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### **Memberships & Associations**

Ashoka Changemakers

California Association of  
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California Teacher Development  
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Global Education Benchmark  
Group

Global Online Academy

Mastery Transcript Consortium

National Capstone Consortium

National Association for  
College Admission Counseling

National Association of  
Independent Schools

Western Association for  
College Admission Counseling

Sequoyah School is an independent, all gender K-12 day school in Pasadena, California. Founded in 1958, Sequoyah opened its high school campus in 2016 and graduated its inaugural Senior class in 2019.

**A Sequoyah School education challenges the mind, nurtures the heart and celebrates human dignity.**

Sequoyah's modular schedule (Mods) supports a rich, more focused learning experience. Designed for student engagement, students take three 80-minute classes per day, which allows for more active experiences like seminars, debates, simulations, labs, and projects. Mods allow for more individualized attention, detailed and frequent feedback, and increased options electives.

There are seven (7) modules per school year, approximately five weeks each. Mod 7 is an experiential module dedicated to camping trips, international expeditions, social innovation projects, and internships. The year also includes mid-year and year-end Exhibition Weeks. The following represent typical course loads in a Mod, with three required courses per day plus one elective.

### **9TH GRADE 6 CURRICULAR COURSES**

Foundations Mathematics (1, 2, or 3)  
Conceptual Physics  
Humanities I (English & History)  
Spanish (1, 2, or 3)  
Visual or Performing Arts electives  
Advisory  
Social Innovation Program (SIP)  
Sport or PE Option

### **10TH GRADE 5-6 CURRICULAR COURSES**

Mathematics  
Chemistry  
Humanities 2  
Spanish (2, 3, or 4)  
Elective  
Advisory  
SIP  
Sport or PE option

### **11TH GRADE 5-6 CURRICULAR COURSES**

Mathematics  
Biology or SAS Biology  
English elective  
U.S. History or SAS U.S. History  
Spanish (unless level 3 completed)  
Elective  
Advisory  
SIP Impact Project  
Sport or PE option

### **12TH GRADE 4-6 CURRICULAR COURSES**

English elective or SAS English 4  
Electives  
Advisory  
SIP Internship  
Sport or PE option

## **Evaluation and Grading**

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Sequoyah's high school program uses a competency-based assessment system to help students develop competency with a set of eight Learning Outcomes (LOs). Throughout each course, students receive feedback and a grade for each LO and receive an overall grade at the end of the course. Information about this approach to assessment is available in our [Curriculum Guide](#).

# Signature Sequoyah Programs

## Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 course credits is required to graduate, with 6 credits in elective courses, plus credits in SIP, Field Studies and Talking Leaves:

*English*

4 credits

*History*

3 credits

*Mathematics*

3 credits

*Laboratory Science*

3 credits

*World Language*

3 credits

*Art*

1 credit

*Physical Education*

4 seasons (2 credits)

*Electives*

6 credits

*Field Studies*

7 trips

*Social Innovation Program*

4 credits

*Talking Leaves*

6 successful presentations, including June of 12th Grade

## Test Scores

In light of the increasing shift toward test blind admission review, we support student choice in the matter of score submissions.

As such, the test scores for the Class of 2024 are not shared on our college profile.

## Talking Leaves

A Cherokee expression identifying words on paper, Talking Leaves honors our namesake, Sequoyah, who developed the Cherokee system of written language. Twice a year, every student presents a culminating essay and oral presentation modeled after a thesis defense to their peers, a faculty committee, parents, and other invited guests. Students explore and analyze a chosen topic based on a meaningful intellectual experience and reflect on its role in their growth as scholars. A mark of Exemplary distinction is given to students who display sophistication, persuasion, depth of analysis, mastery, and conviction of ideas in their Talking Leaves.

## STEM Institute

Sequoyah's STEM Institute involves students as members of a larger scientific community through participation in research experiences and field work with experts at world-renowned institutions including Caltech, JPL, and USC. Institute members recently developed an affinity group for girls in STEM, which extends beyond the Institute and engages other members of the scientific and research community.

## Social Innovation Program (SIP)

This four-year sequence focuses on addressing complex social and environmental challenges aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and is designed to cultivate foundational skills of social innovation. Ninth and 10th graders develop skills in systems thinking, creative problem solving, and ethnographic and statistical research, preparing them for a two-year capstone project in 11th and 12th grade. Throughout their SIP experience, students establish professional relationships with stakeholders while reflecting on their unique positions to effect change.

