



# CALIFORNIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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## ABOUT CAL PREP

California Preparatory Academy ("Cal Prep") is an independent study high school established through Capistrano Unified School District. Cal Prep has the benefits and flexibility of virtual curriculum blended with face-to-face instruction with highly qualified Capistrano Unified teachers, and proctored exams.

The school is **UC-CSU approved, WASC-accredited, and NCAA approved.**

Through Cal Prep's blended educational program, students can:

- Take UC-CSU approved college preparatory coursework.
- Get individualized instruction from Capistrano Unified teachers.
- Participate in CIF-sanctioned sports at their home high school.
- Have more flexibility when it comes to completing school work.
- Dual-enroll and take one or two classes at their home comprehensive high school while they are enrolled at Cal Prep.
- Join co-curricular and extra-curricular activities at their home high school, such as drama, band, newspaper, and yearbook. Audition and try-out requirements apply.
- Learn essential 21st century skills.
- Choose different pacing options that include Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Credit Recovery.

## MISSION

California Preparatory Academy's Mission is to provide interactive, media-rich educational opportunities in a flexible, student-centered environment that will prepare students to be globally competitive citizens by expanding their educational opportunities while developing essential 21st century skills.

## PHILOSOPHY

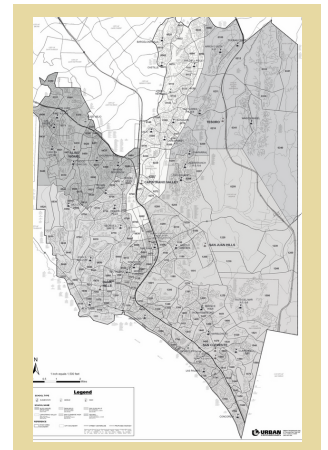
- Every child can learn.
- Every child can be motivated to learn.
- Every child can achieve his or her potential when challenged.
- Every child deserves to be treated with respect, and should provide respect to others.

## COMMUNITY

California Preparatory Academy serves all six comprehensive high schools (Aliso Niguel, Capistrano Valley, Dana Hills, San Clemente, San Juan Hills, and Tesoro) and all the families within Capistrano Unified School District, which is located in South Orange County, CA.

(Aliso Viejo, Coto de Caza, Dana Point, Ladera Ranch, Laguna Niguel, Las Flores, Mission Viejo, Rancho Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano)

Access into California Preparatory Academy is open to all students.



## COVID PROTOCOL

Due to COVID-19, Cal Prep was 100% virtual for the 2020-2021 school year. "Face-to-Face instruction" was conducted via Google virtual class meetings, and individual student-teacher meetings via Google Meet.



## CALENDAR + CREDITS

In Capistrano Unified School District, the school year consists of 2 semesters. A total of 210 credits is required for graduation for the Class of 2022.

Students earn 5 credits per class per semester:

- 9th & 10th graders take a minimum of 6 classes.
- 11th & 12th graders take a minimum of 5 classes.‡

Cal Prep students must take the majority of their courses through Cal Prep:

- 4 out of 6 classes for 9th and 10th graders.
- 3 out of 5 classes for 11th and 12th graders.

The balance of a student's classes may be taken through dual-enrollment at the home high school.

Students from all high schools in the district have the opportunity to take a single course per semester through Cal Prep, with approval from the resident high school.

‡For the 2020-21 school year only, Capistrano Unified School District temporarily changed the graduation credit requirements and minimum # of classes due to COVID-19.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Semester grade point averages will be computed using the following numerical value:

A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0.

For AP and Honors classes, grade points will be computed using a different numerical value:

A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 1, F = 0.

Physical education classes are not counted in the computation of the academic GPA.

For the 2020-21 school year only, students had the option of taking classes for P/NP (pass/no pass) or a traditional A-F letter grade.

## DECILE RANKINGS

Capistrano Unified School District does not rank its students by specific numerals.

Students are placed instead into decile rankings: 1=top 10%, 2=top 20%, etc.

## CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

The Class of 2021 was Cal Prep Academy's 7th graduating class with 69 seniors and a 100% graduation rate.



