CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL ACADEMIES

2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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CAVA School	District Charter Authorizer	CEEB Code
Fresno	Orange Center	054273
Kings	Armona Union Elementary	054277
Los Angeles	West Covina Unified	054271
Maricopa	Maricopa Unified	054275
San Diego	Spencer Valley Elem.	054270
San Joaquin	New Jerusalem Elementary	054221
San Mateo	Jefferson Elementary	054276
Sonoma	Liberty Elementary	054278
Sutter	Meridian Elementary	054272

The California Virtual Academies (CAVA) are a network of charters comprised of nine schools throughout the state of California. **The Mission** of the California Virtual Academies is to provide California students with an excellent education, grounded in high academic standards, which will help them achieve their full academic and social potential.

The core philosophy of the California Virtual Academies is that all young people can achieve academic excellence if they are provided with rigorous instruction, high standards, informed guidance, and individual attention. Although we use the computer as a learning tool, we believe that education is primarily a human endeavor that relies on caring and helpful individuals, involved parents and committed teachers.

First School Opened: 2002

School Enrollment: TK-8: 15,492| **9–12:** 8,447

First Graduating Class: 2007
Accreditation: Western Association of Schools
Memberships: National Association for College Admission Counseling

Faculty and Instruction

All CAVA Teachers are California state-certified and highly qualified in their subject area. These credentialed teachers assign all work, provide daily live instruction, and assess mastery of standards to ensure students are meeting and exceeding state standards and graduate college and career ready.

Academic Integrity: While academic dishonesty has been a problem in education for centuries, there are different issues in virtual schooling. **CAVA** has a team focused on preventing academic integrity issues and identifying best in class tools. CAVA uses technology as well as teacher oversight, and parental involvement to discourage and combat cheating. All CAVA English teachers require students to submit essays to Turnitin.com, a plagiarism prevention tool that checks the originality of the students' written work.
Stride's award-winning curriculum uses interactive, media-rich elements to engage students. The full course catalog offers levels of courses for core subject areas ranging from introductory level to AP and includes a range of electives and world languages

Why a Virtual School?

An online public school is a publicly funded school where learning happens at home. This option **is an alternative to** the local public school and is offered through districts, state agencies, and/or charter schools. Virtual schools exist to serve the students who would thrive best outside the four walls of the traditional classroom. Families may choose CAVA for their students for the following reasons:

- The student is **academically advanced**, and the classroom pace moves too slowly
- The student's family seeks to oversee their student's education while incorporating **religious instruction**
- The student's family seeks **alternative education** to better fit their students' needs
- The student is a **performer** with a busy travel schedule

California Virtual Academy Curriculum Levels

Summit courses meet all academic requirements for graduation and college admissions.
Honors and AP courses hold students to a greater degree of accountability for in-depth study of the subject. Enrollment in these courses requires success in prerequisites. All Honors and AP courses receive an additional GPA point.
Credit Recovery courses allow students who previously failed a class to master essential standards and objectives of the cours

AP Courses

AP Biology
Ap Calculus
AP Chemistry
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Psychology
Ap Statistics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History

Curriculum

Curriculum experts and instructional designers outline learning objectives to be mastered in the course, crafted from educational research, state and national standards, and deep content expertise. Next, the Stride curriculum developers map out a strategy for best accomplishing the established Career & College Prep Program.
The Career & Technical Education (CTE) program focuses on the importance of career readiness education and the amazing opportunities it can provide for youth in high-demand, high-growth job fields. Being part of a CTE program allows students to work towards earning a certification and obtaining technical & workplace skills while completing their high school requirements. Our program continues to offer and enhance our current industry sector offerings of Business and Finance; Marketing, Sales, and Services; Information and Communication Technologies; Arts, Media, and Entertainment; Health Science and Medical Technology, and Hospitality, Tourism, &

Recreation.

Deadlines and Assessment

Because CAVA high school students attend a virtual independent study school, they have flexibility in how they manage the time spent on classwork every day. Students are required to attend live sessions throughout the week with a credentialed teacher and can request additional support with content as needed.

Each student is held responsible for:

Daily attendance during school days and meeting the state-mandated attendance requirements

- Due dates - Teachers expect students to submit course readings, activities, labs, and projects on or before scheduled due dates.
- Maintaining a passing grade of 60% or above

Student Engagement and Support

Communication Techniques: CAVA teachers interact with students and parents through:

- E-mail and instant messenger conversations
- Regularly scheduled and impromptu phone and web
- Online synchronous discussions
- Regularly scheduled virtual and in-person school activities
- "Office hours" held via online collaboration tools

A Day in the Life of a CAVA Student

Logs in to the **Online School** and views their **Student Dashboard** to read news and announcements. Checks **email** for new messages from the school and teachers.
Uses the "**Raise Your Hand**" tool in an online course to ask the geometry teacher a question about last night's homework.
Organizes materials and conducts Chemistry lab – Salts: Precipitation Reactions.
Works through an asynchronous World History **Class Connect recording**. Completes in-class reading assignment and responds to a peer on the threaded discussion board.
Attends **Class Connect live session** discussion of Daisy's character in The Great Gatsby and shares a response via online chat tools or live class discussion.
Completes Spanish II **voice recording** on practicing conversations using new vocabulary.
Emails the guidance counselor college and financial aid applications.
Heads out for **soccer practice**.

School Community

Stride and California Virtual Academy offer a wide range of national and local extracurricular clubs. These provide numerous socialization opportunities for students and families, along with a family directory for those desiring an even greater sense of community.

- Many CAVA students actively participate in both online and offline activities, including:
- Local community service groups
- Team or individual sports
- Music and theater ensembles

Stride offers CAVA students more than 80 national online clubs for high school students through which they can explore many subjects and interests such as Chess Club, Music Club, Graphic Design, Quiz Bowls, and World Language Clubs. Three of the clubs are specifically designed to explore careers and college topics.

Grading Policies

Each student has an individual semester GPA, and a cumulative GPA calculated from the beginning of ninth grade that includes grades from all classes. AP, Honors, and college courses are weighted. Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher are eligible for the honor roll.

STANDARD	Weighted	percentage
A 4.0	**A** 5.0	**A** 90–100
B 3.0	**B** 4.0	**B** 80–89
C 2.0	**C** 3.0	**C** 70–79
D 1.0	**D** 2.0	**D** 60–69
F 0.0	**F** 0.0	**F** >60

Graduation Requirements

CAVA grants a regular high school diploma upon meeting all graduation credit requirements.

- **Engaging demonstrations** to illustrate and explain the toughest concepts in ways no static page (print or Web) could ever match
- **Online and offline science labs** including lab instructions and detailed reports
- **Offline reading materials or activities** including reference guides, problems sets, novels, and textbooks
- **Assessments** that are both teacher-graded and computer – graded to measure mastery of objectives
- **Online content** including summaries and reviews, with more focus on the most challenging and important topics and skil