

CANYON CREST ACADEMY

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ATHLETICS

Fall sports

Girls Volleyball

Field Hockey

Cross Country

Girls Golf

Girls Tennis

Boys Water Polo

Winter Sports

Boys and Girls Basketball

Boys and Girls Soccer

Girls Water Polo

Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball

Softball

Boys Golf

Boys Tennis

Boys Volleyball

Boys and Girls Lacrosse

Track and Field

Swimming

All CCA sports have Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.

CCA competes in the North County Conference Palomar League.

Canyon Crest Academy

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MISSION

Canyon Crest Academy, a professional learning community, challenges and inspires students to discover their passions and pursue their goals throughout high school and beyond.

SCHOOL HISTORY

In March 2004, eighth-grade students from across the San Dieguito Union High School District were offered the opportunity to attend Canyon Crest Academy (CCA), a new high school, for their upcoming freshman year. Although CCA did not yet physically exist, 342 students who sought the opportunity to set its tone, culture, and traditions enthusiastically submitted their applications. Since then, CCA students have flourished at an incredible pace academically, athletically, artistically, and socially. Academically, CCA has an extremely high Advanced Placement Test passing rate, and has seen its first ten graduating classes be accepted into the most prestigious colleges around the country (for more information visit <http://cc.sduhsd.net/Counseling/index.html>). Artistically, CCA's Envision program has set a new California standard for excellence in arts education (see Envision below). In the area of athletics, CCA athletes compete in all varsity level sports, with the exception of football and cheerleading, and does so with great success as demonstrated by the many championship banners that hang in the state of the art gymnasium. On a social level, CCA has a well-deserved reputation as a peaceful, accepting school culture. CCA prides itself as being a staff and student body that is welcoming to all students. With all of these notable achievements, CCA has established itself as a school second to none. Due to this success, each year CCA has experienced an ever increasing demand by students to attend CCA. As a result, CCA's attendance may be based on the lottery process. For details on the lottery/high school selection process please visit <http://www.sduhsd.net/Parents-Students/High-School-Selection/index.html>. From its humble beginnings in portables, to its current position as one of the top performing schools in California, CCA's success has always been intricately linked to its outstanding staff, exemplary programs, and exceptional student body.

SCHEDULE

CCA is on a 4x4 block schedule. Students take the same four ninety-minute classes every day, five days per week, for an entire eighteen-week term. Each class taken per term is the equivalent of a traditional two-semester, year-long class. In the spring, students begin on their second set of four classes. This schedule allows students to take 8 classes over the course of the school year, rather than the 6 classes found in traditional schedules. The extra classes available on the 4x4 schedule allow students to pursue their interests in greater depth.

COURSES

CCA offers a full range of classes and supports an "open access" policy that allows all students the opportunity to take honors and Advanced Placement classes in all academic areas. Because students can take up to eight year-long equivalent classes per year, CCA students are encouraged to take numerous electives to offset their academic load. With over fifty electives from which to choose, students have the opportunity to explore numerous potential fields of interest. Students who seek to accelerate their academic performance in a particular subject often take sequential classes "back to back."

THE ARTS



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is an internationally recognized arts program of excellence found only at CCA. Envision offers students, from beginner to advanced, a wide variety of arts classes in Cinema, Dance, Digital/Fine Art, Instrumental Music, Theater, and Vocal Music. Envision boasts multiple professional guest artists and permanent faculty as well as a unique interdisciplinary curriculum that rounds out this cutting edge arts program. Envision consists of both day classes called "Envision" classes, open to all students at CCA, and an extended-day program called "Envision Conservatory." Conservatory trains students who are passionate about their art in the rigors of their specific discipline, offering curriculum above and beyond what is offered in Envision day classes. Students wishing to participate in Conservatory must apply and audition/ interview to be admitted to the program. For more information call 858-350-0253 ext. 4234 or visit www.cca-envision.org

ENRICHMENT

Through our generous parent community and the Canyon Crest Academy Foundation, we are excited to offer free after-school enrichment courses to all students. Enrichment Courses provide opportunities for our faculty to teach subjects they are passionate about outside of the core academic course of study. Students will not receive a grade/credit for their participation. These inclusive experiences are designed for students to explore areas of interest and, more importantly, to create positive connections between all members of our shared school community. More information is available on CCA's website.

