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ABOUT YORK

Located on the Monterey Peninsula, York School is an **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 an academically rigorous high school.

York School is committed to enrolling students of all backgrounds, regardless of their families' ability to pay full tuition. We enroll both domestic and international students through our partnership with The Cambridge Network.

ENROLLMENT

160	40	60%
TOTAL STUDENTS	STUDENTS IN CLASS	ON FINANCIAL AID
(GRADES 8-12)	OF 2027	

GRADING & CLASS RANK

York does not rank students.

Only Advanced and AP courses are given an extra point in the weighted GPA; GPAs include grades 9-12. We do not give academic credit or grades for courses taken outside of York.

As of Fall 2026, York is on a semester system; quarter grades are given only as a progress report. Previously, only cumulative year-end grades were published.

Students with an unweighted GPA of less than 1.7 (C- average), two D's, or one F, are placed on academic warning.

York uses the following grading scale:

A+ ≥ 99.5; A ≥ 92.5; A- ≥ 89.5

B+ ≥ 86.5; B ≥ 82.5; B- ≥ 79.5

C+ ≥ 76.5; C ≥ 72.5; C- ≥ 69.5

D+ ≥ 66.5; D ≥ 62.5; D- ≥ 59.5

F < 59.5

**Average
W GPA:
3.75**

**Average
UW GPA:
3.54**

CURRICULUM FEATURES

YORK DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

- Recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and a commitment to pursuing their interests beyond the classroom.
- Through discipline-specific pathways, students complete **advanced coursework and a capstone project** that applies their learning in a meaningful way.
- To qualify, students must maintain high academic standards, with no more than one grade below an A- and no grade lower than a B in related courses.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

- Every student learns the scientific method by participating in **York's Science Fair**, and learning extends beyond the classroom in our **outdoor laboratory**.
- York's **Costa Rica Program** brings all 9th grade students to the edge of the cloud forest for a week of experiential education to study biodiversity and sustainability.
- York's Robotics team** (Team 5171) provides technical skills and fundamentals of other corporate tasks, such as project management, leadership, team building, and marketing.

THE ARTS

- Includes courses in the performing arts, theatre history, technical theatre, music, drawing and painting, and photography.
- Students perform in annual **plays and musicals**, and have opportunities to **learn from professional guest artists**.
- York students have performed at Lincoln Center in New York City, Disneyland, Laguna Seca Raceway, and the Carmel Mission Basilica.

THE STEAMSHIPS GRANT PROGRAM

- Provides funding to York students who engage in independent, original projects connected to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics (STEAM).
- Funding supports a broad range of student projects, including **academic research, creative/artistic endeavors, or special events**.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Invites students to explore real-world topics through **hands-on, creative, and interdisciplinary projects** guided by faculty mentors.
- This year's offerings include Cooking with Chemistry, Financial Literacy, and Marine Science Research, among others.

CLASS OF 2026:

85% TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES

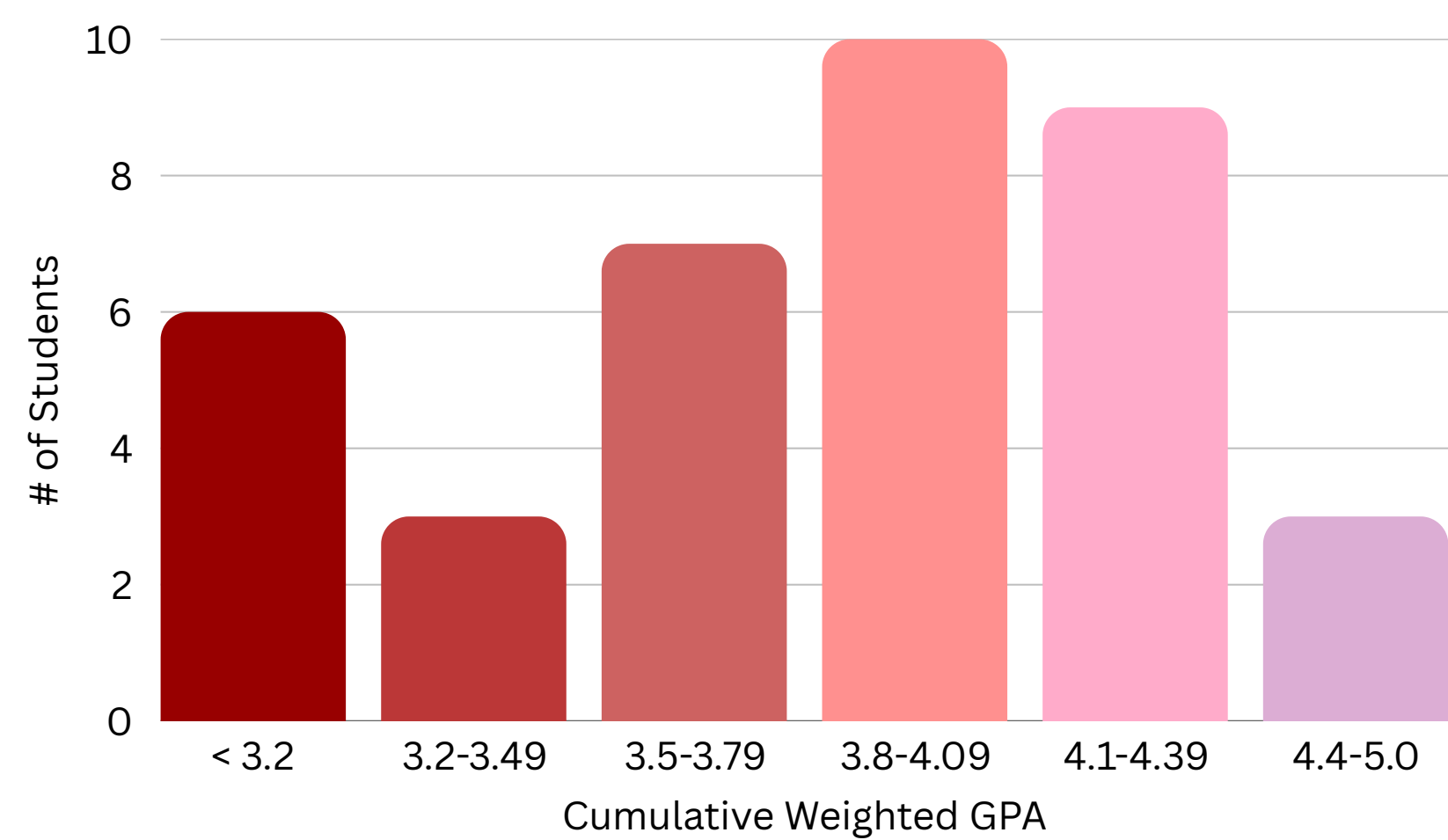
12% TO 2 YEAR COLLEGES

3% OTHER

35% FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE

CURRICULUM & STATISTICS

CLASS OF 2027 WEIGHTED GPA DISTRIBUTION (AS OF JUNE 2026)



COURSE LOAD BALANCE

- We limit students to four (4) Advanced/AP courses per semester. In some cases, students may request an overload if they have proved competency in prerequisite courses.
- Prior to the 2026-27 academic year, students in grades 9-11 took minimum six (6) courses per semester, whereas students in grade 12 took five (5) courses per semester. Over half of our students already exceeded this minimum requirement.
- Starting in 2026-27 and beyond, students in grades 9-11 take minimum seven (7) courses per semester, whereas students in grade 12 take minimum six (6) courses per semester.
 - *Students may be limited in their selection of courses due to scheduling conflicts and the enrollment limitations of a small school.*

FULL COURSE CATALOG:
<https://www.york.org/learning/academic-guide>

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

ENGLISH (4 CREDITS)	WORLD LANGUAGES (3 CREDITS)
HISTORY (3 CREDITS)	ARTS (1 CREDIT)
MATHEMATICS (3 CREDITS)	LEADERSHIP (0.5 CREDIT)
SCIENCE (3 CREDITS)	ELECTIVES (6.5 CREDITS)

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Prior to the 2026-27 academic year, York offered Honors, York Advanced Studies (YAS), and AP curriculum. All three advanced designations received the same weighting for GPA calculations. To streamline our curriculum and standardize advanced designations, **York only offers Advanced and AP courses starting 2026-27 and beyond.**

Courses designated as Advanced are among our most rigorous curriculum. Advanced courses are independently designed to achieve different learning outcomes than AP courses. York educators offer innovative Advanced courses that develop deep content knowledge to foster curiosity, support interdisciplinary understanding, inspire critical analysis, and challenge students to think beyond themselves.

Advanced and AP courses in any academic discipline are generally only available to juniors and seniors.

Below is a list of upper-level coursework available to 11th and 12th-grade students. Bold text designates Advanced and AP courses, representing our most rigorous academic offerings.

