

LA JOLLA COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2022–2023 School Profile | School Code (CEEB): 051333

MISSION STATEMENT

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

THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LJCDS 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, LJCDS 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. LJCDS' challenging curriculum prepares and positions students of character to excel academically, athletically and artistically. In 2021-2022, LJCDS 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, LJCDS values an inclusive community committed to equity and justice for all constituencies. We welcome all genders, orientations, religions, beliefs, races, cultures and ethnicities. The LJCDS 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. LJCDS 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

LJCDS 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
(4 recommended)

Science: 3 years
(4 recommended)

Social Science: 3 years
(4 recommended)

World Languages: 2 years*

Fine Arts: 1 year

Electives: 3 years

**must complete through level 3
of a single language*



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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

Design & Innovation: Innovation Technology Studio (+Adv.), Design to Entrepreneurship (+Adv.), Adv. Robotics, Applied Engineering

Mathematics: Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Algebra II w/ Trigonometry, Geometry, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Precalculus BC

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

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

Visual & Performing Arts: Band, Environmental Systems, Independent Filmmaking, Madrigals (Choral), Orchestra, Percussion & World Drumming, Adv. Photography, Adv. Play Production, Production Design & Management

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

Social Science: European History, Psychology, U.S. History, U.S. Government, World History

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

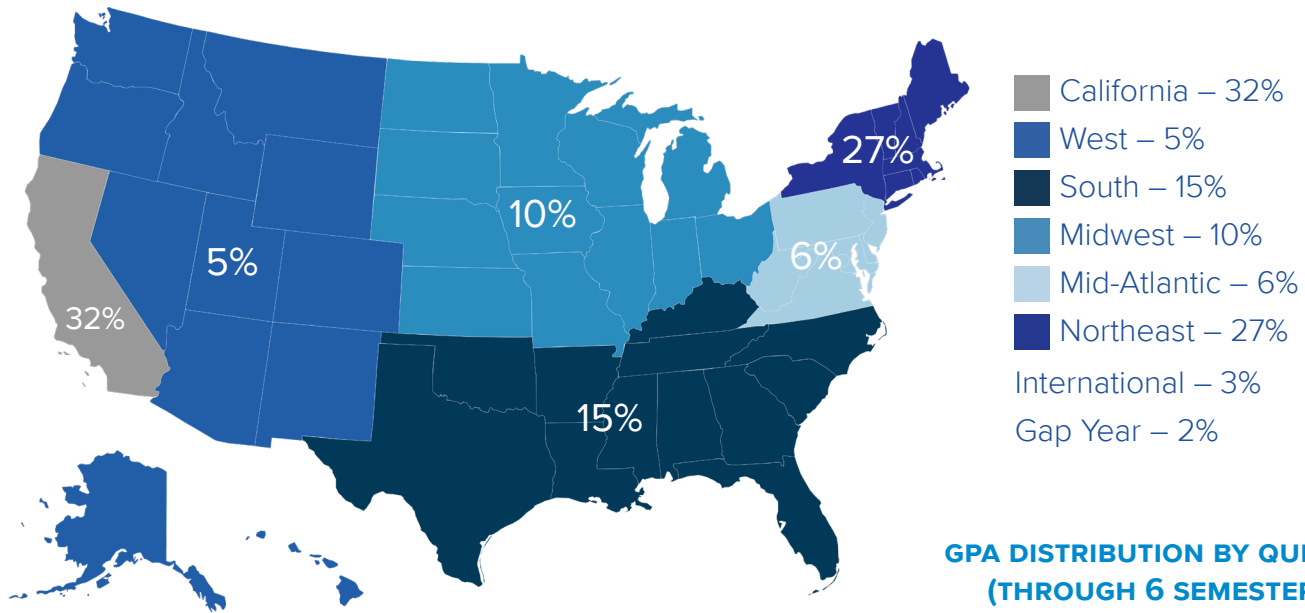
LJCDS has also partnered with One Schoolhouse to offer additional opportunities for students to take rigorous classes online and interact with students worldwide. This virtual opportunity is given to students to resolve any schedule conflict or if they have exhausted our academic offering on campus.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019-2022

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

* indicates matriculation for Class of 2022

COLLEGE MATRICULATION BY REGION



MEDIAN STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Class of 2023 *Mid 50% range*

ACT **27-33**

SAT **1252-1515**

GPA DISTRIBUTION BY QUINTILE (THROUGH 6 SEMESTERS)

Quintile	Class of 2023 GPA
1 st	OVER 4.34
2 nd	4.06-4.33
3 rd	3.78-4.05
4 th	3.53-3.77
5 th	BELOW 3.52

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