MISSION STATEMENT
La Jolla Country Day School prepares individuals for a lifetime of intellectual exploration, personal growth and social responsibility.

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
LJCD traces its beginnings to the Balmer School, founded in 1926 by Louise C. Balmer. A small cottage on Coast Boulevard served as the schoolhouse for the four children who first attended the primary school. Today, LJCD stands on a 24-acre campus in University City. From age 3 through Grade 12, the school serves a diverse student body of 1,147 drawn from various San Diego County communities, the United States and the world. LJCD’s challenging curriculum prepares and positions students of character to excel academically, athletically and artistically. In 2021-2022, LJCD awarded $4.7 million in financial assistance. The Class of 2023 has 124 students.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT
As an essential component of the school’s commitment to dignity education, LJCD values an inclusive community committed to equity and justice for all constituencies. We welcome all genders, orientations, religions, beliefs, races, cultures and ethnicities. The LJCD community represents students, faculty, staff and trustees of different cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. About 26% of our students self-identify as students of color and 16% self-identify as mixed race. LJCD believes a diverse community contributes to a more enriching experience for every adult and student. The school prepares students to be global citizens to ensure that every child has the skills and awareness to embrace humanity in all of its diversity.

CLASS RANK
LJCD does not rank students numerically because of our high academic expectations, outstanding student learners and small class size. Instead, the school reports individually weighted grade point averages.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Students in Grades 9–12 generally take five or six academic courses each semester. The only exception is for seniors, who can carry four courses if all graduation requirements are met and all four courses are AP. The academic requirements for graduation include a minimum of 20 units.

English: 4 years
Math: 3 years
Science: 3 years
Social Science: 3 years
World Languages: 2 years*
Fine Arts: 1 year
Electives: 3 years
*must complete through level 3 of a single language
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Experiential Education Week: Freshmen attend a class-wide program while sophomores and juniors choose from a variety of options including college trips, service programs and outdoor-focused adventures. Seniors may elect to participate in school-sponsored programs, take college tours on their own, or use the time to focus on college applications.

Dignity and Health/Wellness: All students in Grade 9 enroll in two semester-long courses focused on mental health, suicide prevention, nutrition/body image, sexual health, substance-use education and identity.

Physical Education/Athletics: All freshmen must participate in a team sport for one season.

Service Learning: Students participate in four years of service learning through a combination of classroom participation, hands-on experiences, thoughtful reflections and completion of an independent service-learning project during senior year. Students may receive a service-learning award if 200+ hours are completed by graduation.

CURRICULUM RIGOR

All Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses require approval from the head of Upper School and completion of prerequisites for admission into the course. Honors and AP courses also require an annually renewed recommendation from both the current teacher and department chair. It is not unusual for students to switch on and off the Honors/AP curriculum at different points in time. Honors and AP courses are offered in all disciplines; courses that represent a second year of study are designated by the term "Advanced" and are considered Honors courses (e.g., Advanced Robotics).

In addition, students may consult with faculty to pursue an Honors distinction in select courses where they exceed the traditional curriculum and explore topics in greater depth and breadth. Distinction is earned through Honors-level assessments and special assignments. Courses are subject to change.

HONORS COURSES BY SUBJECT:

Computer Science: Computer Science, Developing 3D Virtual Environments, Adv. Application Development


Science: Biology, Chemistry, Neuroscience, Environmental Systems, Organic Chemistry

Social Science: Philosophy: The History of Questions, The American Civil War


World Language: French Heritage, French Intensive, French Literature and Culture, Mandarin III & IV, Spanish Intensive, Spanish Literature and Culture

AP COURSES BY SUBJECT:

English: English Literature & Composition, English Language & Composition


Mathematics: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 2

Visual & Performing Arts: Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: 2D Design, Drawing or 3D Design

World Language: Chinese Language & Culture, French Language & Culture, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature & Culture

LJCDS has also partnered with One Schoolhouse to offer additional opportunities for students to take rigorous classes online and interact with students worldwide. This virtual opportunity is given to students to resolve any schedule conflict or if they have exhausted our academic offering on campus.
COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019-2022

American University
Art Center College of Design
Bard College
Barnard College* (2)
Baylor University*
Bentley University
Biola University
Boston College* (3)
Boston Conservatory at Berklee (3)
Boston University* (6)
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University*
Brown University* (4)
California Northstate University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (7)
California State University, Chico* (2)
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
Carleton College*
Carnegie Mellon University* (6)
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University* (13)
Claremont McKenna College* (4)
College of Charleston
Colorado State University*
Columbia University
Cornell University (3)
Dartmouth College* (3)
Davidson College
Denison University* (2)
DePaul University
DigiPen Institute of Technology (3)
Dominican University of California*
Drexel University*
Duke University
Eckerd College
Emerson College* (2)
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Furman University*
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University (3)
Griffith College Dublin
Grinnell College*
Grossmont College
Harvard University (3)
Haverford College (2)
Hofstra University
Johns Hopkins University* (5)
Kalamazoo College
Kent State University
King's College London
Lafayette College*
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College* (2)
Liverpool Institute For Performing Arts
London School of Economics and Political Science*
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University* (13)
Lynn University (2)
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
MiraCosta College
Montana State University
Monterey Institute of Technology
New York University* (12)
Northeastern University* (12)
Northwestern University* (8)
Occidental College
Ohio Wesleyan University (4)
Oregon State University* (2)
Oxford Brookes University*
Pasadena City College
Pepperdine University (2)
Pomona College* (4)
Princeton University* (3)
Providence College
Purdue University* (5)
Queen Mary University of London
Reed College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University*
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego Miramar College (2)
San Diego State University*
(6)
San Francisco State University (2)
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University* (3)
Sarah Lawrence College*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago* (2)
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College (2)
Smith College
Southern Methodist University* (10)
Stanford University* (5)
Syracuse University* (5)
Texas A&M University (2)
Texas Christian University* (8)
The College of William & Mary
The New School* (3)
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of Alabama (2)
The University of Auckland
The University of British Columbia
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Virginia
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University* (5)
Tulane University* (4)
Union College
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona* (4)
University of Birmingham
University of California, Berkeley* (8)
University of California, Davis* (7)
University of California, Irvine* (2)
University of California, Los Angeles* (6)
University of California, Riverside (2)
University of California, San Diego* (9)
University of California, Santa Barbara* (7)
University of California, Santa Cruz (2)
University of Chicago* (5)
University of Colorado (6)
University of Connecticut
University of Denver (2)
University of Idaho (2)
University of Illinois (3)
University of Manchester
University of Maryland
University of Miami* (6)
University of Michigan (5)
University of Minnesota
University of Nevada
University of New England*
University of New Hampshire*
University of Northern Colorado
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon* (3)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Redlands* (4)
University of San Diego* (10)
University of San Francisco*
University of South Florida
University of Southern California* (17)
University of St Andrews*
University of Toronto*
University of Vermont*
University of Washington (9)
University of Wisconsin–Madison* (3)
University of Wyoming*
Vanderbilt University* (2)
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Wabash College
Wake Forest University (3)
Washington and Lee University*
Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Whittier College (2)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Yale University* (4)

* indicates matriculation for Class of 2022
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COLLEGE MATRICULATION BY REGION

GPA DISTRIBUTION BY QUINTILE (THROUGH 6 SEMESTERS)

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