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PROGRAMS

SCIENCE

Canyon Crest Academy offers the same rigorous sequence of traditional science coursework found at all the district high schools; from college prep Biology to AP Physics, AP Biology and AP Environmental Science. However, with the 4x4 schedule, those interested in further pursuing the sciences have the opportunity to take additional science classes. Students can excel through specialized, innovative, relevant and dynamic courses such as Anatomy & Physiology and the 3-tier science research program called QUEST.

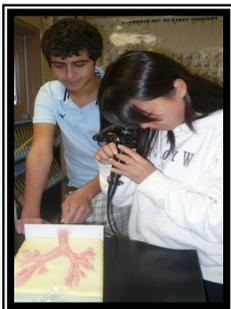


QUEST

QUEST is a 3-tier science research program offered at CCA. QUEST is designed to enhance student foundations in research principles and techniques using an inquiry based approach. This program is preparing students for future careers in science and math. Students are exposed to real world, relevant science through hands on experiences with leading scientists in industry and academia. As students progress through the program, they learn to formulate their own questions and subsequently pursue the answer on site in a dedicated lab facility and/or off site through lab based internships. CCA gives students the unique opportunity to participate in QUEST, a one of kind science research program featured at CCA. CCA students in the QUEST program have been very successful in a variety of science competitions.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Building on the skills taught in 8th grade, CCA offers both Honors English 9 and College Prep English 9. Both courses are structured to give students practice in reading, writing, and speaking skills needed to be successful in their high school career—with an eye on getting them ready for college and other life choices. As students look ahead to their English “journey”— they can select to take college prep or honors in 10th grade; college prep or AP English Language (a writing course) in 11th; and college prep or AP English Literature (a literary study course) for 12th grade. For those students who want to move beyond the standard English instruction, CCA offers classes in Creative Writing, Speech & Debate, Journalism, and Yearbook where students can put those skills to use and really shine.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Social Science department at CCA strives to prepare its students for living both in an increasingly global environment and in a participative democracy, instilling an awareness of the heritage of the world and of the nation's past. Its philosophy centers on the belief that a sound high school education involves more than just taking history classes, and that a firm knowledge of the social sciences extends to success in many career paths, including business, law, medicine, and the arts. It offers students a strong, successful Advanced Placement program as well as exciting electives in psychology (AP Psychology is also offered), Sociology, 20th Century Pop Culture, Film and Society, Non-Western World History, Social Justice and AP European History.

MATHEMATICS

The math department at CCA offers a wide range of classes to support the skill levels of all students from Integrated Math I Readiness to Calculus III/Linear Algebra. The CCA Math Team is very active; competing in regional, state-wide and national competitions in which they frequently win or place. Math department teachers offer tutoring most days either before school, during lunch or after school. The CCA AP Calculus & Statistics classes consistently have a high pass rate. Additionally, with the 4x4 schedule, students have the opportunity to double up on math classes and accelerate beyond what is possible on a traditional 6 period schedule. The 4x4 schedule also allows students who don't pass a class to remediate courses during the following term, rather than waiting until summer school or the following year.

ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING

CCA has four competitive FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics teams who have won various local, regional, and national awards. This success has inspired the development of Robotics and Engineering courses. The purpose of the Robotic and Engineering courses is to build on the skills and knowledge of students in Robotics, Engineering, Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science (STEM - Subjects). The curriculum helps students design, build, and program robotic devices that can lift, throw, climb, gather, and expand the boundaries of experimental intelligence. By working together to create robots that perform exciting challenges, the students develop problem-solving and team-building skills. Additionally, Engineering courses aligned with PLTW (Project Lead the Way) expose students to pre-engineering concepts for those interested in pursuing Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineering careers. Students who successfully complete these courses will be leaders in pursuit of degrees and careers in the fields of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

The Canyon Crest Academy Physical Education Department offers a number of fun and challenging classes to meet the needs of its students. In addition to the PE/Health class for 9th graders, students are offered exciting electives (Weight Training PE, Personal Fitness PE, Surf PE) to provide students with the opportunity to take part in activities that they can incorporate into their own lifestyle outside of school. After one look at the state-of-the-art weight room, fitness room, dance room, and gymnasium you will see why CCA PE is so popular with its students.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department at CCA supports students with Individual Education Plans through a continuum of services. The delivery of special education services range from a support class, team taught classes, and/or services delivered in the general education environment through collaboration with general education teachers.