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THE SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY

Canyon Crest Academy is located in the coastal North County region of San Diego. It is a "school of choice" with enrollment determined by an application process.

Any student in the district can apply and a lottery is held if the number of applications exceeds the available seats. Current enrollment is approximately 1800 students in grades 9-12. Admitted students live throughout the San Dieguito Union High School District, which includes Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe, Cardiff, La Costa, Olivenhain, Fairbanks Ranch, and Carmel Valley.

Since our doors opened in August 2004, CCA has been a leader in achievement and performance for our district and in our county. In 2005-2006, CCA earned the highest public school Academic Performance Index (API) in San Diego County, a feat that was repeated in 2008-2009. Our first graduating class in 2008 set the standard with 75% of the class continuing to four-year colleges and 21% to community college. This same class also helped CCA to achieve the highest Advanced Placement pass rate in our district, and 98% of our students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on their first attempt. CCA student accomplishments reach beyond the classroom as well, with awards earned by extracurricular groups such as our nationally-ranked math team; our award-winning school publications; the number of students recognized through the San Diego County Science Fair, Siemens Science Competition, and Intel Science Competition; and athletic teams that have competed in statewide championships. Our students' creativity, dedication, and exposure to rigorous academics have helped to firmly place CCA on the map. As we begin our 6th year of operation, we are excited to see what the future will bring.

SCHEDULE

CCA is on a four x four block schedule. Students take up to four ninety-minute classes per day, five days per week, in each eighteen-week Fall and Spring term. Every term-long class is the equivalent of a traditional two semester, year-long class and students earn two final grades per class each term. Students who take all eight classes can earn up to 80 credits in a year.

ENVISION/CONSERVATORY

For students who desire to expand their exposure to the arts, CCA offers Envision, a program designed to inspire and train future artists. It is an extensive curriculum with a structured sequence of progressively challenging courses in the following disciplines: Dance, Digital & Fine Art, Instrumental Music, Theater, Video & Film and Vocal Music. For students who demonstrate exceptional potential and talent, CCA offers Envision Conservatory. Conservatory is a rigorous, audition-only extracurricular program that provides advanced instruction and training supplemented by professional teaching artists.

HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Canyon Crest Academy supports an “open access” policy that allows all students the opportunity to take up to 6 Honors and 23 Advanced Placement classes.

- AP Courses:**
- AP American Government
 - AP Art History
 - AP Biology
 - AP Calculus AB
 - AP Calculus BC
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Computer Science A
 - AP Economics
 - AP English Language
 - AP English Literature
 - AP Environmental Science
 - AP European History
 - AP Physics B
 - AP Physics C
 - AP Psychology
 - AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
 - AP Studio Art 2D
 - AP Studio Art 3D
 - AP Studio Art Drawing
 - AP US History
 - AP World History
 - Calculus D/Linear Algebra*
- * Taught in collaboration with San Diego State University
- Honors Courses:**
- Honors Drama
 - Honors English 9
 - Honors English 10
 - Honors Geometry
 - Honors Algebra II Trig.
 - Honors Pre-Calculus

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Because Canyon Crest Academy students can take up to eight classes per year, they have the chance to take numerous electives. With over fifty electives from which to choose, students have ample opportunities to explore various disciplines. For those who have a specific area of interest, taking sequential elective or academic classes “back-to-back” in order to accelerate their skills and knowledge is a popular option.

2009 STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Reasoning Test

• Numbers of seniors taking the test	281
• Mean Critical Reading	568
• Mean Math SAT	574
• Mean Writing SAT	565

ACT

• Number of tests taken	214
• Mean English	25.8
• Mean Math	25.9
• Mean Reading	25.8
• Mean Science	24.2
• Mean Composite	25.5

AP Exams	2008	2009
• Number of exams taken	1161	1311
• Number of students tested	529	594
• Percent of qualifying scores	86	83

National Merit Semifinalists	19
Academic Performance Index	868

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Canyon Crest Academy students must earn 230 credits, ten for each term-long class passed with a “D” or higher from the following areas:

• English	40 credits
• Math	30 credits
• Science	20 credits
• Social Science	30 credits
• PE/Health	20 credits
• Career/Technical Arts	5 credits
• Visual/Performing Arts	10 credits
• Electives	75 credits

GRADING & GPA CALCULATION

Canyon Crest Academy **does not rank** its students.

Grade point average is calculated based on all grades earned in all classes taken from the freshman through senior year.

The following breakdown is used:

All courses EXCEPT Honors Pre-Calculus and AP courses:

A = 4.0	(90 - 100%)
B = 3.0	(80 - 89%)
C = 2.0	(70 - 79%)
D = 1.0	(60 - 69%)
F = 0.0	(0 - 59%)
W = Withdraw	(not calculated in GPA)

Honors Pre-Calculus and all AP courses:

A = 5.0	(90 - 100%)
B = 4.0	(80 - 89%)
C = 3.0	(70 - 79%)
D = 1.0	(60 - 69%)
F = 0.0	(0 - 59%)
W = Withdraw	(not calculated in GPA)

Grade Distribution

The following data reflect the total weighted GPA distribution of the current senior class as calculated at the end of the junior year:

4.25 and above:	6%
4.0 - 4.24:	12%
3.5 - 3.99:	31%
3.0 - 3.49:	29%
2.5 - 2.99:	16%
Below 2.5:	6%

Other than weighted courses, CCA does not participate in or recognize any form of academic distinction, including National Honor Society or California Scholarship Federation.