LAGUNA BLANCA

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THE SCHOOL
Laguna Blanca School is a coeducational, college preparatory day school serving students in grades Early K-12. The school opened its doors in 1933 to 45 young men and graduated its first official class four years later in 1937. Laguna Blanca became coeducational in 1942. Today, the school enjoys two campuses: the original 35-acre facility that features our Middle and Upper School programs for grades 5-12 in the beautiful residential neighborhood of Hope Ranch and our charming EK-4 Lower School campus located in Montecito.

The city of Santa Barbara is a suburban coastal community 100 miles north of Los Angeles that hosts a population of 90,000 and a metropolitan area population of 230,000. Laguna’s students reside in the nearby communities of Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Goleta, Summerland, Lompoc, and the five towns of the Santa Ynez Valley. The resources of the University of California, Santa Barbara; Westmont and Antioch Colleges; and Santa Barbara City College offer added enrichment as all are in close proximity and easily accessible.

FACULTY
There are 37 Upper School faculty members, 60 percent of whom hold advanced degrees, including four Ph.Ds. The student-teacher ratio in grades 9-12 is 8:1; sections range from 5-18 students.

ENROLLMENT
There are 352 students enrolled in Early Kindergarten through twelfth grade, with 165 in grades nine through twelve. One hundred percent of Laguna graduates attend college.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID
Admission is selective, with an application, academic transcript, standardized testing, teacher references, and a campus visit and personal interview customarily required. Need-based financial aid is awarded annually to approximately 22 percent of the student body.

CALENDAR
The school uses a two-semester calendar totaling 36 weeks. Grades are issued four times a year, with quarterly grades used only to indicate progress. Laguna transcripts indicate semester grades for all courses.

CURRICULUM
Classes meet five days a week over an eight-day rotating cycle. Each day includes four 55 minute periods and one eighty minute period that allows for more project-based learning. The school emphasizes the core academic disciplines of English, mathematics, history, world language, laboratory and computer sciences, and visual and performing arts. Human development and public speaking also are integral components of the curriculum.

Creating breadth and balance, co- and extracurricular opportunities abound and include student council, community service, The Fourth Estate—student newspaper, Portfolio—student literary-art magazine, yearbook, theater productions, instrumental music, and Mock Trial, as well as numerous clubs and off-campus educational ventures. Laguna’s athletic program fields teams at the junior varsity and/or varsity level in 15 sports, with teams participating in Condor League and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) competition.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
All students must complete no fewer than six and no more than seven classes each term and the equivalent of 24 year-long courses during their high school tenure. Based on the semester system, the graduation requirement is a minimum of 24 credits including:

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Years</th>
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<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>History (including World History &amp; U.S. History)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mathematics (including Geometry &amp; Algebra 2 / Trig.)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, &amp; Physics)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>World Languages (French, Latin, or Spanish)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Speaking</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Human Development</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Athletics / P.E.</td>
<td>4 seasons / terms</td>
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<tr>
<td>Community Service</td>
<td>4 project equivalent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Senior Project</td>
<td>3 week endeavor</td>
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HONORS COURSES
- Algebra 2 / Trigonometry Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- French 2 Honors
- French 3 Honors
- Latin 4 Honors
- Latin 5 Honors
- Physics Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- Spanish 2 Honors
- Spanish 3 Honors
- Spanish 4 Honors
- Spanish Literature Honors
- Stage Band Honors
- World History Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSE OFFERINGS
All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the corresponding AP examination in May. Because of the rigor of the regular program, students are generally advised not to take more than three AP courses in a year or to take AP courses before their junior year. A few AP classes are offered in alternate years.

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Computer Science A
- English Language
- Environmental Science
- French Language and Culture
- Micro and Macro Economics
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- United States History

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAM RESULTS 2018-2019
In May 2019, 79 students took 203 exams. Grades of 3 or better were received on 88 percent of these exams.

