



Student Experience

SMA provides an education that will challenge your child

- **ReadyGen Literacy** curriculum.
- Next Generation Science Standards with a **dedicated Science teacher** for grades 3-5.
- **enVision Mathematics 2020** curriculum
- **Orchestra** opportunities begin in 1st grade.
- **Band** opportunities begin in 3rd grade.
- All-Academy **musical** every other year.

Grounded in Community

Your child will develop a love of learning guided by a supportive community

- **Assemblies** every other week.
- **Public speaking** opportunities.
- Boys **Mentoring Program** with Middle School.
- High School National **Honor Society** members tutor Lower School students in all subjects.
- Cross divisional **collaboration** with Middle School and High School.
- **Parents** are welcomed and valued partners.



Making a Difference

SMA helps students develop a strong moral character

- **100%** of students participate in community service.
- **Classroom community service** projects.
- Late Start/Great Start program raises money for local **charities**.

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I love my teachers because they always help me if I'm struggling, and they don't give up until we understand.”

~ Lower School student

We can't wait to meet you!

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Prepared to Lead

Your child will be prepared for leadership in a global society

- Students in grades 3-5 can apply to become **Loretto Leaders**, presenting and speaking at assemblies, Mass and Admissions tours.
- 4th and 5th grade **ECO Week** develops leadership and team building skills.

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It's been all that we had hoped for and then some. We have been delighted with the teachers and their investment in the whole student.

~ Lower School parent

Student Wellness

Your child will be supported socially and emotionally

- Focus on kindness and empathy utilizing **Second Step** curriculum.
- **One full time counselor** on staff for Lower and Middle School.
- **Health Fair** each year features parents in the healthcare field and brings other health professionals to campus.
- **PAWS** Positive Behavior Program.
- **P.E. included** in specials program.
- Part-time **nurse** and **health staff**.
- Two dedicated **Instructional Specialists** to help students and train teachers.
- Optional competitive **intramural sports** during lunch.
- Four vertical **gardens**.



Integrated Technology

Your child will practice the process of design, logical reasoning, creativity, problem-solving, and more

- Access to **1:1 devices** and resources.
- **OSMO** curriculum focused on hands-on learning. OSMO enables iPads to merge physical play with the digital advantages of real-time feedback in the areas of STEM, art, reading, and writing.
- **STEAM** lab.

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The SMA community is close-knit and actively supports achievement, and the teachers have the flexibility and autonomy we need.”

~ Lower School teacher

Educating the Whole Child

- **Field trips** for all grades have included the Denver Children's Museum, Denver Aquarium, and The Wildlife Experience.
- More than **15 optional after school clubs** and activities have included Wildcat Writers, Drama Club, Chess, Little Medical School, Robotics, and Girls on the Run.
- **Destination Imagination** program hosts an average of **15** teams each year. DI **awards** include South Metro Region Award 1st Place 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, Destination Imagination State Tournament 1st place 2015 and 2017, and DaVinci Award 2019.

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