



# Dunn School

## 2014-2015 School Profile

### The School

Founded in 1957, Dunn School is an independent, college preparatory, 6th through 12th grade coeducational boarding and day school. We are located in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley, in Los Olivos, California, 30 miles from Santa Barbara. The mission of the Dunn School community is to educate the whole student to his or her fullest potential in preparation for a life of learning and responsible leadership in society. To accomplish our mission, we as students, teachers, staff, parents, trustees, and friends are committed to understanding and living by the following core values: **academic excellence, emotional wellness, physical readiness, social responsibility and moral courage.**

### Curriculum and Programs

**Life of Learning:** Dunn's curriculum inspires students toward a life of learning. All students participate in a broad program of challenging academics, athletics, arts, outdoor experiences, leadership, and community service. Because class sizes are small, students engage actively in discussion, debate and group work. Dunn's intimate size facilitates student-teacher dialogue outside the boundaries of the classroom. AP and Honors sections are offered to qualified students. Dunn offers diverse electives in addition to a rigorous core academic foundation.

**Leadership:** The Leadership Program at Dunn prepares students for ethical leadership in a complex society. The program includes a residential values curriculum, an outdoor education program, a community service program, a leadership speaker series, domestic and international travel experiences, and a host of leadership roles available to the student body ranging from Prefect to initiating a new activity or club. The program encourages students to raise their self awareness, foster social responsibility, and develop their moral courage.

**Athletics and Physical Readiness:** All students participate on at least one interscholastic team during the course of the year. Students may choose to participate in other alternative activities for one of the three athletic seasons. Drama, rock climbing and mountain biking, community service, yoga, dance, and horseback riding are among additional possibilities. Athletic teams emphasize development of skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

### Our Student Body

Total students: 162 enrolled in the Upper School (107 boarding / 55 day).

- There are 42 students in the class of 2015
- Percent of students on financial aid: 29%
- Average aid award: \$23,828
- Ethnic Diversity: 35%
- Number of states represented: 8 (California, Texas, Montana, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington, Idaho, Colorado)
- Number of countries represented: 14 (United States, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Germany, Norway, Scotland, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Turkmenistan, Sierra Leone)

### The Faculty

Dunn School has 40 faculty members and the student/faculty ratio is 6:1. The average class size is 10. Faculty members serve as academic advisors to a small group of students, and also provide inspiration as mentors, coaches, and residential community members.

Dunn's faculty is both highly credentialed and passionate about teaching students. Sixty-eight percent of faculty and administrators hold at least one graduate degree. Dunn teachers are instructional experts, and they also bring fascinating real-world experience to their classrooms.

## Graduation Requirements

Students must take five or six classes each semester. In addition to the required diploma standards, students supplement their program with a variety of electives. Dunn School grades on a two-semester calendar totaling 34 weeks and grades are issued twice a year.

English ..... 4 Years  
 Mathematics (including Algebra 2 or Math 2 Honors) .... 3 Years  
 History (including World History and U.S. History) ..... 3 Years  
 Science (including Chemistry and Biology) ..... 3 Years  
 Foreign Language (including second level) ..... 2 Years  
 Fine/Performing Arts (including one year-long course) .. 1 Year

## Advanced Placement

In May 2014, Dunn students took 136 AP exams in 21 different subjects.



Subject	Total Students	Average Score
Studio Art: 2-D Design	1	5.0
Studio Art: Drawing	3	3.7
English Language and Composition	16	3.2
English Literature and	13	3.0
Macroeconomics	2	4.0
Microeconomics	2	4.5
Psychology	1	5.0
U.S. Government and Politics	7	3.3
U.S. History	15	3.3
World History	8	3.4
Calculus AB	11	3.5
Calculus BC	3	3.0
Calculus AB Subs	3	4.3
Computer Science A	9	2.3
Statistics	12	3.7
Biology	7	3.6
Chemistry	9	2.7
Environmental Science	10	3.3
Physics B	1	5.0
Physics C: Mechanics	1	3.0
Chinese Language	3	2.0
Spanish Language	2	4.5