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<th>AP Subject</th>
<th>Total Exams</th>
<th>% Scores = or ≥ 3</th>
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<tr>
<td>Art History</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Biology</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Calculus AB</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Calculus BC</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Comparative Government and Politics</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer Science A</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computer Science Principles</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<tr>
<td>English Language Composition</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>English Literature Composition</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental Science</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<tr>
<td>French Language &amp; Culture</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Macroeconomics</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Microeconomics</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Music Theory</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physics C: Mechanics</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Psychology</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spanish Language &amp; Culture</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statistics</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<tr>
<td>United States History</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>92%</td>
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ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS 2018-2019
- AP Scholars: 13
- AP Scholars with Honor: 9
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 20

GRADING SYSTEM
Laguna Blanca School computes two grade point averages (GPA) for each student: an unweighted GPA and a weighted GPA. Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 1.0 grade point, and Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 grade point each semester.

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>GPA</th>
<th>Range</th>
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<td>A+</td>
<td>4.33</td>
<td>97.5 – 100</td>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>4.00</td>
<td>92.5 – 97.49</td>
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<td>A-</td>
<td>3.67</td>
<td>90.0 – 92.49</td>
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<td>87.5 – 89.99</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>3.00</td>
<td>82.5 – 87.49</td>
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<td>2.67</td>
<td>80.0 – 82.49</td>
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<td>C+</td>
<td>2.33</td>
<td>77.5 – 79.99</td>
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<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>2.00</td>
<td>72.5 – 77.49</td>
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<tr>
<td>C-</td>
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<td>67.5 – 72.49</td>
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<tr>
<td>D+</td>
<td>1.33</td>
<td>62.5 – 67.49</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>57.5 – 62.49</td>
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<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0 – 59.99</td>
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CLASS RANK
Laguna Blanca School does not rank its students.

CLASS OF 2019 SAT AND ACT RESULTS

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<tr>
<th>Test</th>
<th>Mid-50 Percentile</th>
<th>Mean</th>
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<tr>
<td>SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</td>
<td>590 – 700</td>
<td>648</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAT Math</td>
<td>550 – 720</td>
<td>633</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAT Highest Combined</td>
<td>1130 – 1420</td>
<td>1281</td>
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<tr>
<td>ACT</td>
<td>25 – 33</td>
<td>28</td>
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NATIONAL MERIT (2010-2019)
- Commended Students: 46
- Semifinalists: 11
- Finalists: 7
- Scholars: 1
COLLEGE ADMISSION CLASSES OF 2014-2019

