

Overview

AIM Academy is an institution committed to providing **extraordinary educational opportunities to children with language-based learning differences** such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia, utilizing research-based intervention strategies and an arts-based learning environment that is college preparatory in scope and sequence.

As a dual-mission school, AIM is also a center for educational excellence and professional development to disseminate best practices to educators by providing access to the latest research-based curriculum, technology, and training.

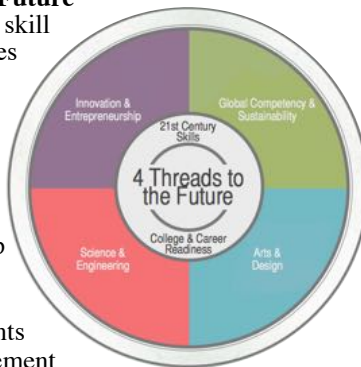
AIM at a Glance

- 2019-2020 enrollment grades 1-12: 386
- 2019-2020 enrollment grades 9-12: 163
- Class of 2019 enrollment: 32
- Average class size: 12
- Student to teacher ratio: 5 to 1
- School community draws from more than 80 zip codes
- 100% of AIM graduates who have applied to college have been accepted to college

Curriculum

The AIM Upper School curriculum is built on a comprehensive, full immersion, literacy and arts program. Student curricular choices are focused on the **Four Threads to the Future** framework that builds a 21st Century skill portfolio based around core humanities and literacy instruction:

- Arts & Design
- Global Competency & Social Sustainability
- Science & Engineering
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship



Academic Endorsement

An application-based program, students are able to earn an Academic Endorsement by focusing their courses and extracurriculars on a particular Thread. Guided by a mentor, each endorsement has a set of research, writing, presentation, and service requirements that ask students to go beyond typical coursework at AIM. Current endorsements offered: **Global Scholar**.

Senior Seminar

A cornerstone of the Upper School experience, Senior Seminar is an interdisciplinary Literature, History, Science, and Arts course collection. Students typically enroll in three or more of these courses and study through the lens of a specific country.

This in-depth study is then paired with a travel-learning expedition, capstone presentation, and a major research paper accompanied by a 3D artifact reflecting their research. All Seniors must complete the rigorous coursework and this series of tasks in order to graduate. The Class of 2019 will be learning about and traveling to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Athletics + Clubs

AIM is a member of the Tri-County Independent School League. Approximately 95% of students participate in after-school activities.

Accreditation

AIM is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS), is a Wilson Accredited Partner, a P21 Exemplar School, and a member the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).



Dual Enrollment

AIM maintains active partnerships with Arcadia University, Cabrini University, Drexel University's Close School of Entrepreneurship, the University of the Arts, and Montgomery County Community College. Seniors are able to earn college credits with these partners taking classes on college campuses, taught by college professors. The goal of this program is to help students understand what it takes to be successful at the college level.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 years of English / Language Arts
- 3 years of History / Humanities (4 years recommended)
- 3 years of Mathematics (4 years recommended)
- 2 years of Latin (or comparable)
- 3 years of Lab Sciences (4 years recommended)
- 1 blended (partially online/in-person) course (unless accommodations require otherwise)
- 8 semester long electives (as accommodations allow)
- Senior Capstone
- 100 hours of community service

Honors Course Offerings

AIM offers a limited selection of Honors courses in addition to its college-preparatory curriculum. The maximum number of Honors courses offered for the Class of 2020 are: 1 course Freshman year, 3 courses Sophomore year, 4 courses Junior year, and 1 course Senior year. Due to small classes, and scheduling constraints, a student may not always be able to enroll in the most intensive courses offered. The College Counselor will note this in the secondary school report on an individual basis.

Letter Grades + Grade Points

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| A | 94-100 (4.0) | A- | 90-93 (3.7) | B+ | 87-89 (3.3) |
| B | 83-86 (3.0) | B- | 80-82 (2.7) | C+ | 77-89 (2.3) |
| C | 73-76 (2.0) | C- | 70-72 (1.7) | D+ | 67-69 (1.3) |
| D | 63-66 (1.0) | F | <60 (0.0) | | |

Grade Point Average + Class Rank

GPA is calculated on a weighted 4.0 scale. Honors courses receive a +1.063 grade point multiplier and College courses receive +1.25 grade point multiplier. AIM does not rank its students. Class of 2020 middle 50% GPA: 3.20-3.75

Standardized Admission Testing

AIM students take the ACT exam. This exam is not reflected on student transcripts. Students also complete an in-house ACT prep program.

