



CATE SCHOOL

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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

- 80% of teaching faculty have advanced degrees
- Student-faculty ratio is 5:1; average class size is 12
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Class of 2020: 75 students
- Enrollment: 298 (80% boarding)
- Boarding students from abroad: 17%
- Students of color: 54%
- Financial aid: \$4,250,000 allocated to 28% of students
- 17 foreign nations: Australia, Austria, Canada, China, El Salvador, Ghana, Hong Kong, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand
- 23 states and the District of Columbia: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT	Mid 50%	Mean
Reading/Writing	650-730	681
Mathematics	630-750	690
Writing	33-36	34

ACT	Mid 50%	Mean
Composite	33-35	33

National Merit Scholarship Program

Semifinalists: 3 (SI: 222) Commended Scholars: 14
National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars: 4

Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced courses encompass and go beyond the AP curriculum. In May 2019, 111 students took 210 AP Exams in 19 subjects; 85% scored a 3 or higher.

UNIQUELY CATE

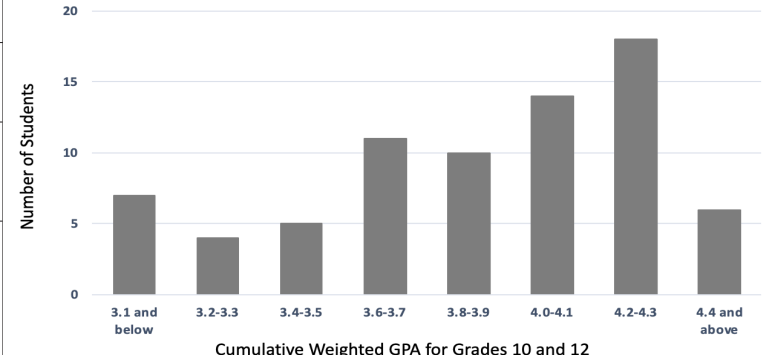
Cate's **CULTURE OF INQUIRY** is central to our work in the classroom and animates our community discussions. Each school year is organized around a school-wide question that fosters inquiry across the academic disciplines. Senior Inquiry Projects are presented and celebrated at Inquiry Day in the spring. 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 tutor, *Servons* Speaker coordinator, Public Service Program head, *El Batador* (newspaper) and *Mesan* (yearbook) editor, 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 Cate students volunteer at 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 trips, working with local residents to 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)

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 who assist trip leaders. Grade-level trips travel to the Sequoia National Forest, Yosemite National Park, Kern River Valley, and Channel Islands.

TRANSCRIPT and SCHOOL REPORT	CLASS of 2020 GPA and DISTRIBUTION																		
<p>Trimester System: Terms end in November, March, and June; grade reports for first trimester are automatically submitted to colleges for all seniors; grade reports for second trimester are submitted upon request</p>	<p>Cate does not rank; GPA is cumulative for grades 10 and higher and comprised of Cate courses and approved program courses only; Weighting adds 1.0 for Advanced and 0.5 for Honors courses</p>																		
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<p>Art Requirement: 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</p>																			
<p>School Policy: Students and college counselors work together to respond to questions about serious disciplinary infractions (probation, suspension, and expulsion) when asked on college applications</p>																			
ADVANCED CURRICULUM																			

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.

English

Advanced English 11
Advanced English 12 (trimester 1 only)

History

Advanced History (5 trimester electives)
Advanced U.S. History

Science

Advanced Biology (8 trimester electives)
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics (3 trimester electives)

Foreign Language

Advanced Chinese (3 trimester electives)
Advanced French: Language Studies
Advanced French: Literature Studies
Japanese 4
Advanced Spanish: Language Studies
Advanced Spanish: Literature Studies
Post-Advanced Spanish (3 trimester electives)

Mathematics

Advanced Calculus 1 (AB)
Advanced Calculus 2 (BC)
Advanced Computer Science
Advanced Multivariable Calculus, Statistics, and Linear Algebra
Advanced Problem Based Calculus
Advanced Statistics

Arts

Advanced Art
Advanced Art History

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2015-2019

Babson College	2	Georgetown University	7	Reed College	2	University of Calif., Santa Barbara	3
Bard College	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Chicago	7
Barnard College	7	Gettysburg College	1	Rhodes College	1	University of Colorado at Boulder	4
Bates College	1	Goucher College	1	Rice University	1	University of Colorado at Denver	1
Berklee College of Music	1	Grinnell College	1	Santa Barbara City College	2	University of Illinois	1
Boston College	1	Hamilton College	1	Santa Clara University	7	University of Miami	2
Boston University	4	Harvard University	4	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	University of Michigan	9
Bowdoin College	11	Harvey Mudd College	4	Scripps College	5	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
Brandeis University	1	Haverford College	2	Simmons College	1	University of Notre Dame	2
Brown University	6	Johns Hopkins University	5	Skidmore College	4	University of Pennsylvania	12
Bryn Mawr College	1	Juniata College	1	Southern Methodist University	3	University of Portland	1
Bucknell University	1	Kalamazoo College	1	Stanford University	15	University of Puget Sound	1
California Northstate University	1	Kenyon College	3	Texas A&M University	2	University of Richmond	2
Calif. Poly. Univ., San Luis Obispo	5	King's College London	1	The Cooper Union	1	University of San Diego	1
Carleton College	1	Lehigh University	2	The Culinary Institute of America	1	University of San Francisco	1
Carnegie Mellon University	4	Loyola Marymount University	1	The George Washington University	1	University of Southern California	10
Case Western Reserve University	3	Macalester College	2	The University of Melbourne	1	University of St Andrews	6
Chapman University	1	McGill University	1	The Univ. of Montana, Missoula	1	University of Virginia	5
Claremont McKenna College	7	Middlebury College	6	The University of North Carolina	1	University of Washington	2
Colby College	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	The University of Texas	3	Vanderbilt University	1
Colgate University	3	New York University	14	Trinity College	3	Vassar College	2
Colorado College	7	Northeastern University	1	Trinity College Dublin	1	Wake Forest University	2
Columbia University	7	Northwestern University	2	Trinity University	1	Washington and Lee University	1
Connecticut College	1	NYU Shanghai	1	Tufts University	2	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Cornell University	5	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	1	Tulane University	6	Wellesley College	5
Dartmouth College	6	Occidental College	3	United States Air Force Academy	1	Wesleyan University	3
Davidson College	1	Pitzer College	4	United States Military Academy	2	Wheaton College MA	1
Dickinson College	1	Pomona College	5	University of California, Berkeley	4	Whitman College	1
Duke University	1	Princeton University	2	University of California, Los Angeles	4	Whitworth University	1
Elon University	1	Purdue University	3	University of California, Merced	1	Williams College	3
Emory University	5	Queen's University	1	University of California, San Diego	2	Yale University	6