



SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

COVID-19 Response: Beginning on March 23 2020, Cate School transitioned to online instruction and programming for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year. As a residential school community from across the country and the world, many students faced unfamiliar and difficult learning environments. These included limited access to technology and reliable wi-fi, temporary housing, inadequate personal space, caregiver responsibilities, health and wellness concerns, bereavement, and an interruption in test preparation and severely restricted testing opportunities. All students experienced more limited school-provided emotional and academic support as well as athletic and extracurricular opportunities. Cate is a school community committed to equity and access. Instruction and grading policies during remote learning ensured that no student was penalized for adverse circumstances.

ABOUT CATE

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."

ABOUT THE STUDENTS

- 300** total students (78% boarding)
- 74** students in the Class of 2021
- 17%** International Boarding students
- 54%** students of color
- \$4.5 million** allocated in financial aid for **25%** of students
- 17 nations** (Bahamas, Canada, China, El Salvador, Georgia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Panama, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam)
- 26 states and the District of Columbia**

TESTING INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, testing data for the Class of 2021 is limited; therefore, the Class of 2020 testing data is provided.

SAT	Mid 50%	Mean
Reading/Writing	670-740	695
Mathematics	660-760	703

ACT	Mid 50%	Mean
Composite	32-35	33

National Merit Scholarship Program

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

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 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 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 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, 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.

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TRANSCRIPT & SCHOOL REPORT

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

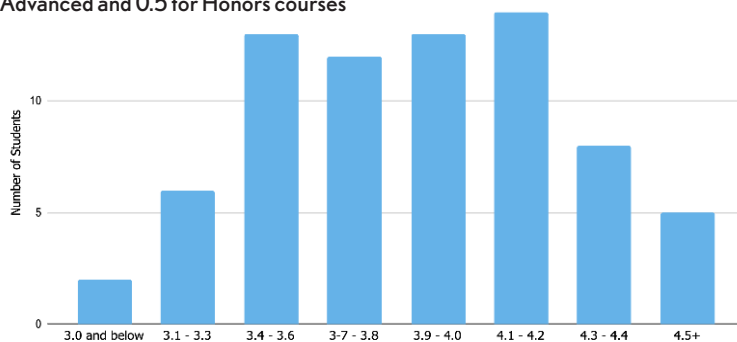
Typical Course Load: 5 academic courses per trimester plus an art requirement

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

School Policy: Cate School policy prohibits the disclosure of high school disciplinary records to colleges and universities

CLASS OF 2021 GPA & DISTRIBUTION

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



ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Advanced courses are designed for students who have demonstrated sustained interest and success in the discipline and the skills necessary for higher order thinking, independent research, and mastery of essential knowledge. Advanced courses are not typically available to students until grade 11 or 12.

English

Advanced English 11
Advanced English 12 (trimester 1 only)

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)

History

Advanced History (6 trimester electives)
Advanced U.S. History

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

Science

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

Arts

Advanced Art
Advanced Art History

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2016-2020

Amherst College	2	Duke University	1	Princeton University	1	University of Colorado Denver	1
Babson College	1	Emory University	4	Purdue University	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1
Barnard College	6	George Washington University	3	Queen's University	1	University of Miami	1
Bates College	2	Georgetown University	7	Reed College	1	University of Michigan	8
Berklee College of Music	1	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
Boston College	2	Gettysburg College	1	Rhodes College	1	University of Notre Dame	2
Boston University	4	Gonzaga University	1	Rice University	1	University of Pennsylvania	12
Bowdoin College	12	Goucher College	1	Santa Barbara City College	2	University of Portland	2
Brandeis University	1	Grinnell College	2	Santa Clara University	6	University of Puget Sound	1
Brown University	7	Hamilton College	2	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	University of Richmond	2
Bryn Mawr College	1	Harvard University	4	Scripps College	5	University of San Diego	2
Bucknell University	2	Harvey Mudd College	4	Seton Hall University	1	University of San Francisco	1
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis		Haverford College	1	Skidmore College	3	University of Southern California	7
Obispo	3	Johns Hopkins University	4	Southern Methodist University	7	University of St Andrews	7
Carleton College	2	Juniata College	1	Stanford University	16	University of Virginia	4
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Kalamazoo College	1	Texas A & M University	2	University of Washington	4
Case Western Reserve University	3	Kenyon College	3	The University of Montana	1	Vanderbilt University	2
Chapman University	1	Lafayette College	1	The University of Texas	3	Vassar College	3
Claremont McKenna College	6	Lehigh University	1	Trinity College	3	Villanova University	1
Colby College	1	Loyola Marymount University	1	Trinity College Dublin	1	Wake Forest University	1
Colgate University	2	Macalester College	2	Tufts University	3	Washington University in St Louis	1
Colorado College	6	McGill University	1	Tulane University of Louisiana	6	Wellesley College	4
Columbia University	9	Middlebury College	4	United States Air Force Academy	1	Wesleyan University	3
Connecticut College	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	United States Military Academy	1	Westmont College	1
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	1	New York University	13	University of California, Berkeley	7	Wheaton College	1
Cornell University	7	Northeastern University	2	University of California, Los Angeles	5	Whitman College	1
Culinary Institute of America	1	Northwestern University	1	University of California, Merced	1	Whitworth University	1
Dartmouth College	5	Oberlin College	1	University of California, San Diego	2	Williams College	4
Davidson College	1	Occidental College	3	University of California, Santa Barbara	1	Yale University	6
Dickinson College	1	Pitzer College	3	University of Chicago	7		
		Pomona College	7	University of Colorado Boulder	4		