

Campbell Hall

Studio City, CA, United States



An Episcopal ethos of asking before answering, recast in homegrown Advanced Inquiry courses replacing AP exams in Studio City.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	66/100
University placement	64/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	65/100
Facilities	68/100
Transparency	59/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Campbell Hall has made a clean break with the AP treadmill and replaced it with its own Campbell Hall Advanced Inquiry programme. That is the school’s sharpest point of difference. In a Los Angeles market crowded with college-prep independents that still trade on familiar exam brands, Campbell Hall is backing an internal model built around depth, writing and independent thought. The Episcopal frame matters too, though not in a doctrinal way; the school’s own language of asking before answering captures the tone better. Parents looking for a conventional badge-driven American high school will find this *deliberately idiosyncratic*. Parents who want a school that values intellectual habits over exam accumulation will put it straight on the shortlist.

This is a K-12 day school in Studio City, founded in 1944, with English as the language of instruction, WASC accreditation and a **9:1** student-teacher ratio. That ratio signals real access to adults, and it fits the school's structure: a through-school with separate elementary, middle and high school divisions, plus visible investment in creative writing, arts, film, music, theatre technology and athletics. The average annual day fee across the full ladder is **\$52,890**, which places Campbell Hall firmly in the *expensive*, top-tier US private day market. At that price, parents have a right to expect substance. The bespoke inquiry curriculum, the breadth of arts provision and the coherence of the K-12 setup provide it.

The child who will thrive here is bright, articulate and prepared to engage rather than coast. Campbell Hall suits students who like discussion, can handle open-ended work and want strong arts and co-curricular options without giving up academic seriousness. It also suits families comfortable with an Episcopal school whose religious identity is present in chapel and ethos, not pasted on as branding. Children who want constant external benchmarking, a heavily standardised academic path or a purely transactional route to college admissions have stronger fits elsewhere. Campbell Hall's appeal lies in a more *self-possessed* model: *thoughtful*, *high-expectation* and confident enough to reject the default script.

STRENGTHS

- Episcopal school; clear faith-based identity and chapel.
- Covers ages 5-18 on one co-educational campus.
- American curriculum may ease US university preparation.
- Notable basketball and dance programmes widen options.

TRADE-OFFS

- Day school only; no boarding for overseas families.
- English-only instruction may limit non-native speakers.
- Episcopal identity may not suit non-religious families.

ADMISSIONS

Campbell Hall is a co-educational Episcopal day school in North Hollywood for ages 5-18, with entry spanning elementary (grades K-6), middle (7-8) and high school (9-12). In practice, the main admissions points are likely to fall at the start of those divisions, though the school's public-facing material here does not spell out preferred intake years or capacity by grade. It does, however, separate admissions events by K-6, 7-8 and 9-12, which suggests a fairly structured process by age band rather than one generic route.

The school clearly offers tuition and financial aid, and publishes dedicated admissions pages for both tuition and financial aid, but the excerpt provided does not give thresholds, award levels or whether aid is needs-tested only. Nor does it publish, in the material supplied here, specific deadlines, assessment tools, interview format or required testing. Families should therefore expect a standard independent-school process with age-appropriate review, but will need to check directly for the practical detail. Distinctive elements in the school's wider offer include notable arts provision and strong athletics, especially basketball and dance.

WTS RATING 

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