

San Dieguito Union High School District

CANYON CREST ACADEMY School Profile 2013-2014

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Accreditation

Canyon Crest Academy is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

THE SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY

Canyon Crest Academy (CCA) is an outstanding learning community located in North County San Diego. Current enrollment is 1880 students in grades 9-12 who live throughout the San Dieguito Union High School District. CCA is a public "school of choice" where any student in the district can select the academy and a lottery is held if the number of applications exceeds the available seats. Students are attracted to CCA to pursue specialized education in the Arts, Science, and Technology, and to participate in real-world application of skills through established partnerships with local businesses and universities. Student achievement is strongly supported by parents and the community, who partner with school staff to enrich the academic experience for each child on our campus.

Since August 2004, CCA has been a leader in achievement and performance for our district and ranks in the top of the county in Academic Performance Index. CCA student accomplishments extend beyond the classroom as well. Students have earned accolades in diverse extra-curricular activities such as our nationally-ranked math team; San Diego County Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Siemens Science Competition and Intel Science Competition; our award-winning school publications; visual and performing arts, including a Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award and National Youth Theater Awards; and athletic teams that have competed in statewide championships. Dedicated and talented staff members collaborate across curriculum and embrace technology in the support of student learning. The curriculum responds to evolving student interests and includes specialized and in-depth studies. Students are supported in taking intellectual and creative risks as they engage in their studies. CCA honors diversity of thought and culture, while being united in its mission. Graduates experience a personal connection to the curriculum and our progressive school community that enables them to be confident, life-long learners. Our students' creativity, commitment and exposure to rigorous academics have uniquely prepared them for success beyond Canyon Crest Academy.

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM

CCA students follow a four x four block schedule. Students take up to four ninety-minute classes per day, five days per week, in each eighteen-week Fall and Spring term. On this accelerated system, every term-long class is the equivalent of a traditional two semester, year-long class and students earn two final grades per class each term. Students who take eight classes can earn up to 80 credits in a year.

ENVISION/CONSERVATORY

For students who desire to expand their exposure to the arts, CCA offers Envision, a program designed to inspire and train future artists. It is an extensive curriculum with a structured sequence of progressively challenging courses in the following disciplines: Dance, Visual Arts, Humanities, Instrumental Music, Theater, Cinema and Vocal Music. For students who demonstrate exceptional potential and talent, CCA offers Envision Conservatory. Conservatory is a rigorous, audition-only extracurricular program that provides advanced instruction and training supplemented by professional teaching artists.

COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

- Class of 2013 who met or exceeded University of California/CSU requirements: 87%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 4-year college: 84%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 2-year college: 14%
 - Source: California Basic Educational Data System, 2013, CCA Senior Survey, June 2013.

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Canyon Crest Academy supports an open access policy that allows all students the opportunity to take up to 6 Honors and 22 Advanced Placement classes.

Honors Courses:

- English 9 Honors
- · English 10 Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra II/Trig. Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- Advanced Drama Honors

AP Courses:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics B
- AP Physics C
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Studio Art 2D

- AP Studio Art 3D
- AP Studio Art Drawing
- AP Art History
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Psychology
- · AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP American Government
- AP Macro Economics
- AP European History
- AP Computer Science
- Calculus III/Linear Algebra*
- * concurrent San Diego State University course

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

The 4 x 4 schedule gives students the chance to take additional electives. With numerous courses from which to choose, students have opportunities to explore various disciplines. For those students who have a specific area of interest, taking sequential elective or academic classes "back-to-back" in both terms in order to advance their skills and knowledge is a popular option.

2013 STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Reasoning Test

 Mean Critical Reading Mean Math SAT Mean Writing SAT 		619 626 617
ACT		
 Mean English Mean Math Mean Reading Mean Science Mean Composite 		27.5 27.6 27.4 26.1 27.3
AP Exams	2012	2013
Number of exams takenNumber of students testedPercent of qualifying scores	1990 821 88	2049 816 88
2013 National Merit Semi-Finalists 2012 National Merit Finalists		37 24

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CCA students must earn 230 credits from the following subject areas:

•	English	40 credits
•	Mathematics	30 credits
•	Science	20 credits
•	Social Science	30 credits
•	Physical Education/Health	20 credits
•	Practical Arts/Career Technical	10 credits
•	Visual/Performing Arts	10 credits
•	Electives	70 credits

GRADING & GPA CALCULATION

Canyon Crest Academy does not rank its students.

Grade point average is calculated based on all grades earned in all classes taken from ninth to twelfth grade.

The following breakdown is used:

All courses EXCEPT Pre-Calculus Honors and AP

A = 4.0 (90 - 100%)B = 3.0 (80 - 89%)C = 2.0 (70 - 79%)D = 1.0 (60 - 69%)F = 0.0 (0 - 59%)W = Withdraw (not calculated in GPA)

Pre-Calculus Honors and all AP courses

A = 5.0 (90 - 100%)B = 4.0 (80 - 89%)C = 3.0 (70 - 79%)D = 1.0 (60 - 69%)F = 0.0 (0 - 59%)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION

The following data reflects the total weighted GPA distribution of the current 12th grade class of 480 students as calculated based on GPA at the end of the 11th grade year:

4.25 and above	12%
4.0 - 4.24	23%
3.5 - 3.99	39%
3.0 - 3.49	19%
2.5 - 2.99	7%
Below 2.5	<1%

Other than weighted courses, CCA does not participate in or recognize any form of academic distinction, including National Honor Society or California Scholarship Federation.