### GRADUATION RATE

Of the 69 students:

- 52% met "a-g"/4-year University requirements.
- 3 students graduated early, finishing in December instead of June.

Of the students who shared their plans with us:

- 24 matriculated to 4-year colleges and universities. (35%)
- 31 matriculated to community college (some in honors programs). (45%)
- 3 went into the Armed Forces (4%)
- 1 enrolled in a trade school (1%)
- 2 went straight to work (3%)
- 8 students' plans were not shared with us. (12%)

The class of 2022 currently has 134 seniors, including single course students.

Enrollment numbers may change for the spring semester.

## STUDENT BODY

Cal Prep Academy welcomes students in grades 9-12. Students enroll for a variety of reasons including but not limited to:

- Pursuing high-level athletic training and competition
- Balancing career opportunities such as acting
- Health issues
- Taking community college classes
- Working part-time jobs

Cal Prep increased its enrollment for 2021-2022 due to COVID-19. Since Cal Prep students come from the entire Capistrano Unified School District, the ethnicity breakdown for the school is representative of the district as follows:

- White 54.1%
- Hispanic 27.1%
- Asian 6.6%
- Filipino 1.8%
- African American 0.8%
- American Indian / Alaskan Native 0.2%
- Pacific Islander 0.1%
- 2 or more races 6.6%
- Not reported 2.7%

# CURRICULUM

Curriculum offerings cover the range of college preparatory classes. Cal Prep uses the Florida Virtual system for its online curriculum, eDynamic Learning for some electives, and Pearson My Math Lab for mathematics.

In addition to the core curriculum, Cal Prep offers:

## 6 AP + 6 HONORS

### 6 Advanced Placement (AP)

#### classes with weighted grades:

- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP United States History
- AP American Government
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology

### 6 Honors classes with weighted grades:

- English I Honors
- English II Honors
- World History Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Precalculus Honors
- Honors Biology (new)

### Students also have access to enroll in classes at:

- CCA (College and Career Advantage)
- Irvine Valley College
- Saddleback College

# ATTENDANCE

While some classes are only taught virtually, students are required to attend once a week for:

- AP classes‡
- Lab Sciences‡
- Spanish
- Visual Arts‡

‡For the 2021-2022 school year, students can choose between virtual or in-person attendance.

## 2021-2022 COLLEGE PREP COURSES & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS\*

### ENGLISH - 4 YEARS REQUIRED\*

English I

**English I Honors**

English II

**English II Honors**

English III

English IV

**AP Language & Composition**

**AP Literature & Composition**

### HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE - 3 YEARS REQUIRED\*

World History

**World History Honors**

United States History

**AP United States History**

American Government (Fall)

**AP American Government (Fall)**

### MATH - 3 YEARS REQUIRED\*

Algebra I

Algebra II

**Algebra II Honors**

Geometry

Math for the College Bound

Precalculus

**Precalculus Honors**

Statistics

Topics in Calculus

### LAB SCIENCE - 2 YEARS REQUIRED\*

Biology

**Honors Biology (new)**

Chemistry

Earth Science

### WORLD LANGUAGE OR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS - 1 YEAR REQUIRED\*

Spanish I

Spanish II

Spanish III

Digital Photo 1A (Fall)

Digital Photo 1B (Spring)

Drawing & Painting 1A (Fall)

Drawing & Painting 1B (Spring)

### 2021-2022 COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES

Anatomy & Physiology

Digital Information Technology I (Fall)

Digital Information Technology II (Spring)

(Computer Applications)

Economics (Spring) - *Required (or AP)*

**AP Macroeconomics (Spring)**

Forensic Science I (Fall)

Forensic Science II (Spring)

Culinary Arts (Spring)

Hospitality & Tourism (Fall)

Marine Ecology

Psychology 1A (Fall)

**AP Psychology**

Social Problems I (Fall)

Social Problems II (Spring)

Sociology (Spring)

## 2021-2022 NON-COLLEGE PREP COURSES & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS\*

Health (Fall OR Spring) - *1 Semester*

*Required\**

Physical Education - *2 Yrs. PE Required\**

Personal Finance 1A (Fall)

Personal Finance 1B (Spring)

Social Media (Spring)