



INNOVATORS FIND PASSIONS AND RUN WITH THEM

THE GATEWAY HONORS DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Highlighting the SRDS commitments to the love of learning and intellectual risk-taking, our Gateway Honors Diploma Program offers select students the opportunity to explore their academic passions on a deeper level. Through professional field experience and faculty mentorship, this advanced study program culminates in a strong portfolio of accomplishments.

WHO

Upper School students may choose a Gateway Honors Diploma track at the end of 9th grade and in 10th grade. (This program is not required for all students.)

WHEN

The course of the program occurs between 10th and 12th grade, which includes required coursework, extra-curricular activities, field experience and presentation development. As early as the spring of 11th grade, students complete their projects so they can showcase to colleges such as Northwestern, Notre Dame, Princeton and NYU.

WHAT

Working with faculty and field mentors, students undergo career-focused academic coursework and experiential learning centered around a research question of their choice within a diploma track and pathway. By their senior year, students share and defend their research and findings at an exposition event.

WHY

Students complete a Gateway Honors Diploma because their passions motivate them. They want to explore and express their career-based interests and feel ready for the rigor and challenge this program offers.

WHERE

The diploma requires students to complete coursework at SRDS and field experience on site.

3 DIPLOMA TRACKS

Arts Diploma

Humanities and International Engagement Diploma

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Diploma



Pre-K 3 to Grade 12
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Stacey Paints You a Picture

Stacey Pak '25 is devoted to expressing human emotion through her art. She is developing a series of mixed media visual art pieces, each of which will be inspired by a single emotion. Her work is centered around the research question, "How can you convey a person's feelings through visual art?" She hopes to enter her work into exhibition at a studio space or a college gallery.



JESSI IS AN OPEN BOOK

Jessi Sapperstein '25 is a writer who is curious about putting an experience into words. Alongside this work, she plans to write an anthology of poems and short stories for publication, inspired by her work at the Saddle River Historical Society.

THE DIPLOMA TRACKS

ARTS DIPLOMA

Visual Arts, Music, Theater

HUMANITIES AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT DIPLOMA

Humanities, Global Citizenship, Civic Engagement

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DIPLOMA

STEAM, Medical, Entrepreneurship

DAVID GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS

DAVID HAN '24 RESEARCHED,
OPENED AND GREW HIS OWN
SMALL BUSINESS, LEARNING
HOW TO INCORPORATE
HIS LLC AND FILE TAXES.



RECENT GATEWAY HONORS DIPLOMA RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Medical

To what extent does plastic affect human health in the medical industry, and how can we change to using bioplastics?

STEAM

How can we best design infrastructure for the common good?

Civic Engagement

How can we improve our democratic and economic systems?

Visual Arts

How can we best express a person's identity through a portrait?