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# CATE SCHOOL

2017-2018

Cate School, founded in 1910, is a grade 9-12 coeducational boarding school on California's Central Coast. A demanding and engaging academic program, a diverse student body, and a residential emphasis make Cate a distinctive community in which talented students continue their intellectual, moral, physical, and social growth. Cate is committed to offering an educational experience with lifelong meaning and profound value for each student.

*Mission:* Through commitment, scholarship, companionship, and service, each member of the Cate community contributes to what our founder called "... the spirit of this place ... all compounded of beauty and virtue, quiet study, vigorous play, and hard work."

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

- 78% of teaching faculty have advanced degrees
- Student-faculty ratio is 4:1; average class size is 12
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

## STUDENT INFORMATION

- Class of 2018: 72 students
- Enrollment: 280 (230 boarders/50 day)
- Boarding students from abroad: 16%
- Students of color: 44%
- Financial aid: \$4,070,000 allocated to 28% of students
- Nineteen foreign nations: Afghanistan, Canada, China, Croatia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam
- Twenty-three states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming

## TESTING INFORMATION

SAT	Mid 50%	Mean
Reading/Writing	640-720	680
Mathematics	615-710	660
Writing	32-36	34

ACT	Mid 50%	Mean
Composite	28-33	30.1

## National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists: 1 (SI: 222) Commended Scholars: 12  
National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars: 4

## Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced courses encompass and go beyond the AP curriculum. Members of the class of 2018 have taken 94 AP Exams in 18 subjects: 91% scored a 3 or higher.

## UNIQUELY CATE

Cate is committed to fostering a **CULTURE OF INQUIRY** that is central to our work in the classroom and animates our community discussions. Each school year is organized around a school-wide question that gives all students and teachers an opportunity for inquiry across the academic disciplines. Senior Inquiry Projects are presented and celebrated at Inquiry Day in the spring. Convocation—a weekly series of speakers, performers, and special guests—adds breadth and outside voices.

By senior year, faculty rely on the **LEADERSHIP** skills of each Cate student to accomplish the School's purpose, program, and operations. Seniors hold positions with unusually high leadership expectations that support every facet of campus life. Prominent roles include prefect, teaching assistant, peer tutors, Tuesday Talk Coordinator, CateNet Masters, Public Service Program heads, and school president and vice president.

In keeping with the Cate motto, *Servons*, **SERVICE** is a fundamental way of life both on and off campus. Service hours are not required or logged, yet each week school vans ferry Cate students to local food banks and shelters for Public Service Night. Cate also connects to outside communities through Public Service Days, holiday donation drives, and after-school tutoring at local elementary schools. Since the 1970s, Cate students have traveled to Mexicali for Los Niños Program service learning immersion trips, working shoulder to shoulder with local residents on building projects that enhance community centers and neighborhoods.

*Servons* is also key to Cate's membership in **ROUND SQUARE**, a global network of 160 high schools in 40 countries with six shared ideals: internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, adventure, leadership, and service. Cate participates in international conferences, service projects, and student exchanges in nations worldwide including Australia, India, Jordan, Peru, South Africa, and Switzerland. ([www.roundsquare.org](http://www.roundsquare.org))

Cate's **OUTDOOR PROGRAM**, rooted in the staggering natural beauty of the California wilderness, is a constant reminder that we are part of a world much bigger than ourselves. Daily opportunities to surf, hike, bike, rock climb, kayak, paddle board, and camp abound. Outings Week, a rigorous backcountry expedition, kicks off each school year and is anchored by seniors acting as trip leaders. Grade-level trips progress from Sequoia National Forest to Yosemite National Park to the Kern River Valley and then to the Channel Islands.

TRANSCRIPT and SCHOOL REPORT	CLASS of 2018 GPA DISTRIBUTION														
<b>Trimester System:</b> Terms end in November, March, and June; Senior year grade reports for first trimester are automatically submitted to colleges; grade reports for second trimester are submitted upon request	<table border="1"> <caption>Cumulative GPA for Grades 10 and 11</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Cumulative GPA Range</th> <th>Number of Students</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3.1 and below</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.2 - 3.4</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.5 - 3.7</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.8 - 4.0</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.1 - 4.2</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.3 and above</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cumulative GPA Range	Number of Students	3.1 and below	5	3.2 - 3.4	11	3.5 - 3.7	21	3.8 - 4.0	25	4.1 - 4.2	5	4.3 and above	5
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<b>Typical Course Load:</b> 5 academic courses per trimester plus an art requirement															
<b>Art Requirement:</b> In addition to 5 academic courses, a full-year Arts course is required in grade 9 and 10, and a third full-year Arts course in grade 11 or 12															
<b>Advanced Curriculum:</b> Cate does not offer AP courses; Advanced courses are designed for students who have demonstrated sustained interest and success in the discipline and the advanced skills necessary for higher order thinking, independent research, and mastery of essential knowledge															
<b>Grade Point Average:</b> Cate does not rank; GPA is cumulative for grades 10 and higher and comprised of Cate courses and Cate approved program courses only; Weighting is an additional 1.0 for Advanced courses and 0.5 for Honors courses															
<b>School Policy:</b> Faculty do not report disciplinary actions taken; Students are required to report any incidents that result in separation from Cate															

