



SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

Learning forward

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Upper School Profile

Class of 2024

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 1,150 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 2024 is Sierra Canyon's sixteenth graduating senior class.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Enrollment

Pre-K-12: 1,150 Students

Upper School, 9-12: 509 Students

Class of 2024: 127 Students

Diversity: 58%

International: 10%

Zip Codes: 124

Faculty

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

60% 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

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

2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Won CIF-SS Championships in Football, Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, and Boys' Swimming - setting a school record for the most teams to earn this achievement in a single year.
- Twenty-five students from Grades 11 and 12 were inducted into the Cum Laude Society.
- The Varsity Math Team took 1st place in their division at the Princeton University Mathematics Competition. Eleven math students were invited to the American Invitational Math Examination and three students qualified for the USA Math Olympiad.
- Four student films were selected by the All-American High School Film Festival, and one student was nominated for the Emerging Talent Award.
- Six students traveled to San Antonio 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 2024: Junior Year Results

	SAT
# of Test Takers	53
Mid 50% (total)	1150 - 1410
Mean	1293
Mid 50% (R)	580 - 700
Mid 50% (M)	585 - 775

CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES AT-A-GLANCE

- 24 AP Courses, 35 Honors Courses
- Opportunities in the visual and performing arts: music, dance, theater, architecture, sculpture, drawing, painting, photography, and filmmaking
- 23 interscholastic athletic teams
- 50+ clubs and organizations

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

AP Participation by Grade:

50% of Tenth Grade

61% of Eleventh Grade

70% of Twelfth Grade

48 students are AP Scholars

AP Exams at Sierra Canyon in Spring 2023:

231 Students sat for 550 exams

85% earned scores of 3 or above

SUBJECT	# TESTED	SCORES OF 3, 4, 5
Calculus BC	17	17
English Language	41	36
Computer Science	40	35
Spanish	11	11
Physics C	17	16
Biology	10	10

CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE ADMISSION RESULTS

- 121 students
- Accepted to 206 colleges and universities
- Attending 80 different institutions
- 44% of class attending California colleges
- Attended colleges in 24 states (plus the District of Columbia, Germany, and Italy.)



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
Newspaper
Honors Newspaper

Math

Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Honors Algebra II
Precalculus
Honors Precalculus
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
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 United States History
AP Art History
AP European History
AP United States Government
AP World History
The Civil Rights Movement*
American Government*
Comparative Government*
Genocide in the Modern Era*
Leadership Studies*

The Sociology of Well-Being*
Applied Economics*
Introduction to Economics*
Economics with Financial Literacy*[^]
The Civil War*[^]
Holocaust and the Response to Evil*[^]
20th Century Philosophy*[^]
History of Sports in the United States*

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
AP French Language
Latin I
Latin II
Honors Latin II
Latin III
Honors Latin III
Honors Latin IV
Honors Latin V
AP Latin

Visual and Performing Arts

Architecture I
Architecture II
Architecture III
Honors Architecture III
Ceramics I
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
Vocal I[^]
Vocal II[^]
Sierra Canyon Singers[^]
Music Theory I
AP Music Theory[^]
Acting/Scene Study I
Acting/Scene Study II

Acting/Scene Study III
Honors Acting/Scene Study III/IV
Animation I
Animation II
Honors Animation III
Honors Animation IV
Digital Design
Instrumental Ensemble
Honors Instrumental Ensemble

Other

Advanced Computer Programming[^]
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
Honors Computer Concepts
Associated Student Body

* Semester long courses

[^] Not offered in 2023-2024