## Sequoyah Advanced Studies

Sequoyah Advanced Studies (SAS) courses comprise our honors curriculum available to students in grades 11 and 12. Students require faculty recommendations in order to pursue these more rigorous, sophisticated, and challenging courses.

Art of the Novel: Literary Genre and Theory

The Bible as Literature

Coloring the Canon: Ancient Greece, Africa, and the Black Diaspora

Ethics and Existentialism

Feminist Literature and Theory

Monsters and Madness

Technology, Human Creativity and the Literary Imagination

India: Faith, Freedom, and Future

Indigenous Histories

Biology

Chemistry

Ecology

Human Physiology and Disease

Physics

Calculus

Calculus 2 and Higher Math

Multivariable Calculus

Spanish 4 & 5

Music Production

Theater

Visual Arts Seminar

Computer Science: Game Design in Unity

## Signature Sequoyah Programs (continued)

### Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 is comprised of **40** students.

Highest weighted GPA  
4.4

Median weighted GPA  
3.8

Average weighted GPA  
3.6

Median unweighted GPA  
3.5

Average unweighted GPA  
3.4

Sequoyah School does not rank our students.

### National Merit Recognition for Class of 2024

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### Sequoyah Sports

Fall

Cross Country\*

Flag Football\*

Soccer\*

Volleyball (Girls)

Winter

Basketball (Girls)

Basketball (Boys)

Spring

Archery\*

Mountain Biking\*

Tennis\*

Volleyball (Boys)

\* Denotes all gender

### Global Online Academy

As a member school, Sequoyah joins more than 85 independent schools from around the world in preparing students for a global future by providing new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach. Through meaningful and rigorous online courses, students at Sequoyah connect in real time with students from different geographic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds and perspectives. All GOA courses are taken for credit and taught by faculty at member schools.

### Field Studies

Through a distinctive, four-year Field Studies program that bridges academic curriculum with outdoor education, students experience the natural world in deeply meaningful ways. Each year, students take two multi-day trips which emphasize real-world understanding of preparedness, strengthening confidence and self-reliance, practicing teamwork and collaboration, and ingraining in students a profound environmental consciousness. Students travel to a variety of remote locations, including a backpacking trip in 9th and 10th grades, a 10-day homestay in a Costa Rican village, and a culminating 15-day backpacking trip for Seniors.

### Design and Fabrication (dFab) Hub

The dFab Hub gives students, faculty and staff, the skills necessary to turn their ideas into realities. Through a variety of after-school, Z Block, and lunchtime offerings, students learn how to use a range of hi-fi and lo-fi tools and materials, such as laser cutters, 3D printers, sensors, and microcontrollers, X-Acto knives, hot glue guns, and more. The dFab Hub supplements all areas of students' academic, personal, and Social Innovation Program interests, and is directed by a student advisory council.

