



2026–2027

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Mission Statement

At Stevenson, we strive to foster a passion for learning and achievement while helping our students shape a joyful life. We understand that joyful learning and academic achievement are not mutually exclusive – learning is far more powerful and enduring when driven by curiosity, wonder, and the freedom to explore big ideas in the company of expert guides and highly motivated peers. Stevenson School has long been committed to a mission described by three central aims:

- to prepare students for success in college and beyond;
- to foster their passion for learning and achievement;
- and to help them shape a joyful life.

The School 2026–27

Founded in 1952 as a boarding school for boys, Stevenson is a co-ed independent school with day students in Pre-K–Grade 8 (Carmel Campus) and boarding and day in Grades 9–12 (Pebble Beach Campus).

- The Upper Division (9–12) of 530 students includes 240 day students and 290 boarding students, from California as well as 17 states and 22 countries
- 35% of students receive financial aid
- 47% are students of color
- 65% of faculty members hold advanced degrees; 7% hold terminal degrees
- The student/teacher ratio is 8 to 1
- Stevenson is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for a seven-year term through June 2031

Grading & Credits

STEVENSON DOES NOT RANK STUDENTS

In order to ensure a balanced life, students must take five or six courses per semester, and may petition for a seventh. No more than three honors or AP courses are permitted per semester (though students may petition for a fourth).

- Grading is awarded using a scale of A–F
- Honors and AP courses receive extra weight of 0.3 grade points
- Plus and minus grades equal +/- 0.3
- Letter grades from Grades 10–12 are included in the GPA
- One credit is granted for full-year courses

Graduation Requirements

Stevenson School students must earn 20 credits, currently distributed as follows:

- English (4)
- Mathematics (3)
- History (3)
- Laboratory Science (3)
- World Languages (3)
- Arts (1)
- Electives (3)

Course of Studies

Stevenson offers a balanced and challenging liberal arts course of study designed to develop fundamental academic skills while fostering inquiry, creativity, scholarship and a love of learning.



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Course Offerings

DEPARTMENT	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Arts One year required	<p>Dance: Introduction to Dance, Dance Exploration, Dance – Afternoon Program</p> <p>Music: Chorus, Advanced Choir, Guitar 1, Guitar 2, Introduction to Music Theory (offered every other year), Rock Band, Songwriting and Music Production, String Orchestra, Symphonic Band, AP Music Theory (offered every other year), Instrument or Vocal Music Lessons</p> <p>Radio & Media Arts: Introduction to Radio & Media Arts, Advanced Radio and Media Arts</p> <p>Theater: Introduction to Acting, Comedy and Improv, Acting for the Camera, Advanced Acting, Theater Productions, Theater – Afternoon Program</p> <p>Visual Arts: Ceramics 1, Advanced Ceramics, AP Studio Art: Ceramics and 3D Design, Creative Coding, Drawing & Painting 1, Advanced Drawing & Painting, Architecture, AP Studio Art: Drawing and 2D Design, Making Movies 1, Advanced Making Movies, Newspaper, Photography 1: Darkroom and Digital, Advanced Photography: Darkroom and Digital, AP Studio Art: Photography and 2D Design, Yearbook</p>			
English Four years required	English 1 : Introduction to Literary Studies	English 2/English 2 Honors: Language and Power	English 3/English 3 Honors: Voices of American Literature	AP English Literature and Composition English 4 Semester Courses
	Art of the Essay Banned Books: Identity and Desire California Dream	Gothic Imagination Iconic Novellas: Less is More Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice on Page and Screen	Love & Conflict on Stage Postmodern Storyteller Reading Disney	
History Three years required, including one year of U.S. History	History 1: Introduction to Historical Studies	History 2: The Modern World History 2 Honors: The Modern World	U.S. History • AP U.S. History AP Art History AP Economics (Grade 12 only) Entrepreneurship (Grade 12 only)	
	Semester History Courses Comparative Government & Politics Honors* Ethics and Leadership *Students have the option of taking the AP exam after taking these courses	Legal Studies Quantum Economy United States Government & Politics Honors *	Real World Economics Reel History: Exploring the Past through Film Religions of the World	



