

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



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Located on the Monterey Peninsula, adjacent to the Salinas Valley, York School is an award-winning, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for grades 8-12. With enrollment standing at 164 students, York is an intentionally small school with an exceptional faculty, a distinctive campus culture, and the reputation for being the most academically rigorous high school in the Monterey area. It is known for its welcoming, inclusive, and diverse community, where students are bright, kind, curious, and driven.

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 and totaled over \$2.5 million. A former York Head of School once remarked, “York School can be described in one sentence: It is an inclusive school rather than an exclusive one.”

York’s distinct mission is to inspire and prepare a diverse community of creative, independent thinkers. Through robust curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs, the School strives to produce globally-minded students who solve complex problems in their current and future communities using relevant 21st-century skills. Signature programs include:

- **STEM:** Nationally recognized as a top 500 STEM high school in the country, with its rigorous math and science curriculum, a Distinguished Scholar certificate in STEM, and a highly successful Robotics Team, York prepares its students for the future.
- **Global Programs:** With a Distinguished Scholar certificate in Global Studies, a unique partnership with CIEE allowing York to send more than half the student body abroad over the past four summers, and a week-long sustainability program in Costa Rica for every tenth grader, York students are committed to global education.
- **Service Learning:** Through the Service Learning Internship requirement, where students volunteer with a single organization, and recipients of the Central Coast Philanthropic Youth of the Year Award in 12 of the past 17 years, York students are deeply engaged in their communities.

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).



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 years
History	3 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science	3 years
World Languages	3 years
Arts	1 year
Latin	1 year*
Technology	1 semester*
Leadership	1 semester**

Students are required to complete 40 hours of a Service Learning Internship by graduation and participate in the athletics/fitness program two out of three seasons each year.

*Requirement through the Class of 2025

**Requirement beginning with the Class of 2026

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. York does not rank its students. Only final grades are recorded on the transcript.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2025 (AS OF JUNE 2024)

4.36 - 4.0	13 students (38.2%)
3.99 - 3.7	3 students (8.8%)
3.69 - 3.3	7 students (20.5%)
3.29 - 3.0	5 students (14.7%)
2.99 - 2.7	4 students (11.7%)
2.69 - 2.3	2 students (5.8%)

Total # of students: 34

Median GPA: 3.56

CURRICULUM

Students in Grades 8-11 must take six courses, while seniors may take a minimum of five. In addition, students may 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 designed to provide unique, innovative experiences that are equal to the College Board's AP program. Below, please 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 V: Composition+
English V: Folklore & Fakelore+
English V: Dystopian Literature+
English V: Anatomy of the Grotesque+

HISTORY

World History I
World History II
U.S. History+
Asian History
Debate
Economics
Psychology
Roman History
U.S. Government and Politics
World War II
World Religions

MATHEMATICS

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

SCIENCE

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

WORLD LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese: I/II/III*/IV+/V
French: I/II/III*/IV+/V
Spanish: I/II/III*/IV+/V+/VI
Latin I

ARTS

Studio Art I: Foundation
Studio Art II: Drawing
Studio Art II: Painting
Studio Art III
AP Studio Art
Digital Photography I/II
Digital Media
Musical Theatre History I/II
Musical Theatre Production I/II
Musical Repertoire
Chamber Choir
Choir IA/IB & IIA/IIB
Concert Band IA/IB & IIA/IIB
Jazz Band IA/IB & IIA/IIB
Strings IA/IB & IIA/IIB

TECHNOLOGY

Technology & Info Literacy (TIL)
Code+Design
Technological Entrepreneurialism
AP Computer Science A

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

Life, Learning, & Leadership
Distinguished Scholars 11/12
Pathways 11/12

*Indicates Honors and Non-Honors options

+Indicates York Advanced Studies (YAS) option

View the full 2024-25 York Curriculum Guide at york.org/learning/curriculum-guide.

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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS (2020-24)

York students took a total of 513 examinations from May 2020 to May 2024. 83% of students scored 3 or higher.

