



SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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 where 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.

Mission Statement: 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

313 total students (79% boarding)
80 students in the Class of 2027
21% boarding students from abroad
58% students of color
\$5.4 million in financial aid for 26% of students

17 nations:

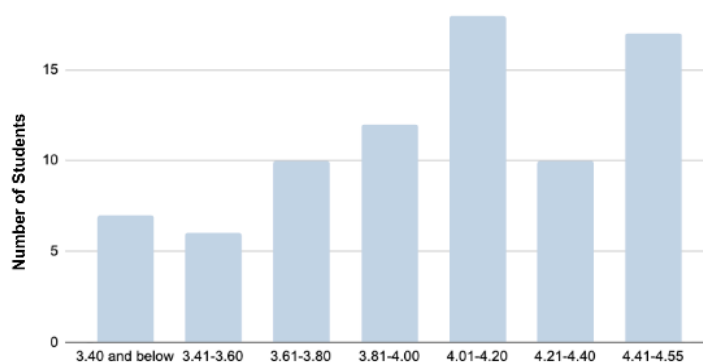
Canada, China, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States

18 states and the District of Columbia:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington

Class of 2027 Weighted GPA and Testing (as of June 2026)

GPA is cumulative for grade 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. Cate does not rank. The highest grade earned is an A.



Testing	SAT R/W	SAT M	ACT COMP
Mid 50%	650-750	660-780	34-35
Mean	694	701	34

HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES OFFERED

Requirement is five academic courses per trimester plus the art requirement. Most students do not take Advanced courses until 11th or 12th grade.

Arts

Advanced Art History
Advanced Dance
Advanced Instrumental Music
Advanced Multidisciplinary Performing Arts
Advanced Technical Theater Production
Advanced Theater
Advanced Visual Art
Advanced Vocal Music

English

Advanced English 11
Advanced English 12 Electives
- American Wilderness 1
- American Wilderness 2
- Banned Books
- Climate Fiction
- Comparative Religions
- Creative Writing Workshop
- Everything is an Argument
- Introduction to Film
- Introduction to Journalism
- Introduction to Modernism
- The AI Nexus and Co-Intelligence
- The Fog of War
- Transpacific Enchantments
- Writing for Stage and Screen

History

Advanced United States History
Advanced History Electives
- Adolescence
- African American Experience
- US Immigration Experiences
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Modern Middle East
- Philosophies of Justice
- Politics in Contemporary America
- Sociology of Otherness
- The Anthropology of Sport
- The Supreme Court
- US Immigration Experience

Mathematics

Advanced Calculus 1
Advanced Calculus 2
Advanced Computer Science
Advanced Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence
Advanced Math 4/5
Advanced Multivariable Calculus, Statistics, and Linear Algebra
Advanced Statistics

Modern Language

Advanced Chinese: Idioms, Cinema, and Literature
Advanced French: Language Studies
Advanced Spanish: Language Studies
Advanced Spanish: Literature Studies
Honors Japanese 4
Post-Advanced French Electives
- Contemporary France
- New Wave Film
- Francophone Literature
Post-Advanced Spanish Electives
- Hispanic Film
- Magical Realism
- One Hundred Years of Solitude

Science

Advanced Biology Electives
- Climate Biology
- Coastal and Marine Ecology
- Human Transmission Genetics
- Marine Evolutionary Biology
- Molecular Genetics
- Neurobiology
- Toxicology and Health
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics

UNIQUELY CATE

Cate's CULTURE OF INQUIRY is central to our work in the classroom and animates our community. 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 and performers – adds breadth and depth to our curriculum.

Faculty rely on SENIOR LEADERSHIP to accomplish the School's purpose, program, and operations. Seniors hold positions with unusually high leadership expectations that support every facet of campus life. Roles include Prefect, Teaching Assistant, Peer Tutor, Servons Speaker Coordinator, Public Service Head, 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, 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 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.

The Cate ARTS PROGRAM is a core part of the curriculum and provides opportunities to express creativity, develop problem-solving skills, and have a fundamental impact on the vibrancy of our community. Ninth graders take Foundation Arts, an introductory course covering all art forms, and then choose two additional yearlong art courses based on their interests. Many seniors continue in advanced level electives across the disciplines.

Servons is key to Cate's membership in ROUND SQUARE, a network of 260 high schools in 50 countries with six shared ideals: internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, adventure, leadership, and service. Cate participates in conferences, service projects, and student exchanges worldwide including Australia, India, Jordan, Peru, South Africa, and Switzerland.

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.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2022-2026

American University	4	De Anza College	1	Rhode Island School of Design	1	University of Colorado, Boulder	4
Amherst College	6	Duke University	2	Rice University	2	University of Florida	1
Babson College	3	Emory University	7	Santa Barbara City College	4	University of Georgia	1
Bard College	1	Eugene Lang College	1	Scripps College	6	University of Iowa	1
Barnard College	9	George Washington University	3	Skidmore College	1	University of Miami	3
Bates College	9	Georgetown University	5	Smith College	1	University of Michigan	4
Beloit College	1	Gettysburg College	1	Southern Methodist University	6	Univ of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
Binghamton University	1	Glendale Community College	1	Stanford University	7	University of Notre Dame	2
Boston College	2	Hamilton College	2	Stony Brook University	1	University of Oregon	1
Boston University	4	Harvard University	4	Suffolk University	1	University of Pennsylvania	7
Bowdoin College	4	Harvey Mudd College	1	Syracuse University	3	University of Puget Sound	1
Brown University	8	Howard University	1	Temple University	1	University of Richmond	1
Bucknell University	1	Indiana University	1	Texas A&M University	1	University of Southern California	10
California Institute of Technology	1	Kenyon College	1	Texas Christian University	1	University of St Andrews	5
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	4	Loyola Marymount University	3	The American University of Paris	2	University of the Pacific	1
Carleton College	1	Massachusetts Inst of Technology	2	Trinity College	1	University of Toronto	1
Carnegie Mellon University	4	Middlebury College	4	Tufts University	4	University of Texas, Austin	2
Case Western Reserve University	6	New York University	10	Tulane University of Louisiana	9	University of Vermont	1
Catholic University of America	1	Northeastern University	9	Union College	2	University of Virginia	5
Chapman University	1	Northwestern University	6	United States Naval Academy	1	University of Washington	1
Claremont McKenna College	6	NYU Shanghai	1	Universidad de Navarra	1	University of Wisconsin	4
Colby College	5	Occidental College	2	University of California:		Vanderbilt University	2
Colorado College	6	Parsons School of Design	1	Berkeley	13	Wake Forest University	1
Columbia University	5	Pitzer College	3	Irvine	1	Washington University in St Louis	4
Connecticut College	1	Pomona College	2	Los Angeles	3	Wellesley College	7
Cornell University	1	Princeton University	3	Santa Barbara	2	Wesleyan University	3
Dartmouth College	6	Queen's University	2	Santa Cruz	2	Williams College	1
Davidson College	3	Reed College	1	University of Chicago	13	Yale University	7

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