



Boarding School

San Domenico School California

"My experience with San Domenico School has been outstanding. The emphasis on college readiness is clear, with strong support for AP exams, ACT/SAT prep, and on-campus standardized testing. A wide array of clubs ensures every student can find a niche, and the blend of local and international boarding students with day students adds a rich, organic layer of diversity."

Student

San Domenico School is a private boarding school in San Anselmo, California, serving students in grades 9–11 within a K–12 campus. Founded in 1850, it is California’s oldest independent school, combining academic rigor with strong arts and athletics programs.

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Quick Facts

Founded: 1850

Niche.com Score: A+

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Mild winters / Warm summers

Population: 12,500

School Population: 680

High School Population: 333

Accepting students: Grade 9-11

Diploma Year offered: No

Interview Required? Vericant

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 100%

Academic Excellence

San Domenico School offers a **rigorous college-preparatory curriculum** designed to support both academic achievement and personal purpose. Students study core subjects alongside advanced coursework in mathematics, sciences, humanities, and technology. Small class environments support discussion-based learning and individualized instruction. The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, interdisciplinary learning, and real-world application. Students benefit from strong preparation for university study while developing independence and responsibility within a structured boarding environment.

Student Accomplishments

- Green Ribbon Schools Award from the U.S. Department of Education
- Invitations for theater performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Recent University Acceptances

- Barnard College
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- New York University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Tufts University
- University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Hawaii
- University of Notre Dame
- Wellesley College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute



Stats

20

of AP Courses

#4

of the Best Boarding
K-12 Schools in CA

25%

International
Students

100%

University and College
Acceptance

9:1

Student Teacher
Ratio

K-12

Grades at School

30

Average ACT Score

1340

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

San Domenico School is set on a 515-acre campus in San Anselmo, offering **extensive academic, arts, and athletic facilities**. Students have access to a music conservatory, digital arts lab, science and technology learning spaces, and visual arts studios. Athletic facilities include a swimming center, gymnasium, tennis courts, and outdoor fields. The campus also features riding stables, hiking and mountain biking trails, and an organic garden, supporting experiential learning and outdoor education.

Residential Life

San Domenico is a full boarding school welcoming students from the United States and abroad. Boarding students live on campus in supervised residential housing with shared common spaces designed for study and social interaction. Daily life includes structured schedules, dining services, and faculty support. Boarding fosters independence, time management, and community engagement within a safe and supportive environment.

Athletics and Arts

San Domenico Athletics is home to the 2022 Division 5 Women's Basketball State Champions and offers a competitive sports program that emphasizes teamwork, discipline, and personal development.

The arts are central to the San Domenico experience. The Virtuoso Program offers advanced training for string musicians, while music programs include ensembles, theory, composition, and private lessons.



Highlights

Sports: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cross Country Running, Flag Football, Golf, Mountain Biking, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Water Polo

Arts: 2D Art and Design, Art History, Ceramics, Drawing, Film, Film Production, Photography, Studio Art, Studio Art - 3D Design, Theater, Visual Arts, Choir, Classical Guitar Ensemble, Instrumental Ensemble, Music Theory, Piano Ensemble, Sinfonia, Songwriting, Virtuoso Program

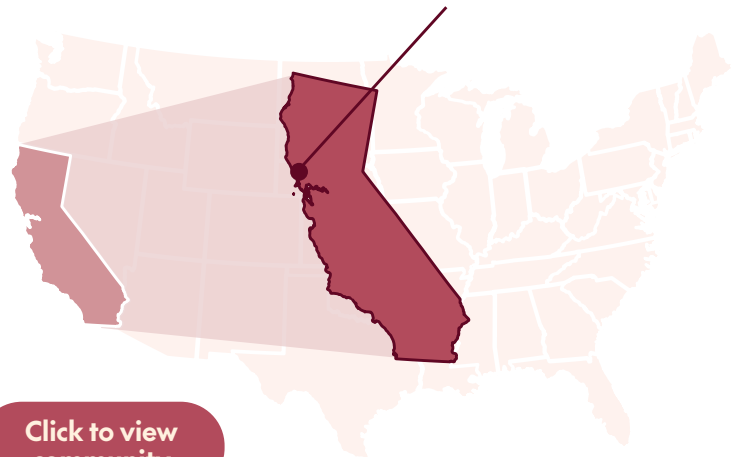
Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art 2D and 3D, US History

Community

San Anselmo is a small town in Marin County with a population of approximately 12,500. San Francisco is located about 18 miles away, offering access to cultural, academic, and professional opportunities. The nearest major airport is San Francisco International Airport (SFO), supporting convenient international travel. The surrounding region provides a safe residential setting with access to outdoor recreation and cultural landmarks.

Climate in San Anselmo

Mediterranean climate with mild winters and dry, warm summers.



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"Being a regional boarder allows me to experience San Domenico in a way few students can; I focus on school work during the week, living with students from around the world, and head home on some weekends. It has given me the tools I need to become a global citizen."

Student

"SD has smaller classes and great teachers that genuinely care about their students and can work with them closely."

Parent

Video

Learn more about the school