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	PERFORMING ARTS	WORLD LANGUAGES
English 11 Adv English 11 English 12: Lit of Horror English 12: Lit of Science English 12: Mythological Lit English 12: Speculative Fiction Adv English 12	Pre-Calculus Adv Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC Statistics AP Statistics Math Modeling	Chamber Choir Adv Chamber Choir Musical Theatre Repertoire I / II Adv Musical Theatre Repertoire III Technical Theatre I / II Adv Technical Theatre III	Mandarin III Adv Mandarin IV Adv Mandarin V Spanish III Spanish IV AP Spanish Lang & Culture Advanced Spanish V / VI / VII
HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE	SCIENCE	VISUAL ARTS	ACADEMIC ELECTIVES
Asian History Greek History Roman History Adv Psychology Adv U.S. Gov & Politics Adv World Religions	Anatomy & Physiology Environmental Science Marine Biology & Oceanography AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics C: Mechanics	Studio Art II: Drawing Studio Art II: Painting Adv Studio Art III AP Art & Design	AP Computer Science A AP Research

York offered
24 ADVANCED & AP
courses in 2026-2027

TESTING

SCHOOLWIDE AP EXAMS
(LAST 3 YEARS)

309
TOTAL
EXAMS
PROCTORED

34%
TESTS
WITH A
SCORE
OF 4

19%
TESTS
WITH A
SCORE
OF 5

SCHOOLWIDE SAT
RESULTS (2025-2026)

609
AVERAGE
OF SAT
READING &
WRITING

602
AVERAGE OF
SAT MATH

York only offers SAT school days in October & April. Most students sit for additional SAT dates at other schools in the Monterey Peninsula.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

BY THE CLASSES OF 2021-2026

Class of 2026 College Selections are italicized

American University (1)
Arizona State University (1)
Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix) (1)
Bard College (1)
Boston University (2)
Bryn Mawr College (2)
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (9)
Cal Poly Humboldt (1)
Cal Poly Pomona (2)
California State University (Chico) (2)
California State University (East Bay) (1)
California State University (Long Beach) (1)
California State University (Monterey Bay) (3)
Carleton College (1)
Carnegie Mellon University (1)
Central Washington University (1)
Clark University (1)
Clemson University (1)
Colgate University (1)
Columbia College Chicago (1)
Cornell University (1)
Eastern Michigan University (1)
Emory University (1)
Fordham University (1)
Hampton University (1)
Hartnell College (1)
Illinois Wesleyan University (1)
Indiana University (Bloomington) (1)
Lewis & Clark College (3)
Menlo College (1)
Monterey Peninsula College (18)
New York University (6)
Northeastern University (3)
Northwestern University (1)
Oberlin College (2)
Oral Roberts University (1)
Oregon State University (4)
Parsons School of Design at The New School (1)
Penn State University (1)
Pratt Institute (1)
Reed College (2)
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)
San Diego State University (1)
San Francisco State University (1)
San Jose State University (6)
Santa Barbara City College (1)

Santa Clara University (7)
School of Visual Arts (1)
Scripps College (1)
Seattle University (1)
Smith College (1)
Sonoma State University (1)
The Catholic University of America (1)
The Ohio State University (2)
Trinity College Dublin (1)
Tulane University (1)
University of California (Berkeley) (10)
University of California (Davis) (3)
University of California (Irvine) (5)
University of California (Los Angeles) (8)
University of California (Merced) (4)
University of California (Riverside) (2)
University of California (San Diego) (5)
University of California (Santa Barbara) (3)
University of California (Santa Cruz) (12)
University of Chicago (1)
University of Colorado (Boulder) (2)
University of Denver (1)
University of Hawaii (Mānoa) (2)
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) (2)
University of Maryland (1)
University of Michigan (Dearborn) (1)
University of Mississippi (1)
University of Missouri (1)
University of Missouri (St. Louis) (1)
University of Nevada (Las Vegas) (1)
University of Nevada (Reno) (1)
University of New Mexico (1)
University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) (1)
University of Oregon (3)
University of Pittsburgh (2)
University of Portland (1)
University of Puget Sound (2)
University of Redlands (1)
University of San Diego (2)
University of San Francisco (1)
University of Southern California (2)
University of St Andrews (2)
University of Texas (2)
University of Toronto (1)
University of Vermont (1)
University of Virginia (1)
University of Washington (2)
Wabash College (1)
Wentworth Institute of Technology (2)
Whitman College (2)
William & Mary (1)
Willamette University (4)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)