Course Reporting

All attempted courses are reported on the AIM transcript, unless they are dropped by October 1, the official Add/Drop date. Transcripts including courses, credits, or years completed at other schools will accompany the AIM transcript with the student's admission documentation. This coursework is not included in the student's GPA.

Disciplinary Reporting

AIM reports all suspensions and expulsions from 9th grade forward, if directly requested by the college or university. If a student is expelled, suspended, or placed on disciplinary probation after an application has been filed with a college, the College Counseling office will contact colleges to report this change in status.

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AIM Academy Alumni College Acceptances and Attendance of Classes 2015-2019 totaling 113 Graduates

*Indicates schools attended by AIM graduates

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| Adelphi University | Embry-Riddle Aero* | Lynn University* | Slippery Rock University |
| Albright College | Fairfield University | Marist College | St. Mary's Col of California |
| Alvernia College | Fairleigh Dickinson Univ | Maryland Inst College of Art* | Stetson University |
| American University* | Fayetteville State Univ | Marymount Manhattan College | Stevens Institute of Tech |
| Arcadia University | Flagler College | Marywood University | Stevenson University* |
| Babson College | Flat Rock Comm College* | Mount Saint Mary's University | SUNY Oneonta |
| Bard College | Florida Gulf Coast Univ | McDaniel College* | SUNY Stony Brook |
| Barry University | Florida Inst of Technology | Mercyhurst University | Susquehanna University* |
| Baylor University | Franklin & Marshall Coll* | Miami University- Ohio | Syracuse University* |
| Beacon College | Gettysburg College | Michigan State University | Temple University* |
| Beloit College | Goucher College* | Middlesex University | The New School- Eugene Lang |
| Berklee College of Music | Guilford College* | Millersville University* | Towson University |
| Birkbeck University | Gwynedd Mercy Univ* | Misericordia College | Union College |
| Bloomsburg University* | Hampton University | Mitchell College* | University of Alabama |
| Bryant University | High Point University* | Monmouth University | University of Arizona* |
| Bucknell University | Hobart & William Smith Coll | Montclair State University | University of Cincinnati |
| Cabrini University* | Hofstra University* | Montgomery County CC* | Univ of Colorado, Boulder |
| Cal Poly State University* | Holy Names University | Moore College of Art | University of Delaware* |
| Castleton University | Hood College | Muhlenberg College | University of East London* |
| Champlain College* | Howard University | Neumann University | University of Hartford* |
| Cinema Make-Up School | Humboldt State University | Oberlin College* | University of Massachusetts |
| Clark Atlanta University | Immaculata University | Ohio University | University of Miami* |
| Clark University | Indian River State College* | Pace University | University of Michigan |
| Clemson University | Indiana University* | Penn State University* | University of Minnesota |
| Coastal Carolina University | Ithaca College* | PA Academy of Fine Arts | University of New Hampshire |
| College of Charleston* | Jacksonville University | Pratt Institute* | University of Oregon |
| College of New Jersey | James Madison University | Prescott College* | University of Pittsburgh* |
| Colorado State Univ | Jefferson University* | Queens University Canada* | University of Scranton |
| Columbia Coll Chicago* | Johnson & Wales University | Quinnipiac University | University of South Carolina |
| Curry College* | Juniata College* | Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst | University of Tampa* |
| Delaware County CC* | Kalamazoo College | Rider University | University of the Arts* |
| Delaware Valley University* | Keene State College | Rochester Institute of Tech | Univ of the Arts - London* |
| Dickinson College | Kent State University | Roger Williams University | University of Vermont* |
| Drew University | Kenyon College | Rollins College | Ursinus College |
| Drexel University* | Kutztown University | Rosemont College | Ursuline College |
| Duquesne University* | Landmark College* | Rutgers University | Villanova University* |
| East Stroudsburg Univ | La Salle University | Saint Joseph's University* | Virginia Commonwealth* |
| Eastern University | Lebanon Valley College | Salve Regina University | Washington College* |
| Earlham College | Lincoln University | Sarah Lawrence College | West Chester University* |
| Eckerd College* | Loyola Marymount Univ* | Savannah College of A & D* | West Virginia Wesleyan Col |
| Edge Hill University | Loyola Univ Maryland | Shippensburg University* | Whitworth University |
| Elizabethtown College* | Loyola Univ New Orleans* | Simmons College | Widener University* |
| Elon University* | Lycoming College | Skidmore College | Worcester Polytechnic Inst* |