## Class of 2015 Grade Distribution and SAT/ACT Results

Dunn School offers college preparatory courses on a semester calendar and grades on a 4.0 scale. All grades and credits from previous high schools are reported, but are not included in Dunn School's grade point average. Advanced Placement courses receive an additional 1.0 grade point and honors courses receive an additional 0.5 grade point each semester. Both unweighted and weighted GPAs are provided to colleges and universities. Dunn School does not compute class rank for its students.

class of 2015 9th-11th cumulative weighted GPAs	
Scale	Students
above 4.30	2
4.16 – 4.30	3
4.00 – 4.15	5
3.85 – 3.99	3
3.70 – 3.84	4
3.55 – 3.69	7
3.40 – 3.54	0
3.25 – 3.39	2
3.10 – 3.24	1
2.95 – 3.09	4
2.80 – 2.94	3
2.65 – 2.79	3
2.50 – 2.64	0
below 2.49	4

Class of 2015 SAT Reasoning Test Results	
Section	Middle 50%
Critical Reading	420 - 620
Math	550 - 660
Writing	480 - 610
Total	1490 - 1820

Class of 2015 ACT Test Results	
Section	Middle 50%
English	24 – 30
Math	23 – 30
Reading	24 – 31
Science	23 – 28
Composite	25 – 29

# Course Offerings for 2014-2015 School Year

## Humanities – English

English 9  
English 10  
English 10 Honors  
English 11  
AP English Language  
English 12  
AP English Literature  
Multi-Lingual Support (MLS)  
Creative Writing  
Journalism

## Humanities – History

History 9  
History 10  
AP World History  
U.S. History  
AP U.S. History  
Economics  
AP Microeconomics/  
Macroeconomics  
Social Movements in  
American History

## Other Electives

AP Computer Science A (online)  
Earwig Incorporated (entrepreneurship)  
Introduction to Philosophy

## STEM – Science

Conceptual Physics  
Chemistry  
AP Chemistry  
Biology  
AP Biology  
Environmental Science  
AP Environmental Science  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Physics

## STEM – Mathematics

Integrated Math 1  
Integrated Math 2  
Math 2  
Pre-Calculus  
Intro to Calculus  
Statistics  
Math 1 Honors  
Math 2 Honors  
Math 3 Honors  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC (online)  
AP Statistics

## Fine Arts

Studio Art 1  
Studio Art 2  
Ceramics 1  
Ceramics 2  
Photography 1  
Photography 2  
Digital Film Making  
AP Art  
Applied Music Fundamentals  
Applied Guitar/Guitar  
Ensemble  
Ensemble 1  
Ensemble 2  
Vocal Ensemble

## Languages

Spanish 1  
Spanish 2  
Spanish 2 Honors  
Spanish 3  
Spanish 3 Honors  
Spanish 4  
Spanish 4 Honors  
AP Spanish Language  
Mandarin Chinese 1  
Mandarin Chinese 2  
Mandarin Chinese 3  
Mandarin Chinese 4  
AP Mandarin Chinese





### Accreditation and Membership

Dunn School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Dunn School is a member of the California Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of Independent Schools, the National Association of College Admission Counselors, the Western Boarding Schools Association, and the Secondary School Admission Test Board.

# Unleash your Creativity

## Colleges of Attendance for the Classes of 2013 – 2014

Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Bennington College  
Boston University  
Brooks Institute of Photography  
Cal Lutheran University  
California Polytechnic State Univ., San Luis Obispo  
California State University, Monterey Bay  
Chapman University  
Colorado Christian University  
Colorado State University  
Cornell University  
Denison University  
Eckerd College  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
Fort Lewis College  
Hofstra University  
Indiana University at Bloomington  
Ithaca College  
Knox College  
Lewis & Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences  
Mills College  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Pace University, New York City

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
San Francisco State University  
San Jose State University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Sonoma State University  
St. John's University  
Syracuse University  
George Washington University  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Michigan  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of San Francisco  
University of Technology, Sydney  
University of Vermont  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Wesleyan University  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College  
Yonsei University

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