SAT (CLASS OF 2024)

A total of 21 York students from the Class of 2024 sat for the SAT, with the following mean scores.

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	621
Math	650
TOTAL	1270

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2020-2024

Class of 2024 Enrolled

Abilene Christian University

American University

American University of Beirut

Arizona State University (Tempe)

Bard College

Belmont University

Bennington College

Bentley University

Boise State University

Boston College

Boston University

Brandeis University

Bryn Mawr College

Cabrillo College

Cal Poly Humboldt

California College of the Arts

California Lutheran University

California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)

California State Polytechnic University
(Pomona)

California State University (Chico)

California State University (East Bay)

California State University (Fullerton)

California State University (Long Beach)

California State University (Los Angeles)

California State University (Maritime Academy)

California State University (Monterey Bay)

California State University (Northridge)

California State University (Sacramento)

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Central Washington University

Chapman University

Clemson University

Colby College

Colgate University

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University (Fort Collins)

Columbia College (Chicago)

Columbia University

Cornell University

Culinary Institute of America

Denison University

Drew University

Drexel University

Eastern Washington University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)

Emory University

Fordham University

George Washington University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College

Gonzaga University

Goucher College

Grinnell College

Hamilton College

Hawai'i Pacific University

High Point University

Howard University

Hult International Business School
(Boston)

Illinois Wesleyan University

Indiana University (Bloomington)

Johns Hopkins University

Kalamazoo College

Kenyon College

Kettering University

King's College London

Lehigh University

Lewis & Clark College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Macalester College

Marymount Manhattan College

Massachusetts College of
Art and Design

Miami University (Oxford)

Michigan State University

Middlebury College

Missouri University of
Science and Technology

Monterey Peninsula College

Mount Holyoke College

New York University

North Greenville University

Northeastern University

Northeastern University London

Northern Arizona University

Northern Michigan University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Oregon State University

Oregon State University - Cascades

Otis College of Art and Design

Pace University (New York City)

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Penn State University (University Park)

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Portland State University

Pratt Institute

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Quinnipiac University

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University (New Brunswick)

Saint Mary's College of California

San Diego State University

San Francisco State University

San Jose State University

Santa Barbara City College

Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College

School of Visual Arts

Scripps College

Seattle University

Seton Hall University

Skidmore College

Smith College

Sonoma State University

South Dakota School of

Mines and Technology

Southern Methodist University

Southern Oregon University

St Mary's College of Maryland

St. Lawrence University

Stony Brook University

Suffolk University

SUNY Buffalo State University

SUNY College at Potsdam

Swarthmore College

Syracuse University

Temple University

The American University of Paris

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Evergreen State College

The King's College

The Ohio State University

The University of Edinburgh

The University of Montana

The University of Texas at Austin

Thomas Jefferson University

Toronto Metropolitan University

Trinity College Dublin

Tufts University

Tulane University of Louisiana

University College Dublin

University of Alaska Fairbanks

University of Arizona

University of Arkansas

University of British Columbia

University of Calgary

University of California (Berkeley)

University of California (Davis)

University of California (Irvine)

University of California

(Los Angeles)

University of California (Merced)

University of California (Riverside)

University of California (San Diego)

University of California

(Santa Barbara)

University of California

(Santa Cruz)

University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Connecticut

University of Denver

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Kentucky

University of La Verne

University of Maine

University of Maryland (College Park)

University of Massachusetts (Amherst)

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Michigan (Dearborn)

University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri (Columbia)

University of Nevada (Reno)

University of New Mexico
(Main Campus)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon

University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)

University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of Rochester

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of St Andrews

University of the Pacific

University of Toronto

University of Utah

University of Vermont

University of Victoria

University of Virginia (Main Campus)

University of Washington
(Seattle Campus)

University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Vanguard University

Vassar College

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University

Washington State University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wellesley College

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Western Washington University

Westmont College

Whitman College

Whittier College

Willamette University

William & Mary

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

