



# The Bay School of San Francisco

## School Profile 2011–2012

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### The Bay School in Brief:

Founded: 2004  
Enrollment in grades 9–12: 280  
Teaching faculty: 37  
Faculty with advanced degrees: 62%  
Student to faculty ratio: 8:1  
Average class size: 14  
Interscholastic teams: 22  
Athletic activities: 9  
Tuition and fees: \$35,780

### Student Backgrounds

Caucasian: 67%  
Hispanic: 3%  
Asian American: 9%  
African American: 2%  
Multiracial: 19%

### Accreditation & Membership

Accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)  
Member—National Association of Independent Schools  
Member—Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)  
Member—National Association of College Admission Counselors  
Member—Secondary School Admission Test Board  
Member—College Board

### Campus & Facilities

The Bay School of San Francisco is a co-educational, college preparatory independent high school located in the Presidio of San Francisco, the nation's largest urban national park. The school was founded in fall 2004 and 280 students in grades 9–12 now attend Bay in its beautifully renovated national historic landmark campus building at 35 Keyes Avenue. The 62,000 square foot campus features 30 classrooms, 3 state-of-the-art science laboratories, a 3,000 square foot library housing a collection of more than 22,000 volumes and connections to 30 databases, an art studio and media lab, as well as spacious student commons and dining room. The campus is fully wireless and provides extensive IT resources. In fall 2011 the new 3,000 square foot Bay School Project Center will open as the home of the Engineering Design and Technology programs, as well as providing additional studio facilities for the fine arts program.

### Founding Mission

In 1995, a group of San Francisco Bay Area educators, community leaders, and parents met with the dream of founding a new independent high school in San Francisco. They had the highest ambitions and the conviction that what was needed was something new, taking the evolution of independent high schools a step further. Their vision focused on the future, considering the knowledge and skills that young people would need in preparation for lives of engagement and leadership in the global community of the 21st century.

### Student Body

The Bay School believes that a broad range of backgrounds, perspectives and experiences play a crucial role in achieving our educational mission, thus we intentionally recruit both students and teachers from diverse cultural, racial, economic, and geographic backgrounds. Students of color represent approximately 30% of the student body. Bay School students come from more than 79 different middle schools—68% from private/independent schools, 18% from public schools, and 14% from Bay Area parochial schools.

### Financial Aid

In order to offer the opportunity of a Bay School education to motivated and qualified students regardless of their economic circumstances, the school provides financial assistance to more than 30% of the student body.

### Curriculum

The Bay School curriculum challenges students to become skilled and versatile problem solvers. Emphasizing depth of content, our courses promote critical thinking and encourage meaningful connections between traditional academic disciplines and a close relationship between academic study and students' lives. The academic program during the freshman and sophomore years addresses a broad foundation of basic skills, structured in an integrated approach. In the junior and senior years, the program is increasingly driven by students' individual interests and talents.

## The Bay School of San Francisco College Acceptances

Bay School students in the first four graduating classes were admitted to more than 258 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. 100% were accepted at leading 4-year institutions including:

American University  
Amherst College  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
Carnegie Mellon University  
College of William and Mary  
University of Chicago  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Colorado College  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Davidson College  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
George Washington University  
Grinnell College  
Hamilton College  
Hampshire College  
Harvey Mudd College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon College  
Lake Forest College  
Lehigh University  
Lewis and Clark College  
Loyola Marymount University  
University of Maryland,  
Honors Program  
University of Michigan  
McGill University  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology  
Middlebury College

Mills College  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Oberlin Conservatory  
Occidental College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
University of Oregon  
Parsons School of Design  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pomona College  
Pratt Institute  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
University of California  
at Berkeley  
University of California at Davis  
University of California  
at Los Angeles  
University of California  
at San Diego  
University of California  
at Santa Barbara  
University of San Francisco  
Saint Mary's College of California  
San Francisco Conservatory  
of Music  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Scripps College  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
University of Southern California  
Stanford University  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
Tisch School of the Arts  
Trinity College (CT)  
Tufts University  
Union College  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Vermont  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wake Forest University  
Wellesley College  
Wheaton College  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## Academic Highlights

- The academic year is divided into trimesters, each twelve weeks in length. Students take four courses each term. Each class meets four times per week, eighty minutes per meeting. Thus, over two trimesters academic classes meet more than ninety times, surpassing the instruction time offered in year-long courses in most semester-based curricula. The schedule enables students to take what amounts to six year-long major courses each year.
- Computing technology is an integral part of the academic experience at Bay. With a one-to-one laptop program in which a laptop is issued to every student and teacher, supported by a wireless campus network, both in-class work and homework are done primarily on laptops. The use of technology is integrated with more traditional educational methodologies to enhance instruction across all disciplines.
- The freshman/sophomore Humanities sequence connects history, literature, social science, religion, and ethics, all unified through a focus on global issues and cultural concerns.
- Bay School students are required to take four years of science and many take five, choosing from a broad range of upper level elective courses involving the application of the sciences in real-world situations.
- The Bay School offers the study of Spanish and Mandarin Chinese through Level 5.
- The Senior Signature Projects program offers an opportunity for all seniors to pursue an area of academic or personal interest in depth with the close guidance of an experienced mentor. Significantly different from senior projects at many high schools, the Bay School program is a requirement for graduation and involves a minimum of 65 hours of field work for which students earn full academic credit for a two-trimester elective course.

## Athletics

The Bay School offers a large, varied, and competitive athletic program. As a member of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Bay Counties' League-Central Division (BCL-Central), Bay teams compete against independent, parochial, and public school teams throughout the Bay Area in 11 different sports. Also, a non-competitive physical activities program offers dance, yoga, rock climbing, weight lifting, hiking and martial arts classes three afternoons each week following the academic day.

## Admission

The Bay School seeks curious, engaged students with varied backgrounds, interests, and talents, who are committed to a challenging college preparatory program. Bay School students are intellectually curious, motivated, and global thinkers who contribute to a kind, welcoming community.



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