



# The Athenian School

## 2024-2025 COLLEGE PROFILE

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### SCHOOL OVERVIEW

An all-gender boarding and day school founded in 1965, The Athenian School provides a rigorous academic program that is experiential, personal and international. An Athenian education prepares students for the academic and social challenges of college, and for a life of intellectual exploration and meaningful contribution.

Athenian is a founding member of Round Square, an international consortium of like-minded schools that connect and collaborate to help develop global competence in their students. The six shared pillars or IDEALS: **internationalism**, **democracy**, **environmentalism**, **adventure**, **leadership** and **service**, are infused throughout our program and curriculum.

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### ACADEMIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

With an average class size of 15, Athenian's classes are highly participatory, with hands-on lessons and labs, meaningful feedback from teachers, and frequent collaboration with classmates. Students have the opportunity to engage deeply with the material in a way that prepares them exceptionally well for college.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT UPDATE

To align with our commitment to deep learning, Athenian no longer offers AP courses (as of the 2023-24 school year). We offer Honors courses, which include but are not limited to our former AP courses. Our faculty designed Honors courses are highly engaging and comparable in rigor to the AP curriculum, and in many cases, are similar to college-level work in pace, content and depth.

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# Distinctive Programs

Athenian’s distinctive programs all embody the IDEALS (Pillars of Round Square) and the school’s founding belief that academic mastery is best achieved by experiencing its application first hand.

## International Experiences

Through its Round Square partnership, many Athenian students participate in at least one international exchange, conference or service project by the time they graduate. Students come away from these experiences with increased global and cultural understanding and perspective.

## Boarding

Founded as a boarding school, Athenian now serves a predominantly day population. However, its 58 boarding students—domestic and international—create a global community that helps students build the skills to thrive in college and beyond.

## Athenian Wilderness Experience

AWE is a 26-day wilderness expedition which includes a three-day solo. Students gain a variety of technical wilderness skills as well as skills related to communication, conflict resolution, teamwork and leadership. AWE is a graduation requirement and thus provides an opportunity for incredible personal growth.

## March Term

March Term embraces the core elements of Athenian’s philosophy of experiential education, shared inquiry and engaged learning. These courses are opportunities for students to do a “deep dive” into one topic or focus area over three weeks.

# SAT/ACT Testing

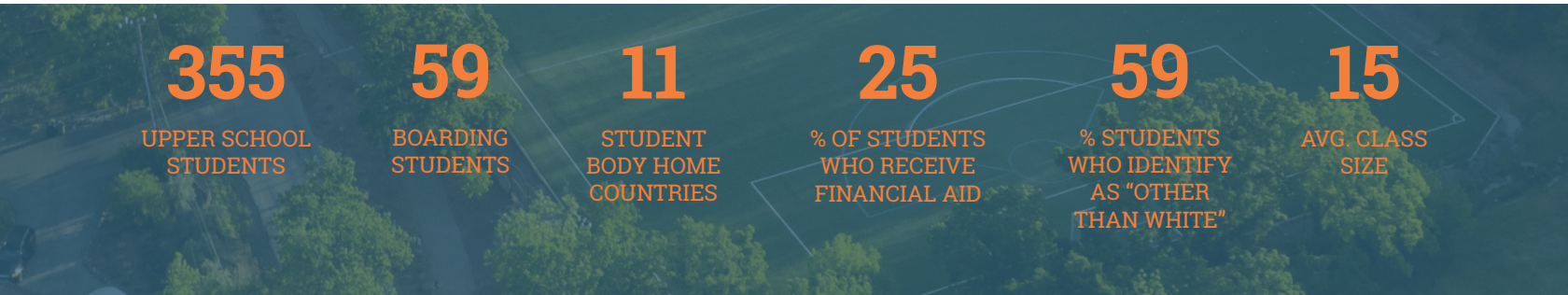
Testing centers in Northern California are very limited and students have had difficulty accessing local standardized testing options. For those that do, test conditions are often suboptimal.

# Curriculum Guide

In 11th and 12th grade, students take English and history/social science seminars. Seminar courses are semester-long Honors-level, deep dives into specialized areas. Offerings include courses such as: Literature of South Asia, Comedy and Tragedy, Comparative Governments in World History and Modern Chinese History. In addition, some students take advantage of additional courses through the Bay Area BlendEd Consortium, a group of seven high schools jointly offering a set of blended classes combining face-to-face and online instruction. More info available at [blendedconsortium.org](http://blendedconsortium.org). **Students are expected to take five core academic classes per semester and generally take a sixth course, which often times is Visual or Performing Arts.**

## GPA / Class Rank

The GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale, inclusive of +’s and –’s. Honors and AP courses receive an extra grade point. We do not rank our students or grant academic awards or honors.



