



EXPERIENCE  
**SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL**  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA USA

A Dynamic Learning Environment

# SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

Fostering a Community of Excellence



**Mr. Sergio Ribeiro**  
International Program Director

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.

## 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



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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 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](mailto: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  
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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