

List of CALIFORNIA BOARDING SCHOOLS

THE ATHENIAN SCHOOL

*See details about this school in the East Bay schools section

CATE SCHOOL

Description: Nonsectarian coed day and boarding school

Address: 1960 Cate Mesa Road/P.O. Box 5005, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Phone: (805) 684-4127

Total Enrollment: 250

Freshman Class: 60

Website: www.cate.org

Head of School: Benjamin D. Williams

Director of Admissions: Peter Mack

“Cate School, established in 1910 and nationally recognized for its excellence, is located outside Santa Barbara, California. Cate's student body of 265(83% boarders) participate in a highly rigorous academic curriculum, featuring a combined 38 AP offerings and honors courses. All students are involved in an extracurricular program that includes athletics, drama, music, dance, community service and an extensive outdoor program. The boarding experience is further enhanced by a diverse student body -- 35% students of color, and 23 states and 12 foreign countries represented.”

DUNN SCHOOL

Description: Nonsectarian coed day and boarding school

Address: 2555 Hwy 154/ P.O. Box 98, Los Olivos, CA 93441

Phone: (805) 688-6471

Total Enrollment: 175

Freshman Class: 50

Website: www.dunnschool.org

Head of School: James L. Munger

Director of Admissions: Ann Greendough Coats

“Dunn is located 28 miles northeast of Santa Barbara, California, in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The philosophy of Dunn School is based on the conviction that the depth and quality of the relationship between students and teachers is central to the process of education. Our academic curriculum offers AP courses in eleven subject areas. The personal and social growth of each student is enhanced by our exceptional fine and performing arts programs, co-curricular athletics, and outdoor education. All Dunn graduates are prepared for the college of their choice.”

MIDLAND SCHOOL

Description: Nonsectarian coed boarding school

Address: P.O. Box 8, Los Olivos, CA 93441

Phone: (805) 688-5114

Total Enrollment: 80

Freshman Class: 20

Website: www.midland-school.org

Head of School: David Lourie

Director of Admissions: Derek Svernugsen

“Needs, not wants is the Midland motto. Since 1932, the school's philosophy is to foster a strong, lively intellect and impeccable character. The college preparatory academic program is rigorous, and the lifestyle challenging and invigorating. It is a rural community on 3,000 acres that lives together by the tenets of self-reliance, student leadership, and closeness to nature. Graduates understand and appreciate that hard work and study enhance their quality of life. Students experience the land through horse riding, organic gardening, hiking, camping, and outdoor education at Midland.”

SAN DOMENICO SCHOOL

*See details about this school in the Marin Schools section

SANTA CATALINA

Description: Catholic boarding school for young women
Address: 1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey, CA 93940
Phone: (831) 655-9300
Total Enrollment: 300
Freshman Class: 65
Website: www.santacatalina.org
Head of School: Sister Claire Barone
Director of Admissions: Marian Corrigan

“For over 50 years, Santa Catalina has been a leader in education for young women. Our rigorous academics include AP and honors courses in all disciplines which are enhanced by superb programs in the fine and performing arts, athletics, and community service. Extensive use of technology is applied throughout the curriculum with use of our campus-wide computer network. Santa Catalina prepares graduates for selective colleges throughout the country and world, and empowers them to balance intellectual growth with spiritual awareness, creativity with order, and individuality with compassion.”

STEVENSON SCHOOL

Description: Nonsectarian coed day and boarding school
Address: 3152 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953
Phone: (831) 625-8309
Total Enrollment: 750
Freshman Class: 185
Website: www.rlstevenson.org
Head of School: Joseph E. Wandke
Director of Admissions: Tom Sheppard

“Wooded. Surprising. Scholastic. Adventurous. Companionable. Hard-working. Eclectic. Respectful. Forward-looking. Stevenson. Located at the tip of the beautiful Monterey Peninsula on the coast of California, Stevenson's program is designed for passionate, motivated, and mature students preparing to attend leading colleges and universities. Our extensive curriculum features 17 AP courses; a school-wide laptop computer program; internationally known music, drama, dance, and radio programs; as well as 24 interscholastic sports teams.”

THE THACHER SCHOOL

Description: Nonsectarian coed day and boarding school

Address: 5025 Thacher Road, Ojai, CA 93023

Phone: (805) 640-3210

Total Enrollment: 235 (90% boarding)

Freshman Class: 54

Website: www.thacher.org

Head of School: Michael Mulligan

Director of Admissions: William P. McMahon

“Since 1889, Thacher has prepared gifted students from all backgrounds for top colleges and lives of leadership. Thacher's blend of rigorous academics and outdoor life is distinctive and distinguished. Over 20 AP courses are offered. Students live by an Honor Code. In a community renowned for its warmth and unpretentiousness, a willingness to lend a hand is an everyday expectation. Twenty-nine percent of students receive financial aid. Over 90 percent of graduates gain admission to one of their top three colleges. Extensive outdoor and horse programs and 28 competitive athletic teams are offered.”

THE WEBB SCHOOLS

Description: Nonsectarian boarding school comprised of two institutions (see description below)

Address: 1175 West Baseline Road, Claremont, CA 91711

Phone: (909) 482-5214

Total Enrollment: 360

Freshman Class: 90

Website: www.webb.org

Head of School: Susan A Nelson

Director of Admissions: Leo Marshall

“The Webb Schools are two schools sharing one campus. Governed by an Honor Code, Webb School of California for boys (1922) and Vivian Webb School for girls (1981) provide academic programs with 20 AP courses. The structure offers single-gender classes in grades 9-10 and separate student governance, athletic, advising, and residential programs. The J.E. Libaw Orchestra, 33 varsity teams, and 3 theatrical productions are just a few of the programs offered. The Raymond Alf Museum of Paleontology, the Berry Computer Lab, and dorm room Internet access complement a nationally recognized science program.”

WOODSIDE PRIORY

*See details about this school in the Peninsula Schools section