**Athenian no longer offers AP courses. Classes in bold are equivalent to or more rigorous than AP courses.**

\* last offered in 22-23 | \*\* started in 23-24 in replacement of AP courses

SUBJECT	COURSES	ADVANCED COURSES
<b>ENGLISH</b> 4 years required.	English Seminars United States Literature World Literature	<b>English Seminars (H)</b>
<b>HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE</b> 3 years required.	History/Social Science Seminars United States History World History	<b>History/Social Science Seminars (H)</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> 3 years required.	Algebra I Algebra II Calculus Financial Math Geometry Pre-Calculus	Algebra II (H) Pre-Calculus (H) <b>Calculus I (H)**</b> <b>Calculus II (H)**</b> <b>Statistics (H)**</b> <b>Multivariable Calculus (H)</b> <b>AP Calculus AB*</b> <b>AP Statistics*</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b> 3 years required.	Anatomy & Physiology Astronomy Biology Chemistry Engineering Environmental Science Physics	<b>Advanced Biology (H)</b> <b>Advanced Chemistry (H)</b> <b>Advanced Engineering (H)</b> <b>Advanced Physics (H)</b>
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b> 3 years required up to level III or 4 years required if 2 languages up to level II.	Chinese I-IV French I-III Spanish I-IV	Chinese, French, Spanish III (H) Chinese, French, Spanish IV (H) <b>Chinese V (H)**</b> <b>French V (H)**</b> <b>Spanish V (H)**</b> <b>AP Chinese Language*</b>
<b>VISUAL &amp; PERFORMING ARTS</b> 2 years required.	2D/3D Art Concert Choir Dance & Performance Digital Arts Filmmaking Instrumental Music Photography Theater/Technical Theater	<b>Advanced Art (H)</b> <b>Advanced Art: Portfolio Development (H)</b> <b>Advanced Choir (H)</b> <b>Advanced Dance &amp; Performance (H)</b> <b>Advanced Drama (H)</b> <b>Advanced Filmmaking (H)</b> <b>Advanced Materials (H)</b> <b>Advanced Music Ensemble (H)</b> <b>Advanced Music Production &amp; Theory (H)</b> <b>Advanced Photography (H)</b>
<b>INTERDISCIPLINARY</b>	Computer Science The Art & Science of Making Entrepreneurship	<b>Advanced Computer Science (H)**</b> <b>Data Structures &amp; Algorithms (H)</b> <b>Software Engineering (H)</b> <b>AP Computer Science*</b>



### College Outcomes, Class of 2024

- 98% attended a four-year institution
- 66% attended out-of-state institutions
- 19% attended the University of California

### AP Results 23-24

- 163 AP exams
- 137 students took an AP Exam
- 70% students scoring 4 or 5
- 94% students scoring 3 and above

### SAT/ACT Results, Class of 2024

#### SAT:

- EBRW Average = 693
- Math Average = 711
- EBRW Middle 50% = 660-750
- Math Middle 50% = 660-780

#### ACT:

- Middle 50% = 28-34

## College Matriculation (2021-2024)

This is a list of colleges to which our students have matriculated over the last four years (146).

American University  
Amherst College  
Arizona State University  
Art Center College of Design  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brigham Young University  
Butler University  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
California Institute of Technology  
Carleton College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Chabot College  
Chapman University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia University  
Constructor University (Germany)  
Cornell University  
CSU Chico  
CSU Long Beach  
CSU San Marcos  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Diablo Valley College  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Emory University-Oxford College  
Endicott College  
Fordham University

George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Grinnell College  
Hampshire College  
Harvey Mudd College  
Haverford College  
Howard University  
Ithaca College  
Kenyon College  
Lafayette College  
Las Positas College  
Lawrence University  
Lehigh University  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
McGill University  
Merritt College  
Middlebury College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University  
North Central College  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Oregon State University  
Otis College of Art & Design  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pitzer College  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College

Rice University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Mary's College of California  
San Diego State University  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Scripps College  
Seattle University  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
Sonoma State University  
Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
The American University of Paris  
The New School  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of California-Davis  
University of California-Irvine  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-San Diego  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of Arizona

University of Chicago  
University of Colorado-Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Denver  
University of Edinburgh (Scotland)  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of Southern Maine  
University of St. Andrews  
University of the Pacific  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
Washington & Lee University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western Washington University  
Williams College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Yale University