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Mathematics Three years required	Algebra: Algebra, Algebra Honors Geometry: Geometry A, Geometry, Geometry Honors Intermediate Algebra, Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, and Precalculus: Intermediate Algebra, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry/Precalculus (AATP), Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry/Precalculus Honors (AATP Honors) Calculus, Statistics and Beyond: Statistics (Grade 12 only), Statistics Honors, Advanced Concepts In Math, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Multivariable Calculus Honors, Pure Math Honors: Topics in Number Theory & Abstract Algebra			
Science Three years required	Science 1: Principles of Scientific Inquiry	Science 2 Science 2 Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry Environmental Science Honors	AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 Independent Science Research Lab
<div><div>Semester Science Courses</div><div>Biology: Abnormal Psychology, Brains & Behavior, Field Ornithology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Infectious</div><div>Disease and Public Health, Marine Science, Orthopedic Medicine</div><div>Environmental Science: Waves and Beaches</div><div>Chemistry: Experimental Chemistry, Forensic Science</div><div>Physics: Field Astronomy, Mechanics & Kinematics, Forces & Energy</div></div>				
Engineering	Introduction to Engineering: Digital Fabrication • Introduction to Engineering: Computer Simulation Disciplines in Engineering (Grades 11 and 12 only) Engineering Capstone or Engineering Capstone Honors (Grade 12 only)			
Computer Science	AP Computer Science A • Advanced Programming • Creative Coding			
World Languages Level 3 required	French 1–4 Japanese 1–4	Latin 1–4 Spanish 1–5	*Honors courses are offered at levels 2-3, AP courses at level 4 in each language and level 5 in Spanish.	
<div>Advanced French Semester Courses: Total Immersion French in Artmaking & Art History, Total Immersion French in Filmmaking and French Cinéma</div>				

Special Programs

- **X-Term:** Grades 9, 10 and 11 participate in 2-week experiential and place-based learning classes at the end of each academic year, choosing mini-courses from a wide range of interdisciplinary topics taught by our faculty in and around the Monterey Peninsula, the United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain and Japan. Participation in three X-Term courses is a graduation requirement for all students.
- **Grades 9 & 10:** 10 hours of community service
- **Senior Forum:** Select seniors teach classes to their Grade 9 peers on a range of topics related to the transition to high school.
- **Outdoor Education:** Multiple opportunities for outdoor education, including a 10-day wilderness expedition for sophomores.



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Testing and Matriculation

Class of 2027 Cumulative GPA Ranges as of July 2026

QUINTILE	GPA RANGE
Q1	4.07–4.24
Q2	3.96–4.06
Q3	3.79–3.95
Q4	3.56–3.78
Q5	3.55 and below

Class of 2027 SAT/ACT

As of July 1, 2026, 84% of the class has taken the SAT or ACT.

Standardized Test Results for the Class of 2027

SAT

- Students Tested: 118
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Median: 660
- Math Median: 685
- Total Median: 1345

ACT

- Students Tested: 2
- Average Composite: 29.5

In the class of 2026, 120 students received offers of admission from 255 colleges/universities in 40 states, the District of Columbia and 9 countries. Students from the class of 2026 matriculated to the following schools. If more than one student is enrolled, that number is noted in parentheses. One student is taking a GAP year.

West

ARIZONA

Arizona State University
University of Arizona

CALIFORNIA

California Polytechnic State University (3)
California State University, Chico
California State University, Northridge
Chapman University
Monterey Peninsula College (3)
Occidental College
Pitzer College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University (3)
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Clara University (3)
Stanford University (3)
University of California, Berkeley (5)
University of California, Davis (4)
University of California, Los Angeles (2)
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara (3)

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Redlands
University of San Diego (5)
University of Southern California (3)

COLORADO

Colorado State University
University of Colorado, Boulder (2)

OREGON

University of Oregon
Willamette University

WASHINGTON

Seattle Pacific University
University of Washington

Midwest

IOWA

Grinnell College

ILLINOIS

Northwestern University (2)
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

INDIANA

Purdue University

MICHIGAN

University of Michigan

OHIO

Kent State University
Oberlin College (2)

South

ALABAMA

University of Alabama (2)

FLORIDA

University of Miami (2)

GEORGIA

Emory University (2)

LOUISIANA

Tulane University (2)

TENNESSEE

Rhodes College

TEXAS

Southern Methodist University
Texas Christian University (4)

Northeast/ Mid-Atlantic

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut College
Fairfield University

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

George Washington University
Howard University

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston College (2)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Smith College
Williams College

MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins University (2)

MAINE

Bates College
Colby College

NEW YORK

Columbia University
Cornell University (4)
Marist University
New York University (9)
Pratt Institute
St. Lawrence University

PENNSYLVANIA

Carnegie Mellon University
Swarthmore College
University of Pennsylvania (2)
Villanova University

International

ENGLAND

King's College, London

IRELAND

Trinity College, Dublin

MEXICO

Tecnologico de Monterrey

SPAIN

IE University