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THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Canyon Crest Academy (CCA) is an outstanding learning community of approximately 2575 students in grades 9-12 who live throughout the San Dieguito Union High School District. CCA is a public "school of choice" where any student in the district can select the academy. Students are attracted to CCA to pursue specialized education in the arts, sciences, and technology; and to participate in real-world application of skills through established partnerships with local businesses and universities. Student achievement is strongly supported by parents and community members, who partner with school staff to enrich the academic experience for each child on our campus.

Since 2004, CCA has been a leader in achievement and performance for the district. CCA student accomplishments extend beyond the classroom as well. Students have earned accolades in diverse extra-curricular activities such as our nationally-ranked math team; San Diego County Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Siemens Science Competition and Intel Science Competition; our award-winning school publications; visual and performing arts, including a Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award and National Youth Theater Awards; and athletic teams that have competed in statewide championships. Dedicated and talented staff members collaborate across curriculum and embrace technology in support of student learning. The curriculum responds to evolving student interests and includes specialized and in-depth studies. Students are supported in taking intellectual and creative risks as they engage in their studies which enables them to be confident, life-long learners. Our students' creativity, commitment and exposure to rigorous academics have uniquely prepared them for success beyond Canyon Crest Academy.

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students follow a 4 x 4 block schedule where they take up to four 90-minute classes per day, five days per week, in each 18 week Fall and Spring term. On this accelerated system, 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 eight classes can earn up to 80 credits in a year. The 4 x 4 schedule also gives students the chance to take additional electives. With numerous courses, students have opportunities to explore various disciplines. For students who have a specific area of interest, taking sequential elective or academic classes "back-to-back" in both terms in order to advance their skills and knowledge is a popular option.

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, Visual Arts, Humanities, Instrumental Music, Theater, Cinema 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.

COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

- Class of 2017 who met or exceeded UC/CSU requirements: 92.3%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 4-year college: 84%
- Approximate percent of students who planned to attend a 2-year college: 12%

Sources: CDE DataQuest, 2017; CCA Senior Exit Survey, 2018

HONORS & ADVANCED COURSEWORK

SDUHSD has an open access policy allowing all students the opportunity to take honors or advanced courses.
2018-2019 offerings include:

- Advanced Drama Honors
- Calculus III*
- English 9 Honors
- English 10 Honors
- Integrated Math I Honors
- Integrated Math II Honors
- Integrated Math III Honors
- Linear Algebra*

  *may be taken as a dual-enrolled college course

- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP French Language
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art 3D
- AP Studio Art Drawing
- AP United States History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP World History

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn 230 credits in the following subject areas:
- English — 40 credits
- Mathematics (including Alg 1 or IM 1) — 30 credits
- Science (life/physical) — 20 credits
- Social Science — 30 credits
- Physical Education — 20 credits
- Practical Arts/Career Technical — 10 credits
- Visual/Performing Arts — 10 credits
- Electives — 70 credits

2018 STANDARDIZED TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Reasoning Test
- Mean Evidence-Based Reading and Writing — 661
- Mean Math — 674
- Mean SAT Essay — 6

ACT (2017 data)
- Mean English — 28.8
- Mean Math — 28.1
- Mean Reading — 28.4
- Mean Science — 27.2
- Mean Composite — 28.2

AP Exams	2017	2018
Number of exams taken	2957	3342
Number of students tested	1050	1156
Percent of qualifying scores	94	93

2018-2019 National Merit Semi-Finalists — 75
2017-2018 National Merit Finalists — 45

GRADING & GPA CALCULATION

Grade point average is calculated based on all grades earned in all classes taken from ninth to twelfth grade.

There are three types of GPA on the CCA transcript:

Total GPA 9-12 (weighted/non-weighted)
includes every course taken in grades 9-12

Academic GPA 9-12 (weighted/non-weighted)
includes all courses taken in 9-12, except PE and courses graded with a Pass/Fail

Academic GPA 10-12 (weighted/non-weighted)
includes all courses taken in 10-12, except PE and courses graded with a Pass/Fail

All courses EXCEPT Integrated Math III Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, and Advanced Placement:

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)

Integrated Math III Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, and Advanced Placement:

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%)

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

GRADE POINT AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION

The following data reflects the total non-weighted GPA distribution of the current 12th grade, class of 630 students, as calculated based on GPA at the end of the 11th grade year:

4.0	10%
3.75 - 3.99	41%
3.50 - 3.74	20%
3.0 - 3.49	22%
2.5 - 2.99	6%
Below 2.5	1%