

# Besant Hill School

## Ojai, California



### Address

8585 Ojai Santa Paula Road  
Ojai, California 93023  
[www.besanthill.org](http://www.besanthill.org)

**Founded:** 1946

### Enrollment

Day and Boarding School (approx. 85% boarding)

**Grades:** 9 through 12

### Student Body

100 students from 22 countries and 10 states; 40% international

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 4:1

**Average Class Size:** 10

**Campus Size:** 520 acres

### Location

Besant Hill School is surrounded by panoramic views of the Topa Topa Mountains and the Ojai Valley, just 40 minutes from Santa Barbara and 90 minutes northwest of Los Angeles.

### Airport

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)

### Climate

Warm and sunny year-round

### Modern Languages Available

French, and Spanish

**Religious Affiliation:** None

### Uniforms

Uniforms are not required, but there is a Dress Code for all students to follow.

### Academics

The mission of Besant Hill School is the development of each individual's intellectual and artistic abilities, with the goal of developing a life-long habit of learning. The rigorous college preparatory curriculum is balanced with experiential learning, a practice that engages students in active, hands-on learning. Besant Hill also offers an additional Instructional Support Program (ISP) which is designed to meet the needs of all students, and offers support for students with mild learning differences and academic challenges through three different levels.

### Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

10 available including: English Literature & Composition, US History, Human Geography, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, Economics, Environmental Science, French and Spanish.

### ESL Program

The English as a Second Language Program provides students, who are not native speakers of English, with a complete immersion experience, and ensures they have all necessary credits for college acceptance. The program includes three levels to ensure growth and progress.

### Success Rate

100% of students are accepted to a 4 year college or university.

### Campus Life

Besant Hill is located on a 520 acre rural campus at the foot of the Topa Topa mountain range. The campus features classroom buildings, six residential dormitories, a dining commons, aquatic center, state-of-the-art theater and recording studio, darkroom, digital design lab, extensive visual art studio space, science laboratories, a six-acre organic farm and a small student-maintained herb garden. Students will generally live with one other student in one of the spacious dormitories, with access to lounge and common areas.

### Activities

In addition to athletics and fitness, Besant Hill offers nearly 30 programs in music, performing arts, and digital/visual arts, as well as Outdoor Education. Lots of exciting weekend trips are also offered in the surrounding areas including Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, as well as the local beaches.

### Sports

Boys and Girls teams include: Basketball, Cross Country (Co-ed), Soccer, Swimming, and Volleyball. Additional fitness programs include: Aquatics, CrossFit, Dance, Golf, Media Team, Surfing, Tennis, Weight Training and Yoga.



## College Acceptances

American Musical & Dramatic Academy  
 Antioch College  
 Baldwin Wallace University  
 Bard College  
 Beloit College  
 Bennington College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Brandeis University  
 Brigham Young University  
 Brooks Institute of Photography  
 California College of the Arts  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University - Channel Islands  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Columbia College  
 Dean College  
 DigiPen Institute of Technology  
 Eckerd College  
 Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
 Goucher College  
 Green Mountain College  
 Grinnell College

Hamilton College  
 Hampshire College  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hendrix College  
 Humboldt State University  
 Irvine Valley College  
 John Cabot University  
 Kendall College  
 Kent State University  
 Marlboro College  
 Marquette University  
 Marymount California University  
 Michigan State University  
 Mills College  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Naropa University  
 New York Film Academy  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Ohio State University  
 Oregon State University  
 Otis College of Art & Design  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Portland State University  
 Pratt Institute  
 Purchase College

Purdue University  
 Reed College  
 Regis University  
 San Diego State University  
 San Jose State University  
 Santa Monica College  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Stanford University  
 Stony Brook University  
 Syracuse University  
 The American University of Paris  
 The Evergreen State College  
 The New School  
 Trinity College  
 Tufts University  
 University of Arizona  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of California - Davis  
 University of California - Irvine  
 University of California - Los Angeles

University of California - Riverside  
 University of California - San Diego  
 University of California - Santa Barbara  
 University of California - Santa Cruz  
 University of Colorado - Boulder  
 University of Denver  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign  
 University of Madrid  
 University of Nevada - Las Vegas  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Puget Sound  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin  
 Ventura College  
 Whittier College