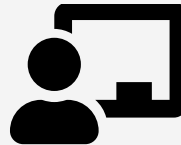
### Sequoyah by the Numbers



**438**  
K-12 Students

**182**  
9-12 Students

**40**  
Class of 2024  
students



**14**  
Average class size

**8:1**  
Student-Teacher  
Ratio

**22**  
Teaching Faculty



**100%**  
Faculty holding  
advanced degrees

**55%**  
Faculty holding  
doctoral degrees

**53%**  
Students of Color

**37%**  
Families paying less  
than top tuition

# College Acceptances, Classes of 2019-2023

Adelphi University	Gonzaga University	Rhodes College	University of Victoria
Alfred University	<b>Goucher College</b>	Rider University	<b>University of Washington</b>
<b>AMD College of the Performing Arts (Los Angeles)</b>	<b>Grinnell College</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin, Madison
American University	Hamilton College	Ryerson University	Ursinus College
<b>The American University of Paris</b>	Hampshire College	St. Lawrence University	Vanderbilt University
<b>Amherst College</b>	<b>Harvey Mudd College</b>	St. Olaf College	<b>Vassar College</b>
<b>Arizona State University (Main Campus)</b>	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Saint Mary's College of California	<b>Washington State University</b>
<b>Art Center College of Design</b>	Hofstra University	Salve Regina University	Washington University, St. Louis
<b>Bard College</b>	Indiana University (Bloomington)	San Francisco State University	<b>Wesleyan University</b>
<b>Beloit College</b>	<b>Ithaca College</b>	San Jose State University	Western Washington University
Bennington College	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Santa Clara University</b>	Whitman College
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	Kenyon College	<b>Sarah Lawrence College</b>	Whittier College
Boston University	Knox College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Widener University
Bradley University	Lafayette College	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	Willamette University
Brandeis University	<b>Lancaster University</b>	<b>School of Visual Arts</b>	Williams College
<b>Brown University</b>	<b>Lawrence University</b>	Scripps College	Xavier University Louisiana
California College of the Arts	<b>Lees-McRae College</b>	Seattle Pacific University	<b>Yale University</b>
California Lutheran University	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark College</b>	Seattle University	
<b>California State Polytechnic University Humboldt, Pomona, San Luis Obispo</b>	Louisiana State University	Sewanee: The University of the South	
<b>California State University</b>	<b>Los Angeles City College</b>	<b>Skidmore College</b>	
Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Northridge	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	<b>Smith College</b>	
<b>Carleton College</b>	Loyola University Chicago	Sonoma State University	
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University Maryland	Southern California Institute of Architecture	
Case Western Reserve University	Macalester College	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	
Champlain College	Manhattanville College	<b>Spelman College</b>	
Chapman University	Marian University	<b>Stanford University</b>	
<b>Cinema Makeup School</b>	<b>Marist College</b>	Stony Brook University	
<b>Claremont McKenna College</b>	Marymount California University	Swarthmore College	
Clark Atlanta University	Marymount Manhattan College	Syracuse University	
Clark University	<b>Massachusetts College of Art and Design</b>	<b>The New School</b>	
Colgate University	Menlo College	Toronto Metropolitan University	
College of Charleston	Miami University (Oxford)	Trinity College, Dublin	
The College of Wooster	Michigan State University	Trinity University	
Colorado College	Middlebury College	Tulane University of Louisiana	
Colorado Mesa University	Mills College	Union College	
Colorado State University	Montana State University	University of British Columbia	
<b>Colorado State University (Fort Collins)</b>	Montclair State University	<b>University of California</b>	
Columbia College (Chicago)	Moore College of Art and Design	<b>Berkeley, Davis</b> , Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, <b>San Diego</b> , Santa Barbara, <b>Santa Cruz</b>	
<b>Columbia University</b>	Mount Holyoke College	<b>University of Chicago</b>	
Connecticut College	<b>Musicians Institute</b>	University of Colorado	
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>New York University</b>	Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver	
Cornish College of the Arts	<b>Northeastern University</b>	University of Denver	
<b>Creighton University</b>	Northern Arizona University	University of East Anglia	
Curry College	Northwestern University	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign</b>	
<b>Denison University</b>	<b>Oberlin College</b>	University of Iowa	
<b>DePaul University</b>	Occidental College	University of Kansas	
Dickinson College	Oregon State University	<b>University of La Verne</b>	
Drew University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Miami	
Drexel University	Pace University	University of Michigan	
Duke University	<b>Parsons Paris at The New School</b>	University of Montana	
Eastern Oregon University	<b>Parsons School of Design at The New School</b>	University of Nebraska	
Eckerd College	<b>Pasadena City College</b>	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
Elon University	<b>Penn State University</b>	<b>University of Oregon</b>	
<b>Emerson College</b>	Behrend, <b>University Park</b>	University of Pennsylvania	
Emory & Henry College	Pepperdine University	University of Pittsburgh	
Fordham University	<b>Pitzer College</b>	University of Portland	
Fort Lewis College	Portland State University	<b>University of Puget Sound</b>	
<b>Franklin &amp; Marshall College</b>	Pratt Institute	University of Redlands	
<b>George Washington University</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>	
Georgetown University	<b>Purdue University</b>	<b>University of San Francisco</b>	
Georgia Institute of Technology	<b>Quest University, Canada</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>	
	Quinnipiac University	<b>University of Utah - Honors College</b>	
	<b>Reed College</b>	<b>University of Vermont</b>	
	<b>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</b>		

**Bold** indicates matriculation.