Life at Kent Denver’s Upper School

Academics, Arts, and Self-Directed Learning

For over 100 years, Kent Denver has developed a reputation for excellence with inspired and innovative academics. Along with Kent Denver’s expansive curriculum and core classroom experience, we offer a variety of self-directed learning opportunities ranging from independent studies, to Global Online Academy, to the Innovation Scholars Program, where a student can build a personalized learning plan around several areas of focus such as wellness, technology, sustainability, entrepreneurship, music and world languages.

Athletics

What’s good for the body is good for the mind! Kent Denver offers 18 different sports at all levels for Upper School student-athletes, along with wellness activities like yoga, strength and performance, rock climbing, mountain biking, and more.

FALL
- Cross Country (coed)
- Field Hockey (girls)
- Football (boys)
- Boys’ Golf
- Boys’ Soccer
- Boys’ Tennis
- Strength & Performance
- Volleyball (girls)
- Yoga

WINTER
- Boys’ Basketball
- Girls’ Basketball
- Ice Hockey
- Swimming & Diving (girls)
- Rock Climbing
- Strength & Performance
- Yoga

SPRING
- Baseball (boys)
- Girls’ Golf
- Boys’ Lacrosse
- Girls’ Lacrosse
- Girls’ Soccer
- Girls’ Tennis
- Track and Field (coed)
- Mountain Biking
- Strength & Performance
- Yoga

Lasting Relationships

At the beginning of the year, each high school grade comes together for a class retreat to build relationships, bond with peers, and connect with their advisor and dean, who stays with them until graduation. The connections students make with each other and with teachers inside and outside of the classroom are a vital aspect of our community.

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Signature Programs, Clubs and Trips

Speech and Debate, Robotics, Contemporary Music, Model UN, MidFirst Bank, Mock Trial, Global Travel. These are just a few of Kent Denver’s nationally renowned Signature Programs. Find your passions here or in any of our 50+ student-driven club offerings, which we showcase at our Club Fair every September. Programs that offer travel opportunities are in bold.

Community Service

Serving others is part of the Kent Denver philosophy, and our Community Service Program connects our students to 200+ local, national and international communities in need through sustained, meaningful relationships. Students complete 80 hours during high school by the time they graduate. This work broadens student horizons and helps make the world a better place.

Senior Project / Career Internship Experience

Seniors spend the last three weeks of their school year on a Senior Project or internship. Whether they want to write and perform a one-act play or shadow a neurosurgeon, students have the gift of time to pursue their passions and future career paths.

College Counseling

100% of our high school students are accepted to college. Kent Denver’s dedicated four-person College Counseling team offers personalized guidance and support throughout the search process. More than 200 colleges and universities meet interested students in person on campus, allowing for face-to-face connections with college representatives.

Community Spirit

Kent Denver’s seniors start the year off right by dressing up in crazy costumes, lining the driveway, and cheering wildly as everyone arrives on campus for a new year—an element of spirit that extends throughout campus life. Here at Kent Denver, school is something we look forward to and celebrate!

Lunch

Kent Denver’s lunch is the best, including three hot entrees, extensive and colorful salad and soup bars, homemade breads and pizza crusts, and locally sourced ingredients. We also provide safe choices for students with food allergies and special dietary needs, including many options that are nut, dairy and gluten-free.