

Cate School

Ivy League MIT Stanford placement

Cate School: 11 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 18 %

Top 50 High Schools: 25 %

HYPMS placement

Cate School: 5 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 8 %

Top 50 High Schools: 12 %

Average SAT

Cate School: 1,970

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 1,842

Top 50 High Schools: 1,569

Endowment per student

Cate School: \$ 0.23 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 0.32 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 0.16 million (US)

Endowment

Cate School: \$ 60 million (US)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 186 million (US)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 110 million (US)

AP courses

Cate School: 19 (courses)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 16 (courses)

Top 50 High Schools: 12 (courses)

Students receiving aid

Cate School: 35 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 30 %

Top 50 High Schools: 22 %

Average class size

Cate School: 10 (students)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 12 (students)

Top 50 High Schools: 14 (students)

Advanced degree faculty

Cate School: 83 %

Top 30 Boarding Schools: 72 %

Top 50 High Schools: 64 %

Day Tuition

Cate School: \$ 32,750 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 31,941 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 32,349 (USD)

Boarding Tuition

Cate School: \$ 41,600 (USD)

Top 30 Boarding Schools: \$ 46,116 (USD)

Top 50 High Schools: \$ 45,931 (USD)

Info

- School type: Boarding and day students
 - Day student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to 12th
 - School focus: College Preparatory
 - AP and or IB: AP
 - Number of AP courses offered: 19
 - Average SAT: 1970 (Mean)
 - ESL offered: Yes
 - Academic calendar: Semesters
 - Summer program: Yes
 - Boarding availability: 7 day boarding
 - Setting: Suburban
 - Founded:1910
 - Total school faculty: 52
 - Advanced degree faculty: 83 %
 - Teacher : Student ratio: 1 : 5
 - Religious affiliation: None
 - Website: <http://www.cate.org>
 - Address: 1960 Cate Mesa Road Carpinteria CA 93013 United States
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Enrollment

- Day student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Boarding student only grade:9th to 12th
 - Enrollment gender: Coed
 - Average class size: 10
 - Dress code*:No
 - Total student enrolled:260
 - International student: 15%
 - *Dress code, Yes=Formal or Uniform, No=Casual
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Tuition

- Boarding student tuition (per year):\$41,600
 - Day student tuition (per year):\$32,750
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Admissions

- Admissions deadline: January 15
 - Application fee: \$75.00
 - Acceptance rate: 27 %
 - Interview: On-campus interview required
 - Rolling admissions: No
 - English proficiency required for admission: Yes
 - Type of aid available: Need-based
 - % student receiving aid: 35 %
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Contact

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Reviews

Academic

[Columbia] Strength in the English department. Small class size. Math is also a strength. Most of the Math teachers have graduated from the nation's top universities and some have written textbooks. Less competitive nature than East Coast prep schools. Most classes are discussions, except science classes, which are nearly always lectures. Math is very interactive. The work load is carefully monitored and pretty mild as the school wishes its students to take advantage of as many other opportunities as possible. In the upper level classes the pace and the workload increases.

[Yale] Low student-to-teacher ratio—good interaction between students and faculty. All classes are discussion-based. Students get to know their teachers very well on a personal level, as many members of the faculty live in the dorms and all of them are required to take on responsibilities outside of the classroom - some coach sports, others advise student extracurriculars, and others take on administrative duties. The teaching quality is great. Freshman and sophomore courses mostly emphasize the fundamentals. Junior and senior years offer a greater variety of options. AP classes are available. Not exam-heavy. Work load depends on classes—can be very intense or fairly mild.

College Counseling

[Columbia] The school has good relationships with most colleges. Can meet with advisor whenever you want-- offer advice, but allow you to ultimately choose. Give good recommendations.

[Yale] The college counseling process begins during junior year (though sophomores do take the PSAT). There are only two full-time counselors, but very few classmates. Counselors are easily accessible. Cate is known in college admissions offices as being a school of considerable quality. It simply produces strong applicants.

Admissions Process

[Columbia] Looks for talent. Considers character very heavily. SSATs required. Recommendations are important. Look unique and memorable.

[Yale] Must take the SSAT. Strong middle school grades are important. You don't need to interview, but you will if you visit campus—it is good to do. Dress neatly, but not formally. Think about what you're interested in and be prepared to talk about those things. Parents should take a step back. If you interview, they'll invite you in for a few of your thoughts, but your role should be a quiet one otherwise.

Extra-Curricular Activities

[Columbia] Prods students to take an interest in their community. Social life is very important. Friday nights and Saturday nights are strictly for socializing. Sunday is laundry day and homework and perhaps a bit of shopping. Students spend about 2 hours a night during study hours on homework, an hour and a half in sports and another hour in a club or music group. Dinner is a very social time as is the time around it when inter-dorm happens and students are allowed to roam through other dorms.

[Yale] Athletics are not very big. Freshmen must participate in at least two interscholastic sports. Excellent and well-equipped outdoors program-- surfing, camping, mountain biking, rock climbing, etc.

Quality of School Life

[Columbia] The food is very good-- wide variety of healthy choices. The dorms are very nice and well-maintained. Most facilities are open to students and many spend a lot of time in places such as the library, the computer lab, the art loft, the tennis courts, the lawns (for Frisbee) and the ceramics barn. There are student from all over the world and from all backgrounds. The nurse is always available and one even lives adjacent to the health center. The campus is breathtaking. The gym is better than any within miles. The school's discipline policy is kept fair by the elected students who serve on it.

[Yale] The campus is gorgeous with views of the Pacific to one side, which is a ten-minute car ride away, and to the other, the Carp foothills) and the facilities are well-maintained though not extravagant. Half of each freshman class has singles (either all the boys or all the girls, alternating year to year), and nearly everyone has a single for the remaining three years. The food is adequate. Cate social life is entirely self-contained. The school makes an effort to organize social events and off-campus excursions (including near-weekly outdoor offerings). Friendships carry a huge amount of significance.