



**TAKING FLIGHT SINCE 1991**



For more than 30 years, The Grauer School has been a courageous leader in grades 7-12 small school education. Grauer kids get into the colleges of their choice. They also win generous scholarships. But most unusual, they love the experience of coming to school. Imagine that.



## THE DIFFERENCE

A student too easily falls through the cracks in today's big, regimented schools. With fewer chances for informal and personal discovery, the educational experience can become hollow or lonely. Many students will have no idea how different things can be. That's a tragedy.

In Grauer's environment, young minds tend to light up. Academic mastery doesn't become a dreaded burden. Natural curiosity finds a place. Comfortable, meaningful relationships develop. The heart and hands are as involved as the brain. This is what every parent wants for a child.

My creativity and resourcefulness were unlocked at Grauer. I loved the connections with teachers. *~Kristin Hansen, Alumna*







## UPSIDE DOWN

Our secret is turning academic conventions upside down. In no small part, we do this by reviving tried and true teaching principles forged in America's one-room schoolhouses... principles that so many of today's educational programs have abandoned. We stress reason over rote, dialog over drilling. At Grauer, students learn to think, not just take tests. They learn to develop their ideas and values with courage, not just recite facts and figures. They learn to make a difference, not just advance their own interests.

A beautiful, inviting and safe environment where it is obvious that students are meaningfully engaged in their education.

*~WASC Accrediting Commission*

## A MILLION MILES

We are an independent school of 160 students with 35 fully credentialed teachers and over 130 courses. Our optimal class size cap is 12. Our student to teacher ratio is 7 to 1. This arrangement gives each child a valuable sense of focus and belonging.

The structure supports our long-held educational priorities: Socratic discussion and discovery. One-on-one teacher contact. Curriculum balance. Personalized college guidance. Expeditionary learning that enriches our kids' geographic and cultural awareness. Grauer students have traveled on expeditions with their teachers over a million miles to explore diverse communities in more than 25 states and 25 nations. Invariably they come home more informed and compassionate.







## DELIVERING ON A PROMISE

Decades of research show that students in small schools outperform their large school counterparts. They earn higher grade point averages and superior reading scores. They score higher on standardized achievement tests.

Over the past three years, Grauer's seniors have been accepted to 85% of all colleges to which they applied and to 93% of their top two choices. They have amassed \$6.1 million in scholarship offers. These are achievements unmatched by any school in the region.

After a quarter-century, the evidence is compelling that Grauer's learning culture delivers what it promises. Our impact is apparent in our students' growth, our families' tireless support, our alumni's impressive achievements, and the national respect we have earned from the colleges that inherit Grauer graduates.

## SIX GREEN ACRES

Our beautiful, safe, state-of-the-art campus is in perfect harmony with Grauer's educational ideals. Set on six green acres in Encinitas, a Southern California coastal suburb, the certified LEED GOLD campus includes a two-acre ecological preserve; a garden, greenhouse and orchard planted by students; a teaching kitchen; and an indoor-outdoor art studio. We have basketball and volleyball courts, a fitness center, a generously outfitted recording studio, a stunning Performing Arts center, and a Great Hall hosting year-round educational, musical, and community events.

Beyond the intimate, comfortable classrooms, our fully equipped laboratories, including a STEAM Innovation Lab, enable students to explore computer technologies, robotics, physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and arts across the curriculum. Grauer's extensive van fleet turns our region into a robust geological and sociological learning resource.

Exemplary core curriculum, extensive arts and sciences, all-season sports, committed teachers.  
School as it should be. ~Patti Worthen, Alumni parent





## ON THE MAP

Grauer is the only UNESCO affiliate school in our region, distinguishing us as one of 11 “Centers for Innovation” in the United States. We were named one of *Outside Magazine*’s top ten places to work in the nation. We’ve been named one of three “exemplary private schools” by *San Diego Magazine*. The Northwest Regional Labs identified us as one of 37 outstanding private schools in the United States.

The Grauer School has been at the heart of a multi-national educational movement. We founded the SMALL SCHOOLS COALITION whose growing membership has been advancing the transformative merits of small school college preparation for a decade.







## WIDE AWAKE

For obvious reasons, Grauer faculty, administrators, board members and alumni are proud to be celebrating over a quarter century as an Encinitas institution.

Foremost among the things that keep us inspired are the impressions of college administrators. They tell us consistently that our graduates are unusually well qualified for the academic and social rigors of higher education. In fact, 90% of them receive Bachelors degrees within six years. Our kids show up for college with all five senses wide awake and a thoughtful head on their shoulders.

This, after all, is why we do what we do.

You have a miracle going on here, and we love being a part of it. ~Howard Pearl, Parent

## A VISIT IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

We invite you and your family to explore The Grauer School for yourselves. Start at [grauerschool.com](http://grauerschool.com) to review our curriculum, robust extracurricular activities and athletic programs. Have a look at the impressive list of colleges to which our students have been accepted over the last few years. See what our alumni and parent associations are up to. Read Dr. Grauer's Column for some insight into our approach and outlook.

Then step onto our welcoming campus. Once here, it won't take you long to discover that great educations really do come in small packages. A walk-through will help you decide if Grauer is right for your child's college preparation. The back cover of this booklet includes all you need to schedule a visit.

We would be pleased if all our candidates presented a curriculum as well balanced as this. ~Office of Admissions, University of San Diego







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