



SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

Due to California's COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing wildfires during the 2020-2021 academic year, Cate School students navigated between three distinct educational environments: online learning remotely from home (which included evening and asynchronous classes to accommodate students in multiple time zones), online learning while quarantined in dormitories, and in-person classes in newly-developed outdoor classrooms with students masked and distanced.

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, physical, and social growth. Our motto is Servons (let us serve) and learning to contribute positively to the life of the school is essential. 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

305 total students (79% boarding)

79 students in the Class of 2024

18% boarding students from abroad

54% students of color

\$4.65 million allocated in financial aid for **26%** of students

19 nations: Argentina, Canada, China, El Salvador, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States

21 states and the District of Columbia: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Washington

TESTING INFORMATION - Class of 2024

SAT	Mid 50%	Mean
Reading/Writing	680-770	713
Mathematics	670-770	711
ACT	Mid 50%	Mean
Composite	33-35	34

School Policy: In most cases, Cate does not share disciplinary records with colleges and universities; it is incumbent upon students to answer all application questions honestly and counselors support students in submitting required statements

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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 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 depth to our curriculum.

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 Batidor (newspaper) and The Mesan (yearbook) editor, and student body 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 service learning trips, working with local residents to enhance community centers and neighborhoods.

Servons is key to Cate's membership in **ROUND SQUARE**, a 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 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 senior volunteers who assist trip leaders. Grade-level trips explore California's National Forests and National Parks.

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

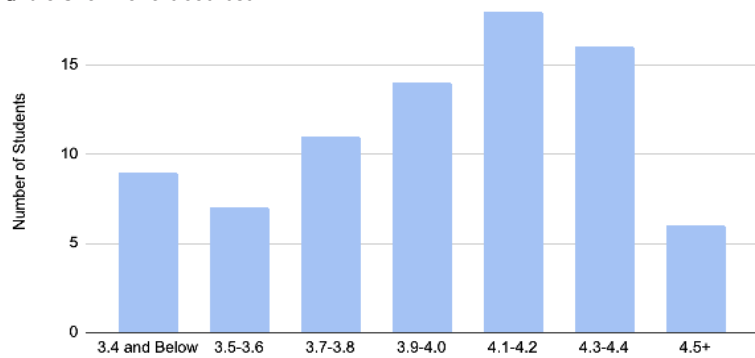
Art Requirement: In addition to 5 academic courses, a full-year Arts course is required in grade 9 and 10, and a third full-year Arts course in grade 11 or 12

Math Course Titles: Starting in 2023-2024, math courses formerly titled Problem Based Learning (PBL) will be titled:

- Math 1 • Math 2 with Vector Geometry • Advanced Math 4
- Math 2 • Honors Math 3

CLASS OF 2024 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 advanced skills necessary for higher order thinking, independent research, and mastery of essential knowledge. Most students do not take Advanced courses until 11th or 12th grade.

English

Advanced English 11
Advanced English 12

History

Advanced History (11 trimester electives)
Advanced U.S. History

Arts

Advanced Art
Advanced Art History
Advanced Performing Arts

Mathematics

Advanced Calculus 1
Advanced Calculus 2
Adv Multivariable Calculus, Statistics, Linear Algebra
Advanced Math 4 (formerly PBL 4H: Adv Problem Based Calculus)
Advanced Statistics

Science

Advanced Biology (7 trimester electives)
Advanced Computer Science
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics

Modern Language

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

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2019-2023

American University	1	Davidson College	2	Pitzer College	2	University of California, Santa Cruz	1
Amherst College	4	Duke Kunshan University	1	Pomona College	5	University of Chicago	13
Babson College	1	Duke University	4	Purdue University	1	University of Colorado, Boulder	2
Bard College	1	Emory University	4	Queen's University	1	University of Florida	1
Barnard College	7	Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts		Reed College	1	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
Bates College	7	at The New School	1	Rice University	2	University of Miami	2
Boston College	1	George Washington University	3	San Diego Community College	1	University of Michigan	1
Boston University	2	Georgetown University	6	Santa Barbara City College	3	University of Minnesota	1
Bowdoin College	7	Gettysburg College	2	Santa Clara University	2	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
Brown University	12	Gonzaga University	1	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	University of Notre Dame	4
Bryn Mawr College	1	Grinnell College	1	Scripps College	8	University of Pennsylvania	9
Bucknell University	1	Hamilton College	2	Seton Hall University	1	University of Portland	2
California Institute of Technology	1	Harvard University	6	Skidmore College	1	University of Richmond	2
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	4	Harvey Mudd College	1	Southern Methodist University	7	University of San Diego	1
California State University, Northridge	1	Indiana University	1	Stanford University	9	University of Southern California	12
Carleton College	1	Johns Hopkins University	1	Syracuse University	1	University of St Andrews	7
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Kenyon College	3	Texas A & M University	1	University of Vermont	1
Case Western Reserve University	6	Lafayette College	1	The American University of Paris	2	University of Virginia	5
Catholic University of America	1	Lehigh University	1	The University of Texas	2	University of Washington	3
Chapman University	1	Loyola Marymount University	4	Trinity College	2	University of Wisconsin	2
Claremont McKenna College	2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	Tufts University	7	Vanderbilt University	2
Colgate University	1	Middlebury College	5	Tulane University of Louisiana	15	Vassar College	2
Colorado College	5	New York University	11	Union College	1	Villanova University	2
Columbia University	9	Northeastern University	7	United States Air Force Academy	1	Washington University in St Louis	2
Connecticut College	2	Northwestern University	2	United States Military Academy	1	Wellesley College	5
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	1	NYU Shanghai	1	Universidad de Navarra	1	Wesleyan University	1
Cornell University	6	Oberlin College	1	University of California, Berkeley	7	Westmont College	1
Dartmouth College	6	Occidental College	2	University of California, Los Angeles	4	Wheaton College (MA)	1
		Parsons School of Design	1	University of California, Merced	1	Williams College	2
		Pennsylvania State University	1	University of California, San Diego	1	Yale University	5