

WE INSPIRE AND PREPARE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY
OF CREATIVE, INDEPENDENT THINKERS.



DISTINCTIVE YORK PROGRAMS

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING invites students to explore real-world topics through hands-on, creative, and interdisciplinary projects.

THE YORK SCHOLARS program is an academically rigorous, two-year interdisciplinary experience for 11th and 12th-grade students. All York Scholars will be enrolled in AP Seminar.

THE ARTS at York are dynamic, and include three music ensembles. Our theatre program presents a Fall Play, a Spring Musical, and opportunities for work in technical theatre. We offer classes in drawing, painting, and digital photography in the visual arts.

STEM is celebrated with a rigorous math and science curriculum and a highly successful Robotics team. York is nationally recognized as a top 500 STEM high school.

STEAMSHIPS are annual grants that fund independent student research projects.

ABOUT YORK

Located on the Monterey Peninsula, York School is an **award-winning, independent, co-educational, college preparatory day school** for grades 8-12. York is known for its welcoming, inclusive, and diverse community, and for its reputation as the most academically rigorous high school in the Monterey area.

Since its founding in 1959, York has promised to be a **“school for all.”** As such, the School is committed to enrolling students of all backgrounds, regardless of their families’ ability to pay full tuition. With a diversity initiative led by the Board of Trustees, **financial aid awards this year were distributed to 60% of the student body.**

Through robust curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs, York School strives to produce globally-minded students who solve complex problems in their current and future communities using relevant 21st-century skills.

York is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (**WASC**) and the California Association of Independent Schools (**CAIS**), and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (**NAIS**).

MEDIAN WEIGHTED GPA: **3.57**

% TO 4-YEAR COLLEGES: **81%**

% TO 2-YEAR COLLEGES: **19%**

TOTAL STUDENTS: **158**

TOTAL SENIORS: **34**

STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID: **60%**

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH	4 YEARS
HISTORY	3 YEARS
MATHEMATICS	3 YEARS
SCIENCE	3 YEARS
WORLD LANGUAGES	3 YEARS
ARTS	1 YEAR
LEADERSHIP	1 SEMESTER

Students are required to complete a Service Learning Internship and participate in the Health & Wellness program each year.

GRADING

GPA is computed annually and cumulatively. Only courses taken at York are used to determine GPA. Courses marked as Honors **(H)**, Advanced Placement **(AP)**, or York Advanced Studies **(YAS)** are weighted with an additional 1.0 point per course. Only final grades are recorded on the transcript. **York does not rank its students.**

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Class of 2026 (as of June 2025)

4.0 & above	6 students (17.65%)
3.7-3.99	10 students (29.41%)
3.3-3.69	7 students (20.59%)
3.0-3.29	6 students (17.65%)
2.7-2.99	2 students (5.88%)
2.3-2.69	3 students (8.82%)

Total # of students: 34
Median weighted GPA: 3.57
Median unweighted GPA: 3.42

CURRICULUM

Seniors must take a minimum of 5 classes. Students may also take one or more music ensembles, which are graded, full year courses. York Advanced Studies (YAS) courses are the next level beyond Honors and are equal to the College Board’s AP Program. Below, find the courses offered over the past four years. Because not all electives are offered every year, it may not be possible for a student to take advantage of every course listed.

ENGLISH

- English II
- English III
- English IV
- English IV YAS
- English V: Composition
- English V: The Grotesque
- English V: Dystopian Literature
- English V: Folklore & Fakelore
- English V YAS

HISTORY

- Modern World History
- US History
- US History YAS
- Roman History
- Debate
- US Government and Politics
- Intro to Psychology
- Asian History
- World Religions
- Economics
- Reel America

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Pre-Calculus
- Pre-Calculus *Honors*
- Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- Statistics
- AP Statistics
- Math Modeling

SCIENCE

- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Marine Biology & Oceanography
- Chemistry
- Physics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C: Mechanics

WORLD LANGUAGES

- Mandarin Chinese: I/II/III/IV/V
- Mandarin III *Honors*, IV YAS
- Spanish: I/II/III/IV
- Spanish III *Honors*, IV YAS
- Advanced Spanish (V, VI, VII)
- AP Spanish Language and Culture

ARTS

- Studio Art I: Foundation
- Studio Art II: Drawing
- Studio Art II: Painting
- Studio Art III: Portfolios
- AP Studio Art
- Digital Photography
- Makerspace
- Digital Media Design
- Choir IA/IB & IIA/IIB
- Chamber Choir
- Jazz Band IA/IB & IIA/IIB
- Musical Theater Repertoire I/II/III
- Musical Theater History
- Backstage Theater

TECHNOLOGY

- Code+Design
- Technological Entrepreneurialism
- AP Computer Science A

ELECTIVES

- Leadership
- York Scholars (AP Seminar)

COURSES GRADED PASS/FAIL

- Health & Wellness
- Sports Seasons
- Pathways College Prep

View our full 2020-2025 matriculation list here:
<https://www.york.org/learning/college-counseling>

STANDARDIZED TESTING
Many of our students have not tested, given the scarcity of testing centers on the Central Coast as well as the test-free admission policies of California state universities.

