



Maybeck is an independent, teacher-run, co-educational, college preparatory high school. Founded in 1972, it is a vibrant community dedicated to learning, where all forms of diversity can flourish amid mutual support, respect, and responsibility. Through small classes, high expectations, academic excellence, and programs outside the school, students prepare for college and acquire the tools to engage actively and creatively in the wider world. The school is named after the regional architect, Bernard Maybeck (1862-1957), whose work represents quality and imagination and provides a model for the school's vision of education. Maybeck's concern for the environment and his appreciation for disciplined technique inspired his use of local, natural materials and superb craftsmanship within the existing landscape. The school works to achieve a similar union between the traditional study of academic subject matter and the exploration and appreciation of nature.

Enrollment: Approximately 120 students are enrolled in grades 9 through 12, with an average class size of 12.

Faculty: 25 teachers hold 27 baccalaureate degrees, 15 master's degrees, and 3 doctorates.

Student faculty ratio: 5:1.

Admissions: Applicants are required to visit classes; submit an application, grade reports and teacher recommendations; take a math and English placement test; and interview with two staff members.

Associations: Our curriculum is fully accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and articulated with the University of California and the California State University systems. Maybeck participates in the East Bay Independent School Association and other educational associations.

College Acceptances: Here are some of the institutions to which Maybeck students have been accepted (1998-2009):

Academy of Art College	Evergreen State University	Sarah Lawrence College
Agnes Scott College	Ex'pression College for Digital Arts	Seattle University
Amherst College	Gettysburg College	St. John's College
Arizona State University	Goucher College	St. Mary's College
Bard College	Hampshire College	Stanford University
Barnard College	Haverford College	Swarthmore College
Beloit College	Howard University	University of California, Berkeley,
Bennington College	Johns Hopkins University	UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced,
Boston College	Kalamazoo College	UC Riverside, UC San Diego,
Boston Conservatory	Kenyon College	UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz
Boston University	Knox College	University of Chicago
Bowdoin College	Lehigh University	University of Colorado
Brown University	Lewis and Clark College	University of Massachusetts
Bryn Mawr College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Michigan
Cal Institute of Technology	Loyola New Orleans	University of Mississippi
California College of the Arts	Maclester College	University of Nebraska
California Institute of the Arts	McGill University	University of Notre Dame
California State University Humboldt,	Middlebury College	University of Oregon
CSU Long Beach, CSU Sonoma,	Mills College	University of Puget Sound
CSU Sacramento, CSU San Diego,	M.I.T.	University of Redlands
CSU San Francisco, CSU San Jose,	Mt. Holyoke College	University of Rochester
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	New York School of Visual Arts	University of San Diego
Carleton College	New York University	University of Southern California
Clark University	Northeastern University	University of Texas, Austin
Cleveland Institute of Music	Oberlin College	University of the Pacific
Colorado College	Occidental College	University of the Arts, London
Colorado School of the Mines	Oregon State University	University of Utah
Columbia University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Vermont
Connecticut College	Parsons School of Design	University of Virginia
Cooper Union	Pitzer College	University of Washington
Cornell University	Pomona College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Cornish College of the Arts	Portland State University	Vassar College
Culinary Institute of America	Pratt Institute	Wellesley College
Dominican University	Princeton University	Wesleyan University
Drew University	Reed College	Westmont College
Earlham College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Whittier College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical	Rhode Island School of Design	Whitman College
Emerson College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Willamette University
Eugene Lang College	San Francisco Art Institute	Wooster

Curriculum: Maybeck offers a college preparatory curriculum with the following minimum requirements for graduation: four years of English; three years of mathematics and history; two and a half years of science; two years of foreign language; one year of visual or performing arts; and two years of physical education/health. Students are also required to complete a 60-hour community service project. All courses are taught at a rigorous level, in many cases equivalent to Honors level classes at other high schools.

Advanced Placement & Honors: We offer an Honors designation for Physics, Spanish V and French V. We offer AP Biology, AP Calculus, and AP Environmental Science. Students often elect to take AP exams in subject areas where we do not offer; most students are granted college credit. In 2010, 36 students sat for 61 AP Exams in 12 different subjects. In the Class of 2012, 3 students are Commended Scholars. In 2011, two were Commended Scholars. In 2010, one student was a National Merit Semifinalist; two were Commended Scholars. In 2009, three students were semifinalists and two were Commended Scholars. We had one Commended Student in the Class of 2008. In the Class of 2007, we had one finalist and scholarship winner.

Grading: Grading standards are stringent in all classes. Grading is based on an A-F scale, with pluses and minuses (A+ = 4.3). Passing mark is D; college-recommending mark is C. Students are granted an extra grade point for grades of C or better earned in AP and Honors level courses. GPA is computed on the basis of all courses, excluding physical education, health, and other non-academic coursework. Our typical graduating class size is 25-30 students. Because of these small numbers, we do not rank our students.

Costs: For the 2011-2012 school year, the basic cost is \$24,000. The tuition is \$23,000; in addition, a \$1,000 fee covers primarily the fall and spring camping trips, as well as miscellaneous expenses such as the yearbook and summer reading. Books, art materials, and Special Program costs are charged separately.

Financial Aid: Maybeck dedicates 25 to 28 percent of its annual operating budget towards need-based financial aid. Forty-five percent of our students receive tuition assistance. The school awards travel grants to third or fourth year students on financial aid who have not been able to travel during Special Programs. There are full scholarships available to ten percent of our students who have demonstrated financial need, who have academic promise, and who would contribute to the cultural and racial diversity of the student body.

Student Body: Approximately 45 percent of our students come from Oakland, Piedmont, and Alameda; approx. 40 percent live in Berkeley and neighboring cities to the north; and the remaining 15 percent are from Contra Costa County, San Francisco or Marin. About two-thirds of Maybeck students come from public schools and one third from private/independent schools. Students of color represent 36 percent of the student body.

Location/School Facilities: Maybeck is the closest independent high school in the world to the University of California, Berkeley, an easy 10-minute walk from our open campus. We are just south of the Julia Morgan Theater and just north of the Elmwood shopping district, between Garber and Forest streets, in the education wing of St. John's Center. Although the school is not affiliated with the church, its sanctuary, social hall, and courtyard are often used for school functions. Our classrooms include computer and science labs.

Transportation: We encourage students and faculty to take public transportation, walk, or bicycle to school. Maybeck is roughly equidistant from the Rockridge, Ashby, and downtown Berkeley BART stations. AC Transit bus lines 1, 1R, 49, 51B, and 851 all stop at our block or within a few blocks of our campus.

Camping Trips/Special Programs/Clubs/Extracurricular Activities: The school year begins and ends with inter-disciplinary, community-building camping trips. Special Programs, a two-week intersession each spring, includes programs such as mural painting, bookmaking, digital photography, fencing, organic gardening, kite building, surfing, snowboarding, and bicycle touring. Student groups have traveled to New York, New Orleans, China, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Japan, Vietnam, England, Guatemala, Cuba, France, Belize, Spain, Greece, Peru, Italy, and Mexico. Each year, two students are elected to the Rules Committee, the disciplinary arm of the school. Student clubs include anime, improv, environmental, photography, gardening, salsa dancing, volleyball, and the Black Student Union. The Full Moon Club offers backpacking trips. Students produce and direct four theater productions every year, publish a yearbook and literary journal, and organize events through the Student Activities Committee, including film festivals, dances, and themed dress-up days. Students receive Independent Study credit for a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including music, sports, dance, and circus arts.