



Building the brightest minds

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Grades 7-12.

An elite learning community.

No one slips through the cracks.

Rigorous academics, unparalleled civic involvement, arts & humanities.

Anacapa is building America's leaders.



Anacapa School is an independent, co-educational, WASC-accredited, college preparatory day school for students in grades 7–12. With our challenging academic program, dedicated faculty, small classes, and emphasis on critical thinking, we create a learning environment that promotes excellence in academics and the arts—as well as positive experiences in sports, student activities, and school trips. Anacapa’s historical campus is located in the heart of the Santa Barbara civic center, providing convenient access to rich educational and cultural resources.

Anacapa inspires students to set their sights high and to act with integrity and kindness. Our graduates are accepted and thrive at some of the nation’s top colleges and universities. We believe that the secondary school years are the most important ones for making positive impacts on the lives of students.

COZY CLASSES BUILD THE BRIGHTEST MINDS.

Anacapa has the best student-teacher ratio in Santa Barbara. Our small classes and dedicated teachers create an inspiring learning community. Anacapa teachers love teaching, and their enthusiasm and passion create a learning environment where students are engaged, challenged, and successful.

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS EMPHASIZE CRITICAL THINKING.

Our alumni tell us that they were among the best prepared students at their universities and colleges as a result of their college preparatory experience at Anacapa. Built on a foundation of challenging academic core classes in history, literature, math, science, and foreign language, our WASC-accredited curriculum emphasizes critical thinking.

NO ONE SLIPS THROUGH THE CRACKS.

Students’ needs are central to everything we do at Anacapa. Our teachers help students achieve their potential, holding them accountable and involving parents in the team for student success. Small classes make learning personal and allow teachers to monitor student progress closely.

UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIC INVOLVEMENT CONNECT STUDENTS TO THE COMMUNITY.

Teens thrive on making connections, and Anacapa offers many positive and productive ways for students to engage with others. Whether it’s learning on a field trip how a government agency functions or lending a hand to help others during a service project, opportunities abound for rewarding engagement with the world around us.

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The most effective leaders are those who know how to work together with others to innovate and problem-solve. With its optimistic spirit and can-do attitude, Anacapa motivates students to set and achieve goals collaboratively. Our graduates are active contributors in building a better future.

WE CONSIDER THE ARTS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A WELL-ROUNDED CURRICULUM—NOT A FRILL.

Studies have shown the importance of the arts in a student’s overall education, so we are especially proud of our commitment to both the visual and the performing arts at Anacapa. With extensive course offerings in the arts, every student has opportunities for self-expression and creativity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION EXPAND HORIZONS.

Not all learning takes place within the classroom. We want our students to have meaningful practical experiences in the real world, too. Cutting-edge information from our frequent guest speakers, field trips, and plenty of hands-on activities make for a one-of-a-kind educational experience. Twice a year, Anacapa takes all-school trips that are usually camping trips. These include physical challenges, environmental and historical education, and lots of community building, or as we say at Anacapa—bonding! The Beginning-of-the-Year Trip kicks off the school year with new and returning students sharing a common experience. The End-of-the-Year Trip takes place after final exams, giving everyone an opportunity for one last Anacapa experience together before the seniors graduate and summer begins.

ANACAPA’S ATHLETICS PROGRAM SETS STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO HEALTH AND FITNESS.

Anacapa may not have a football team, but we do help students find physical activities they can enjoy the rest of their lives. Classes vary each semester, giving students a chance to sample physical

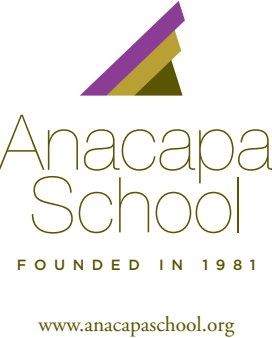
activities as varied as kickboxing, soccer, softball, surfing, hiking, swimming, running, yoga, and more. Our goal is to promote health, fitness, sportsmanship, and the connection between a healthy body and a healthy mind—and to have fun! Classes are open to all students in grades 7–12, so everyone makes the team at Anacapa.

ANACAPA’S PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR BALANCED THREE-PART PROGRAM THAT INSTILLS A LIFELONG LOVE OF LEARNING.

Over the years, the founding philosophy of Anacapa School has remained remarkably intact, providing a strong foundation on which to build a fresh program for each new school year. The philosophy that has guided Anacapa since our founding in 1981 organizes the school program into three components: *Technical Knowledge*, *Personal/Social Knowledge*, and *Critical Knowledge*. By supporting students in all three dimensions, Anacapa encourages a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, the ability to think critically, and a curiosity about and consideration for the world and its inhabitants.

OUR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM MAKES THE ANACAPA EXPERIENCE ACCESSIBLE TO HARD-WORKING FAMILIES.

Anacapa works hard to meet families’ financial needs. We believe strongly that everyone benefits from our economically diverse student body, and we are proud of the legacy we have established in offering financial aid to families who want to provide their children with the benefits of an Anacapa education. Please contact the school to learn more about our financial aid program.





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ANACAPA GRADUATES HAVE EARNED ADMISSION TO PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION, INCLUDING:

Bard College
Boston University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Colorado College
Emerson College
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard College

Haverford College
Ithaca College
Lewis & Clark College
Occidental College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Reed College
Santa Clara University
St. Mary's College of California
St. Olaf College

Stanford University
University of California (ten campuses including UCLA and Berkeley)
University of Chicago
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of San Diego
University of Southern California Film School
Westmont College

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You can contact us by e-mail at anacapa@anacapaschool.org or call 805-965-0228 to request more information or to schedule a campus tour.