



ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL

Profile

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- Type of School:** Independent Private School
High School Code: 050-381
Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
Enrollment: Total 96 - High School 50, Junior High 18, Elementary 28
Student body: Acacia wood students are drawn from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds. Currently 25% of students receive some form of financial aid and 38% are international students.
- Course Offerings:** Students are heterogeneously grouped into challenging, college preparatory courses in all subject areas.
AP: No formal AP courses offered. Independent study is implemented by students to prepare to take the AP exams in all subject areas.
Honors: Honors courses are offered in the following subjects: *Laboratory Science* (Chemistry, Physics, Biology), *History* (World History, Western Civilization, U.S. History, U.S. Government), *English* (9, 10, 11, 12) and *Mathematics* (Pre-Calculus).
Competitions: To augment and validate our high school curriculum we require all high school students to be involved in one national competition annually (Science Fair, National History Day, American Mathematics League and various writing competitions).
Online Courses: Seniors and some juniors are allowed to choose an on-line elective course after consultation with parents and teachers.

Graduation Requirements: Acacia wood students are expected to complete a total of 225 credits to graduate, with a minimum of 200 credits in core classes (40 credits each in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Foreign Language). Acacia wood's graduation requirements meet or exceed the entrance requirements of the University of California and many of the Ivy League schools.

College Matriculation: Nearly 100% of all Acacia wood graduates have matriculated to college after graduation, with more than 70% attending competitive four-year schools. Students from Acacia wood School have been accepted at such schools as UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, and UC Irvine, NYU, Georgia Tech, Emory, MIT, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, University of Texas, Rice University and other nationally prominent universities.

Grade Point Averages: Grade-point averages are calculated for all jr. high and high school students. All courses are included in the grade-point average except Physical Education. Acacia wood's regular courses are graded on a 4-point scale, and its honors courses on a 5-point scale. The grading scale is as follows: A: 90–100%; B: 80–89%; C: 70–79%; D: 60–69%; F: <59%.

Average SAT scores: Acacia wood's average SAT scores (Verbal/Math/Composite) over the past eight years are: 591/633/1224

Acacia wood's Honor Society: Acacia wood School has a unique emphasis on character education with the definite goal of producing persons of character through its rigorous academic program. In addition to academics and study skills, Acacia wood students learn discipline, goal-setting, diligence, responsibility, and compassion. Our AGATE society (Aim for a Goal and Achieve it through Toil and Effort) is an honor society based on effort. Members in our AGATE society are self-motivated, hard-working students whom all the teachers feel are putting in their best effort in *every* class.

Co-curricular Activities: A limited offering of extra-curricular activities include: yearbook, multi-media club, ASB (school government), and community service club. In the fall of 1999 Acacia wood also began competing interscholastically in boy's basketball and girl's volleyball.

Special Information to Colleges/Universities: Acacia wood School is a very small school with a heavy emphasis on character development using academics for college preparation. We mandate a minimum of 45 minutes per class per day of homework. This emphasis limits our offering of co-curricular activities and the demand of our academics restricts our students' availability to become involved in pursuits outside of school. Please consider these factors when evaluating our students for placement at your institution.