



Cambrian Academy

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Cambrian Academy Reviews ★★★★★ 45 reviews

4.5

overall star rating
45 reviews

★★★★★



★★★★★

My son spent a year at Cambrian, and our family is very pleased with his achievements.

It's a lovely and friendly little school. The headmaster is especially attentive to advising final-year students on university choices. The school dedicates a session every Tuesday afternoon for students to discuss their concerns with teachers...

Thank you, Headmaster Mr Delgado, and thank you to all the teachers at the school!

Wishing the headmaster, the teachers, and their families good health. May Cambrian continue to grow and remain a warm home for its students.

Parent • 2 days ago • [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

Choosing Cambrian was one of the best decisions we made for our son and daughter. They both joined Cambrian in fifth grade. Our daughter joined the 2nd semester. She was much younger than her classmates and recovering from a serious leg injury. The staff immediately made her feel welcome and helped her succeed. She just graduated high school, earned 5 associate degrees from Foothill College, and acceptances from 17 colleges, including Johns Hopkins and UC Berkeley, and > 500k in scholarships.

What impressed us most was how willing Cambrian was to tailor her education to her abilities. The school supported her in completing high school requirements early and taking community college classes while remaining a HS student. Both children joined and led multiple clubs and were part of the clay target team, which they love.

We would highly recommend Cambrian to families looking for a school that challenges students, values individuality, and meets each student at their academic level.

Parent • 18 hours ago • [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

My daughter attended Cambrian Academy from Grade 8 until graduation as an international student from Japan. When she first enrolled, she could only write two sentences in English. A teacher gave her the choice between staying in ESL or challenging herself in the regular, demanding classes. She chose the challenge, and that decision changed her life.

With patient, personalized support and academically rigorous classes, she grew in ways we never imagined. She also gained volunteer experiences she would never have had in Japan. By the time she graduated, she had developed enough skill and confidence to be accepted to one of the most prestigious universities in the United States.

Cambrian Academy is a small school, but the dedication and impact are enormous. We are deeply grateful for everything they did for our daughter.

Parent • 2 days ago • [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

My experience at this school was fun and memorable. Everyone is very close to each other, which creates a friendly and welcoming environment. The teachers also care about each student and are always willing to help.

Senior • 2 days ago • [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

Mr Delgado is always personally engaged at each and every step giving the attention, care and focus including personalized learning path. The staff as well goes above and beyond. The rigor is high and our daughter progressed really well with the attention to details on academics, college prep and applications.

School premises are very safe, very friendly and respectful environment for kids to feel psychologically safe.

Parent • 2 days ago • [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

The engagement and support my son and I received from the teachers is unrivaled. Starting from Day 1 all the way to graduation. I am deeply grateful and thankful to Cambrian Academy without who, my son would not have graduated high school. He was severely impacted by the COVID Pandemic and the lock down, the public school system had no solution and the only thing they could offer was for him to continue in High School as a failure and they would allow him to walk with his class at graduation but there would be no diploma. Cambrian educated and turned him into a success, prepared him for college. At the end, he was accepted to 5 colleges!

Parent · 2 days ago · [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

My mom chose this school for me when we first moved to California. At first I was worried that it would be a rigid private school that I would hate, turns out it's a pretty cool place. The staff here are very passionate about what they do and everything revolves around how the students can best succeed. I specifically liked how the school seemed to actually focus on what the students want to study, and not just what they are forced to know to graduate. I wanted to go into zoology, so they gave me animal science classes. Im already ahead of my education and I haven't even walked into the doors of my college yet. I recommend Cambrian academy.

Parent · 12 months ago · [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

I graduated from Cambrian Academy in San Jose and now I'm in college, so I want to share my experience. I started at Cambrian in 10th grade as an international student, and honestly, it was a great decision. The school is small, which I loved because the teachers really knew me and cared about my success. They helped me a lot with my English and prepared me for college with tough classes. The best part is the college prep program. They guided me through applications and essays, which made getting into college so much easier. I also made close friends from all over the world, and we still keep in touch. Cambrian felt like a second home, and I'd recommend it to anyone looking for a supportive, tight-knit school.

Alum · 12 months ago · [Overall Experience](#)

★★★★★

As a parent, I'm incredibly grateful for the impact Cambrian Academy has had on my child. The small class sizes and one-on-one attention made a huge difference, especially during challenging times. The teachers truly cared and were always there to help him whenever he struggled. Cambrian challenged him academically while allowing him to move ahead, he completed advanced math early and took on college level work in high school. Beyond academics, he also developed leadership skills as Student Council President and Vice President of the Interact Club. Thanks to Cambrian's support and encouragement, he graduated as valedictorian of his class with honors. Cambrian helped him grow into a confident, disciplined, independent young man, fully prepared to face the tough college environment. I highly recommend Cambrian Academy to any family looking for a supportive and rigorous school.

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★★★★★

I think the literature class really helped me prepare for college GE writing courses, as it made it easier for me to earn A's in those classes. This allowed me to focus more on my major courses and gave me extra time for internships and research in my first year.

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★★★★★

Cambrian Academy helps students grow academically and personally. The small classes and one-on-one attention gave me the support I needed, especially during tough times. The teachers truly care, understand their students, and are always available. The academic program is rigorous but flexible. I completed advanced math early and took college-level courses in high school. When I fell behind, Cambrian provided me the tools and resources to recover and became more disciplined. As Student Council President and Interact Club Vice President, I organized events, led service projects, and learned to lead and collaborate. I was selected by Cambrian to attend RYLA, a leadership program that helped me gain confidence and speak up. I also mentored others and grew through that responsibility. Cambrian made me more focused, independent, and ready for what's next. I highly recommend Cambrian Academy to anyone seeking one-on-one support and a strong foundation for college.

