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ACCREDITATIONS

California Assoc. of Independent Schools
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A Sequoyah School education challenges the mind, nurtures the heart, and celebrates human dignity.

MODULAR SCHEDULE & COURSE LOAD

Sequoyah's modular schedule (Mods) supports a rich, more focused learning experience. Designed for student engagement, students take three 85 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 7 modules per school year, approximately 5 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 3 required courses per day plus 1 elective.

9th Grade • 6 curricular courses

- Foundations Mathematics (1, 2, or 3)
- Conceptual Physics
- Humanities 1 (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
- History elective (11th or 12th grade)
- 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

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 years

History • 3 years

Mathematics • 3 years

Laboratory Science • 3 years

World Language • 3 years

Art • 1 year

PE • 4 seasons (2 years)

Electives • 6 credits

Field Studies • 7 trips

Social Innovation Program • 4 years

Talking Leaves • 6 successful presentations, including June of 12th Grade

EVALUATION & GRADING

Sequoyah's high school program uses a competency-based assessment system to help students develop competency with a set of eight Learning Objectives (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](#).



394

K-12 STUDENTS

141

9-12 STUDENTS

20

STUDENTS IN CLASS OF 2022

50%

STUDENTS OF COLOR

40%

PAY LESS THAN TOP TUITION

12

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

12:1

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO

18

TEACHING FACULTY

44%

OF FACULTY HOLD DOCTORAL DEGREES

ACADEMICS • CLASS OF 2022

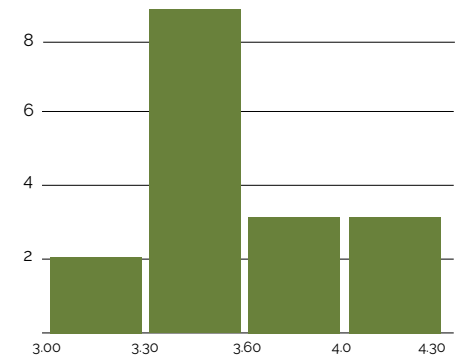
20 students in the Class of 2022

4.3 • approximate highest weighted GPA

3.33 • average unweighted GPA

3.49 • average weighted GPA

We do not rank our students.



NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

- 1 National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- 2 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
- 3 National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

TEST SCORES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Class of 2021 and 2022 students have been denied opportunities for testing.

Classes of 2020-2022	Average
SAT Scores	1215
ACT Scores	32

SEQUOYAH SPORTS

Fall

- Volleyball (Girls)
- Cross Country*
- Soccer*

Spring

- Archery*
- Mountain Biking*
- Volleyball (Boys)
- Swimming & Diving*
- Tennis*

Winter

- Basketball (Girls)
- Basketball (Boys)
- Squash*
- Dance*

* denotes co-ed

SEQUOYAH SCHOOL SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

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 locations, including a 10-day homestay in a Costa Rican village, and a culminating ~15-day backpacking trip for Seniors.

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. Students apply a systems approach to problem solving, ethical decision making, and ethnographic and statistical research, which culminates with a capstone project in senior year. Throughout their SIP experience, students establish professional relationships with stakeholders while reflecting on their unique positions to affect change.

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.

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.

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.

DESIGN & FABRICATION HUB

The Design & Fabrication (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 ADVANCED STUDIES

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

- SAS Monsters and Madness
- SAS Art of the Novel
- SAS Calculus
- SAS Higher Mathematics
- SAS American History
- SAS The U.S. Constitution
- SAS Spanish 4
- SAS Spanish 5
- SAS Chemistry
- SAS Biology
- SAS Physics
- SAS Biology of Disease
- SAS Grand Challenges of Ecology
- SAS World in a Cell
- SAS Visual Arts Seminar
- SAS Playwriting, Acting & Directing

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES CLASSES OF 2019, 2020, & 2021

BOLD INDICATES MATRICULATION

American University

The American University of Paris

Bard College

Beloit College

Bennington College

Berklee College of Music

Bradley University

Brown University

California State Polytechnic University

Pomona

California State University

Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay,

Fullerton, Long Beach, **Los Angeles,**

Maritime Academy, **Monterey Bay,**

Northridge

Carleton College

Case Western Reserve University

Champlain College

Cinema Makeup School

Claremont McKenna College

Clark Atlanta University

College of Charleston

The College of Wooster

Colorado College

Colorado State University

Colorado State University (Fort Collins)

Columbia College Chicago

Columbia University

Connecticut College

Cornell University

Creighton University

Curry College

DePaul University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University

Eastern Oregon University

Elon University

Emerson College

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

George Washington University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Goucher College

Grinnell College

Harvey Mudd College

Hampshire College

Humboldt State University

Indiana University (Bloomington)

Johns Hopkins University

Kenyon College

Lafayette College

Lawrence University

Lewis and Clark College

Los Angeles Community College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Macalester College

Manhattanville College

Marist College

Marymount California University

Marymount Manhattan College

Miami University (Oxford)

Michigan State University

Mills College

Montana State University

Montclair State University

Mount Holyoke College

New York University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Oregon State University

Otis College of Art and Design

Pace University

Parsons School of Design

Pasadena City College

Pitzer College

Pratt Institute

Purdue University

Quest University, Canada

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rider University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Ryerson University

San Francisco State University

San Jose State University

Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

School of Visual Arts

Seattle University

Sewanee: The University of the South

Skidmore College

Smith College

Spelman College

St. Lawrence University

St. Olaf College

Syracuse University

The New School

Union College

University of British Columbia

University of California

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles,

Merced, Riverside, San Diego,

Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

University of Chicago

University of Colorado

Colorado Springs, Boulder

University of Denver

University of Illinois

at Urbana Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Kansas

University of La Verne

University of Nebraska

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of Rochester

University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of Utah - Honors College

University of Vermont

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College

Washington State University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wesleyan University

Whitman College

Willamette University

Williams College

Xavier University Louisiana

Yale University