

# Schools Move To Single-Sex Education

Nationwide trend emphasizes the advantages for boys and their specific learning needs.

ANAHEIM • As the nationwide trend toward single-sex education increases, the emphasis is on all boys' schools with advocates saying that the traditional coed system does not meet the needs of our nation's young men.

St. Catherine's Academy, a kindergarten through eighth grade Catholic school in Anaheim, believes strongly in the benefits of all boys' education and has been using this model for the majority of its 120-year history.

"Anyone who has worked with children knows that there are differences between boys and girls when it comes to learning," says Sister Johnellen Turner, OP, the principal at St. Catherine's.

According to Turner, there are research-based 'best practices' that teachers can follow to create the

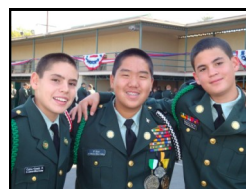
optimum learning environment for boys. "We use a variety of techniques to design lessons and classrooms that meet the specific learning needs of boys."

The key for St. Catherine's, says Turner, is to let each boy grow at his own pace.

St. Catherine's Academy is now enrolling day and boarding students for the To find out more about their unique all boys' program, visit their website at [www.Academy.org](http://www.Academy.org).



Fifth graders at St. Catherine's work on a math project. Research shows that boys learn best by actively experiencing knowledge.



Boys at single-sex schools are more likely to develop long-lasting friendships. The Catholic tradition of St. Catherine's further fosters a spirit of brotherhood.



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## Four Myths About All Boys' Schools

*Sister Johnellen Turner, OP, of St. Catherine's Academy dispels some popular myths about all boys' schools.*

### 1. Boys already have the advantage in our education system.

Traditional elementary schools, which expect children to sit quietly and listen, actually favor the learning styles of girls. At St. Catherine's, teachers capitalize on boys' natural curiosity and energy by incorporating movement and hands-on learning tools.

### 2. All boys' schools focus on sports, not a well-rounded education.

Students at all boys' schools feel more free to explore a variety of subject areas. St. Catherine's students are interested in sports, but many of our young men also play in the band, write poetry, take piano lessons, and participate in the fine arts.

### 3. All boys' schools are chaotic. After all, boys will be boys.

Boys are able to handle responsibility from a very young age. The military tradition of St. Catherine's is key to providing the structure, expectations, and peer leadership that boys need to stay focused and reach their fullest potential.

### 4. All boys' schools are the best option for every young man.

As an all boys' school, St. Catherine's is the right fit for many young men because we design our program to meet the unique educational needs of boys. However, I encourage every parent to consider the specific needs of their son when choosing a school.