



### GROUP WORK

A3 is foundationally a collaborative environment. All students will learn to navigate within dynamic groups, working with students from a variety of academic backgrounds. Students will graduate with the ability to navigate different circumstances with a variety of people.



### PARTICIPATE

We expect students to show up and avoid “opting out” of class activities, even when they seem daunting. We believe that A3 students can do hard things, and we offer a supportive environment where students can make that happen.



### STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Twice yearly, students present to their guardians and Advisory teachers. Students prepare and give presentations reflecting on academic progress, attendance, work samples, and projects. At least one parent/guardian is required to attend each conference. **Conferences are held in fall and spring.**

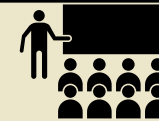


### HAVE AN OPEN MIND

To succeed at A3, students must have open minds and be ready for change. Change is the most constant thing about A3 and it can be uncomfortable. Students *will* be challenged and pushed outside of comfort zones.

## IS A3 A GOOD FIT FOR YOU?

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATIONS AT A3 BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE. CHOOSING A3 IS A STUDENT AND FAMILY COMMITMENT, AND WE HAVE SOME "NON-NEGOTIABLES" THAT OFTEN FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE AT FIRST. THESE EXPECTATIONS INCLUDE BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO THE DESCRIPTIONS IN THE BOXES.**



### CONFLUENCE

In lieu of final exams, all students participate in twice-yearly interactive public demonstrations of the knowledge gained during terms 1 and 3. We ask that parents come interact with and learn from our students. The expectation is that all students will publicly present in a morning and evening session, and attend the all school clean-up. Confluences are held in the middle of the last week of each semester.



### HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE

We know that life happens, but it's important to understand that success and attendance are heavily intertwined at A3. Taking a vacation while school is in session is detrimental to not only your student, but the entire community. Our students rely on one another and when a student misses class it directly impacts their groups. It's also difficult to catch a student up as we don't have the traditional worksheets and textbooks for assignments. A3 has two intensive mini terms a year, and missing one day of school during those terms is equivalent to missing a week of a full term.



### SPEAK UP

Public speaking can be the most daunting of expectations for many students. During their four years at A3, students will learn to give presentations and be heard in meetings and classes. Many students graduate with strong public speaking skills and all students graduate with more confidence in themselves.



### PANELS

Leading up to Confluence, students present their work to members of the public who give feedback on how to improve and refine. Students learn to receive constructive criticism in a graceful manner and to give constructive feedback to one another. Feedback and refinement is a constant process at A3.