



General Information

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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 is an outstanding learning community located in the North County region of San Diego. Current enrollment is approximately 1850 students in grades 9-12. Admitted students live throughout the San Dieguito Union High School District, which includes Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, Cardiff, La Costa, Fairbanks Ranch, and Carmel Valley. CCA is a public "school of choice" with enrollment determined by an application process. Any student in the district can apply and a lottery is held if the number of applications exceeds the available seats. Student success is strongly supported by parents and the community, who partner with school staff to provide educational opportunities for all students.

Since August 2004, CCA has been a leader in achievement and performance for our district and in our county. In 2010-2011, CCA repeated the feat of earning the highest public school Academic Performance Index (API) in San Diego County and saw an improvement in state test scores in every area. CCA student accomplishments reach beyond the classroom as well, with awards earned by extracurricular groups such as our nationally-ranked math team; our award-winning school publications; the number of students recognized through the San Diego County Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Siemens Science Competition and Intel Science Competition; and athletic teams that have competed in statewide championships. Our students' creativity, dedication, and exposure to rigorous academics have helped to firmly place CCA on the map. As we begin our eighth year of operation, we look forward to continued growth and success.

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. 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, Digital & Fine Art, Instrumental Music, Theater, Video & Film 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 2011 who met or exceeded University of California/CSU requirements: 80%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 4-year college: 75%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 2-year college: 21%

Source: California Basic Educational Data System, 2011, CCA Senior Survey, June 2011.

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Canyon Crest Academy supports an open access policy that allows all students the opportunity to take up to 6 Honors and 20 Advanced Placement classes.

AP Courses:

- AP American Government
 - AP Biology
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Computer Science
 - AP Macro Economics
 - AP English Language
 - AP English Literature
 - AP Environmental Science
 - AP European History
 - AP Physics B
 - AP Physics C
 - AP Psychology
 - AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
 - AP Studio Art 2D
 - AP Studio Art Drawing
 - AP US History
 - AP World History
 - Calculus III/Linear Algebra*
* concurrent San Diego State University course

Honors Courses:

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

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Because Canyon Crest Academy students can take up to eight classes per year, they have the chance to take numerous electives. With over fifty electives from which to choose, students have ample opportunities to explore various disciplines. For those who have a specific area of interest, taking sequential elective or academic classes “back-to-back” in order to accelerate their skills and knowledge is a popular option.

2011 STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Reasoning Test

• Mean Critical Reading	589
• Mean Math SAT	603
• Mean Writing SAT	589

ACT

• Mean English	26.7
• Mean Math	27.2
• Mean Reading	26.7
• Mean Science	25.2
• Mean Composite	26.6

AP Exams

	2010	2011
• Number of exams taken	1459	1793
• Number of students tested	639	749
• Percent of qualifying scores	85	88

2011 National Merit Semi-Finalists 14

2010 National Merit Finalists 8

Academic Performance Index 910

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

• English	40 credits
• Math	30 credits
• Science	20 credits
• Social Science	30 credits
• PE/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 430 students as calculated at the end of 11th grade year:

4.25 and above	9%
4.0 - 4.24	18%
3.5 - 3.99	38%
3.0 - 3.49	22%
2.5 - 2.99	10%
Below 2.5	3%

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