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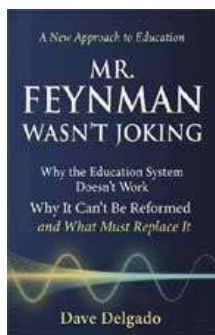
I like the small class sizes and the relationships between students and staff. Staff us really able to tailor lessons to the group classroom taking more or less time as needed. No students get overlooked left behind. There is a concentrated effort to make sure students gain the proper mastery needed before moving on.

One thing I would change is pe grading.

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School Reviews

★★★★★ 5.00 out of 5 (8 reviews)

★★★★★ 7/11/2025

I am a Cambrian Academy alum, now in college, and I want to share my thoughts on my time there. I joined as an international student in 10th grade, and it was one of the best decisions I made. The school was small, but the teachers really got to know me and helped me improve my English. The absolute best part was the community; everyone, from teachers to classmates, felt like family. I made lifelong friends from different countries, and we had so much fun in clubs and school events. Cambrian's focus on college prep was a game-changer, making my university applications smoother. I'd recommend this school to anyone who wants a supportive, welcoming place to grow.

- Posted by Student/Alumni - Jimmy

★★★★★ 6/27/2025

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- Posted by Parent - sandeep

★★★★★ 6/20/2025

My son attended Cambrian Academy from 6th-12th grade, and it was the best decision of our lives. He is a bright child, and his classes were able to be individualized to meet his needs. You aren't just a student at Cambrian, but rather part of a family. Before he was driving, I would often wait 20-30 minutes for my son after school because he would be visiting with all the teachers. Then when he was driving to school, Angela (best admin ever!!!) would often have to finally kick him out because she was "locking up for the day." Not many schools can say they need to force their high schoolers to leave campus. If you are looking for a school that will cater to your child's academic needs, treat them like family, and do all they can to help you be ready for college, then Cambrian is the spot for you.

- Posted by Parent - Selenia

★★★★★ 6/20/2025

Cambrian Academy is one of the best small prep schools in the San Jose area. Mr. Delgado and all the teachers work hard at getting your kid to the right college. Both my kids are in Berkeley, thanks in part to the effort from the school in getting them to do the right courses and also helping with their extracurricular activities.

- Posted by Parent - Arul

★★★★★ 6/20/2025

Cambrian Academy is a school that focuses on helping students grow both academically and personally. The small class sizes and one-on-one attention gave me the support I needed to improve, especially during times when I struggled. The teachers take time to understand their students and are always available to help. They care about your progress and make sure you're moving forward with confidence. The academic program is challenging but flexible. I was able to complete advanced math courses early and take on college-level work while still in high school. When I fell behind, the school gave me the tools and support to recover and get back on track. That experience helped me become more disciplined and responsible. Cambrian also gave me the chance to grow as a leader. As Student Council President and Vice President of the Interact Club, I organized events and led service projects. I gained leadership experience and learned how to work with others, communicate clearly, and make a difference in my school community. The school encouraged me to try new things, both inside and outside the classroom. Programs like RYLA helped me become more confident meeting new people and more comfortable speaking up. I also had the chance to help others grow into leaders, which taught me a lot about responsibility and mentorship. Cambrian helped me become more focused, independent, and ready for what comes next. I definitely recommend Cambrian Academy for anyone looking for that one-on-one support and wanting to become a stronger and more independent person prepared and ready for the tough college environment. It's a school where you're challenged to grow, supported when you need it, and given the space to become the best version of yourself.

- Posted by Student/Alumni - Varun

★★★★★ 6/12/2017

My son, Sam, started at Cambrian Academy this year, as a sophomore. Best decision we ever made. The school has changed his life, and ours. Sam is very bright but has never liked school. But he loves it now. For the first time, ever, he's engaged, committed, happy, and intellectually curious. He loves the school community, the excellence of the teaching and the flexibility that comes with a small school. He's enjoyed learning about other countries by getting to know the international students and appreciates their focus and commitment to getting to college.

- Posted by Parent - Liza Hanks



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★★★★★ 6/12/2017

My son Sam started at Cambrian in 2016 as a 10th grader. He is very bright but has never (really) liked school before. Cambrian Academy has changed his life (and ours). He is engaged, excited to learn, enthusiastic and thoughtful. He is enjoying the quality of teaching, the flexibility the school has in tailoring curriculum to his interests and the international student body--he's enjoyed learning about other countries and he appreciates the energy and seriousness with which international students approach high school. We couldn't be happier with Cambrian.

- Posted by Parent - Cambrian Academy

★★★★★ 4/9/2012

Here are just a few of the many reasons I believe Cambrian Academy is the best school in the area. 1) The teachers are incredibly dedicated. They cheerfully give my child extra help during lunch breaks and after school. They love to teach and it shows in their preparation, presentation of subject matter, and enthusiasm. 2) The class sizes are small. The average is 10 per class. Students sit around a conference table so everyone is fully engaged in the discussions. 3) The administration cares about meeting the needs of every student. Because of the school size, it is able to help nurture each person's strengths while addressing his weaknesses. 4) Students are placed according to ability, not age. This has resulted in some being accelerated by 4 or 5 grades. 5) Communication from administration and teachers is superb. My child's grades, attendance, and homework are all accessible online. Just a few clicks of the mouse and I can view her progress or contact any teacher. If you believe the skills necessary for success are obtained through stellar education given by knowledgeable, caring teachers, I urge you to take a tour.

- Posted by Parent - Imdoh

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