### MOST DEMANDING COURSES

<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>Advanced Calculus 1 (AB) Advanced Calculus 2 (BC) Advanced Computer Science Advanced Multivariable Calculus, Statistics, and Linear Algebra Advanced Statistics</p> <p><b>Arts</b></p> <p>Advanced Art History Advanced Art (A and AB) Advanced Studio Art Advanced Ceramics Advanced Choral Music: Camerata Advanced Photography</p>	<p><b>History</b></p> <p>Advanced U.S. History Advanced History: Supreme Court and Civil Liberties Advanced History: Comparative Revolutions Advanced History: Anthropological Perspectives Advanced History: Modern Middle East</p> <p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Advanced Biology Advanced Chemistry Advanced Global Systems Advanced Mechanics with Calculus Advanced Molecular Genetics Advanced Physics: Mechanics Advanced Physics: Astrophysics Advanced Physics: Electronics</p>	<p><b>English</b></p> <p>Advanced English 11 Advanced English 12 (available trimester 1 only)</p> <p><b>Foreign Languages</b></p> <p>Advanced Chinese: Chinese Cinema Advanced Chinese: The Chinese Idiom Advanced Chinese: Literature Advanced French: Language Studies Advanced French: Literature Studies Japanese 4 Advanced Spanish: Language Studies Advanced Spanish: Literature Studies Advanced Spanish: Hispanic Cinema Advanced Spanish: Magical Realism Advanced Spanish: Master Works of Hispanic Literature</p>
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Babson College	1	<b>Emory University</b>	5	Purdue University	2	Los Angeles	3
Bard College	1	Endicott College	1	Reed College	3	San Diego	1
<b>Barnard College</b>	9	Franklin & Marshall College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	Santa Barbara	3
Bates College	1	<b>Georgetown University</b>	9	Rice University	1	Santa Cruz	1
Bennington College	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Santa Barbara City College	4	<b>University of Chicago</b>	8
Berklee College of Music	1	Grinnell College	1	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	6	University of Colorado at Boulder	3
Boston College	2	Hamilton College	4	Scripps College	4	University of Colorado at Denver	1
Boston University	3	Harvard University	3	Simmons College	1	University of Denver	1
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	9	Harvey Mudd College	3	Skidmore College	3	University of Miami	2
Brown University	4	Haverford College	2	Southern Methodist University	4	<b>University of Michigan</b>	7
Bucknell University	1	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	<b>Stanford University</b>	13	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	13
California Maritime Academy	1	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	7	Swarthmore College	2	University of Puget Sound	1
<b>California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo</b>	5	Juniata College	1	Texas A&M University	1	University of Richmond	1
Carnegie Mellon University	2	Kenyon College	2	The Culinary Institute of America	1	University of San Diego	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	King's College London	1	The George Washington University	2	University of San Francisco	2
Chapman University	1	Lehigh University	1	The New School	2	<b>Univ. of Southern California</b>	12
<b>Claremont McKenna College</b>	6	Lewis & Clark College	1	The University of Edinburgh	2	USC School of Cinematic Arts	1
Colby College	1	Macalester College	3	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1	University of St Andrews	4
Colgate University	2	McGill University	2	The University of Texas, Austin	1	University of the Pacific	2
College of Charleston	1	<b>Middlebury College</b>	6	The University of Texas, San Antonio	1	University of Virginia	4
<b>Colorado College</b>	9	Missouri University of Science & Technology	1	Trinity College	2	University of Washington	1
<b>Columbia University</b>	7	Mount Holyoke College	1	Trinity College Dublin	1	Vanderbilt University	2
Connecticut College	2	<b>New York University</b>	18	Trinity University	3	Vassar College	1
Cornell University	3	Northeastern University	1	Tufts University	3	Wake Forest University	3
<b>Dartmouth College</b>	5	Northwestern University	2	Tulane University	4	Washington and Lee University	1
Davidson College	1	NYU Shanghai	1	United States Military Academy	1	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Dickinson College	2	Occidental College	4	University of California Berkeley	2	<b>Wellesley College</b>	5
Duke University	1	Pitzer College	3	Davis	1	Wesleyan University	2
Elon University	1	Pomona College	3			Wheaton College MA	1
Emmanuel College	1	Princeton University	3			Williams College	1
						<b>Yale University</b>	6