University

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

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Spanish Statistics

Studio Art

World History

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## **Unique Courses**

Animation

Architecture

Biotechnology

Chamber Orchestra

**Computer Coding** 

Design Thinking

Engineering

Forensic Science

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**Economics** 

**Robotic Automation** 

Theater Design

Video Game Creation

#### **Athletics**

Baseball

Basketball

Cheer

**Cross-Country** 

Dance

Esports

Football

Golf

Lacrosse

Soccer

Softball Swimming

Tennis

Track & Field

Volleyball

# **Clubs and Activities**

Art Club Chemistry Club Chess Club

Community Leadership

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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