



Southwestern Academy

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Southwestern Academy is a co-ed boarding and day private school serving 66 students from all over the world and USA, in grades 6-12 in San Marino, CA. Founded in 1924, we have become a school that is dedicated to offering students a personalized, stimulating curriculum that assists each individual in their preparation for college and the world beyond.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Established:	1924
Enrollment:	74
Class of 2024:	13
Full-Time Faculty:	9
Average Class size:	6
Counselors:	1
Outreach Counselor:	1

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- English Language Learners (ELL) Program
- Extra Curriculars & Clubs: 18+ programs
- 6:1 Student-Faculty Ratio 7 Sports Teams
- Monthly International Dinners

STUDENT BODY BREAKDOWN

GRADE	ETHNICITY
7th 1	Asian: 82%
8th 7	Hispanic/Latino: 7%
9th 14	White: 10%
10th 19	African: 1%
11th 16	
12th 17	

Students on FinancialAid 39%

Boarding Students:	73%
Day Students:	27%
International Students:	74%
Domestic Students:	26%
Countries Represented:	12

ACCREDITATION

In compliance with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools (WASC), Southwestern Academy has earned accreditation in 2025 and received a maximum 6-year term.

SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY

MISSION & VISION

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Our students are provided opportunities on a daily basis to further their talents or gain new interests through our co-curricular and extracurricular programs. Our schedule is designed to allow students to engage with multiple programs on a daily or weekly basis in order to help them gain a greater understanding of where their interests truly lie.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The value of a Southwestern Academy education lies in the opportunities it creates and how well prepared students are for what happens after graduation. All Southwestern Academy graduates gain admission to various colleges around the country and world. Our goal is not just to have our graduates admitted to college, but to ensure that they have a culturally enriching experience, making them well rounded individuals capable of finding success there and beyond.

VALUING THE INDIVIDUAL

Our curriculum reflects our belief that adolescence is a time for exploration and that during their middle and high school years, students thrive in an environment that values intellectual curiosity and growth. Because we know that there is no "one size fits all" approach to teaching and learning, we have designed our curriculum and teaching methods to be flexible in order to best meet the needs of our students as individuals. Southwestern students benefit from having the opportunity to choose from a variety of college prep courses in an environment composed of students with diverse learning styles.

COLLEGE & MATRICULATION

PERCENTAGE OF SENIORS COMPLETING
A-G COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE: 85%

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATING SENIORS
ENROLLING IN 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES: 85%

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATING SENIORS
ENROLLING IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 15%

**BASED ON CLASS OF 2025*

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLMENT 2025

American University in Bulgaria	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Arizona State University	RIT Kosovo
Cal Poly Humboldt	Rutgers University
Cal Poly Pomona	School of Visual Arts (SVA)
Cal State Fullerton	Skidmore College
Cal State Long Beach	SUNY University at Buffalo
Cal State Los Angeles	The American University of Rome
California Lutheran University	The New School/Parsons
Constructor University	The University of Arizona
Drake University	UC Berkeley
Drew University	UC Davis
Drexel University	UC Irvine
Fordham University	UC Merced
Gettysburg College	UC Riverside
Illinois College	UC San Diego
Iowa State University	UC Santa Barbara
Irvine Valley College	UC Santa Cruz
Kingston University - London	University of Illinois Chicago
Loyola Marymount University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Menlo College	University of Maryland
Montana State University	University of Michigan
Mount Saint Mary's University	University of the Arts London
Los Angeles	University of Virginia
New York School of Interior Design (NYSID)	University of Washington
New York University	Virginia Tech
Paris College of Art	Whittier College
Pepperdine University	Willamette University

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BELL SCHEDULE

Southwestern Academy operates on a modified block schedule with seven periods daily Monday, Tuesday, Friday, including P.E., and three block periods plus P.E. on Wednesday and Thursday. Students are enrolled in two semesters. Classes on Monday are 35 minutes in duration, 50 minutes in duration on Tuesday and Friday, and 100 minutes in duration on Wednesday and Thursday.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	40 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
Science	20 credits
Visual/Performing Arts	10 credits
World Language	20 credits
Physical Education	40 credits
Electives	50 credits

Total **240 credits**

GRADING SYSTEM

Traditional Grading: 4.0 scale

A= 90-100 (4.0)
B=80-89 (3.0)
C= 70-79 (2.0)
D= 69-60 (1.0)
F= 59 & Below (0)

AP COURSES: # OF STUDENTS

AP Calculus AB	6
AP Calculus BC	2
* AP English Literature	8
* AP English Language	
AP European History	5
AP Human Geography	9
AP Precalculus	17
AP Psychology	9
** AP Spanish Language	1
** AP Statistics	3

* Offered in Alternating Years

** Taken Online Through APEX

Weighted Courses/ Repeating Courses

- AP courses have 1.0 added if test is taken.
- Grades received from repeated courses are averaged, not replaced.

**Disciplinary infractions are reported to colleges and universities as requested.*