American University (5)
American University of Paris (2)
Amherst College
Arcadia University
Arizona State University (3)
Art Center College of Design
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Bard College (10)
Barnard College (2)
Bayley University
Beloit College
Bennington College
Bentley University (2)
Biola University
Bosse State University
Boston College (9)
Boston University (14)
Bowdoin College (2)
Brandeis University (3)
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California College of the Arts
California Institute of the Arts (3)
California Lutheran University (3)
Carman Polytechnic State University, SLO (21)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (4)
California State University, Channel Islands (2)
California State University, Chico (5)
California State University, Kings (4)
California State University, Long Beach (4)
California State University, Monterey Bay (4)
California State University, Sacramento
Cardiff University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University (34)
College of Charleston (9)
Claremont McKenna College (5)
Clark University (4)
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College (2)
Colgate University
College of Charleston (5)
College of William and Mary
Colorado College
Colorado College of Mines (3)
Colorado State University (3)
Colorado State University
Concordia University, Montreal
Connecticut College (4)
Cornell College
Cornell University (3)
Dartmouth College (3)
Densonn University (2)
DePaul University
Dickenson College (2)
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Dominican University of California (2)
Drew University (2)
Drexel University (2)
Duke University (3)
Earlham College
Eckerd College (2)
Elon University (3)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Emerson College (5)
Emory University (3)
Fordham University, Lincoln Center & Rose Hill Campus (6)
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin University, Switzerland (3)
George Fox University
George Mason University (2)
George Washington University (5)
Georgetown University (2)
Georgetown University, Technology (2)
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Hamphire College
Harvard University
Haverford College (2)
Hawaii Pacific University (3)
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (4)
Humboldt State University (4)
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University at Bloomington (4)
Ithaca College (3)
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Juilliard School
Kenyon College
Kings College London
Lafayette College (3)
Lake Forest College (6)
Lawrence University (5)
Lehigh University (3)
Lewis & Clark College (3)
Linfield College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University (11)
Manhattan School of Music
Maryland Institute College of Art
McGill University (2)
Menlo College
Miami University, Oxford (3)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College (4)
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New England Conservatory of Music
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University (11)
North Carolina State University (10)
Northern Arizona University (2)
Northwestern University (3)
Oberlin College
Oberlin Conservatory (2)
Occidental College (9)
Ohio Northern University
Oregon State University (2)
Pace University, New York City (2)
Pennsylvania State University (3)
Pepperdine University (9)
Pitzer College (2)
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College (4)
Pratt Institute
Purdue University (2)
Reed College (7)
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University (2)
Richmond – The American International University in London
Roger Williams University
Rollins College (3)
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (2)
Saint Mary’s College of California (3)
San Diego Christian College
San Diego State University (9)
San Francisco State University (7)
San Jose State University (2)
Santa Clara University (20)
Sarah Lawrence College (3)
Savannah College of Art and Design (3)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College (5)
Sonoma State University (9)
Southampton Solent University
Southern Methodist University (15)
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Swarthmore (3)
Syracuse University (6)
Tennessee State University
Texas Christian University (15)
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
The New School – All Divisions (8)
The Ohio State University (3)
Trinity College (3)
Trinity University
Tulane University (11)
Union College
University of Aberdeen
University of Alabama (2)
University of Arizona (6)
University of British Columbia (4)
University of California, Berkeley (23)
University of California, Davis (19)
University of California, Irvine (13)
University of California, Los Angeles (23)
University of California, Merced (4)
University of California, Riverside (2)
University of California, San Diego (23)
University of California, Santa Barbara (22)
University of California, Santa Cruz (17)
University of California, Santa Cruz (17)
University of Chicago (2)
University of Colorado at Boulder (35)
University of Connecticut
University of Denver (27)
University of Georgia (2)
University of Hawaii at Manoa (6)
University of Huddersfield
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (3)
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan (4)
University of Mississippi (5)
University of New Hampshire at Durham
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame (3)
University of Oregon (22)
University of Pacific (8)
University of Puget Sound (13)
University of Redlands (5)
University of Richmond (2)
University of San Diego (24)
University of San Francisco (37)
University of Southern California (27)
University of St. Andrews (5)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas, Austin (2)
University of Vermont (4)
University of Virginia (3)
University of Washington (22)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (7)
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University (3)
Vanguard University of Southern California
Vassar College (2)
Wagner College (2)
Wake Forest University (5)
Warren Wilson College (2)
Washington and Lee University (3)
Washington State University (4)
Washington University in St. Louis (9)
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Westmont College (2)
Wheaton College, MA
Whitman College (5)
Whittier College
Williamette University (6)
Williams College (6)
Woodbury University
Yale University (2)

Each year Laguna Blanca School offers a number of unique electives that allows students to explore new academic disciplines or pursue areas of interest in greater depth. Designed primarily for juniors and seniors, several of these courses are inter-disciplinary in nature.

2014-2019 UC Approved Electives
American Literature
Astronomy
Behavioral Economics
Comparative Religions
Critical Thinking
Current Events
English Seminar
Entrepreneurship
Happiness: The Science of Well-Being
History of Art
Introduction to Engineering
Introduction to Marine Science
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Shakespeare
Journalism
Modern Middle East
Modern Physics Seminar
STEM
Studies in Leadership

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2014-2019 Laguna Blanca School Offerings
Advanced Engineering
Advanced Robotics
Band
Ceramics
Civil Rights Movement
Digital Photography
Digital Video Production
Drawing & Painting
Drawing & Painting
Empires of History
Engineering Physics
Garden to Table
Glass Art
History of Jazz
Play Production
Project Based Computing
Robotics
Shaping Identity
Sports Performance
Theater Arts
The War in Vietnam
Vocal Ensemble
Yoga & Mindfulness

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