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COLLEGE REP VISIT INFORMATION

Please consult:
<https://bit.ly/SeattleAcademyForColleges>

*COLLEGE REPS scheduled in advance
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ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS
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MISSION STATEMENT

Seattle Academy is a dynamic community that challenges students to question, imagine, and create in order to contribute boldly to a changing world.

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1983, Seattle Academy is the largest independent school in Seattle. Our size fosters choice, discovery, and opportunity. Our dynamic city setting requires students' physical and personal independence. Our location on Capitol Hill, site of civic engagement, is a catalyst for conversation and action.

CURRICULUM AND PHILOSOPHY

Seattle Academy's preparation of students for college and life means our academics pair traditional areas of study with innovative curriculum, projects, and performances. Across classrooms, labs, and stages, students take an inquiry-based approach to learning, allowing questions to drive both teacher-led and student-led investigations.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, STATE & NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Our state-of-the-art robotics lab and maker spaces intersect with extensive visual and performing arts resources and propel students to national recognition in everything from robotics to photography to rhetoric. Students enjoy exciting science electives and activities from entomology to underwater robotics. Our Options Program allows students with unique learning needs to enroll in core academic subjects and the arts with individualized curriculum, instruction, and pacing in a small group setting.

With 65% of the school involved, Seattle Academy Athletics emphasize both participation and excellence. The SAAS athletic program produces both individual and team State Champions. With fifteen varsity sports and various clubs dedicated to the well-rounded student-athlete, our teams compete in the prestigious 3A Metro League Conference. Seattle Academy teams also consistently capture WIAA academic "Champions' Cup" recognition—most recently with boys' and girls' wrestling in 2026—demonstrating that our student athletes excel as strongly in the classroom as they do on the field.

SENIOR PROJECT

12th graders arrange and fulfill senior projects, substantive college-level internships that yield solutions to problems faced by organizations and companies. Recently, senior projects occurred everywhere from the Center for Infectious Disease Research to the Seattle Seahawks. Historically internship sites have given high marks to interns' quality of work and reaction to failure.

Transcript note: All 12th graders take standard-level humanities classes third trimester.

COMMUNITY

6-12 enrollment: **1365**

of zip codes represented: **73**

of languages spoken at home: **47**

6-12 percentage of students of
color including students who
identify as multiracial: **47%**

Class of 2027 enrollment: **229**

Student-to-faculty ratio: **8:1**

Average upper school class size: **15**

Students awarded financial aid
or scholarship: **25%**

Seattle Academy's commitment to diversity includes support for talented students who may learn differently.

TESTING UPDATE

As you review applications from students in the Seattle area, it is important for colleges to be aware of the low inventory of test centers on the West Coast. While this has been an issue for nearly a decade, it may include a complete absence of test sites within 100 miles of students' homes and schools. College counselors from the Seattle Area Independent Schools (SAIS) and Bay Area Independent School College Counselors (BAISCC) wrote a letter to the College Board to address concerns surrounding this issue.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Seattle Academy has never had an AP curriculum. Instead, students seek challenge and exhilaration in our Honors courses and in our dynamic curriculum which includes graduation requirements across performing and visual arts areas and in computational thinking, entrepreneurship and design, and financial literacy. Our Honors courses are comparable to AP courses. Students may sit for AP exams.



HUMANITIES	31	ARTS	7
English	12	Distribution Areas	4
History / Social Studies	9 *	Required Electives	3
World Languages	9 *		
Rhetoric	1		
STEM	21	PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	6
Math	9 *	Health	2
Science	9 *	PE	4 (pass grade only)
Math or Science	3		
GENERAL INNOVATIONS	3	ADDITIONAL CREDITS	13
Computational Thinking	1	<i>(Earned through a fourth year of core academic courses, general electives, and/or study skills)</i>	
Financial Literacy	1	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 84	
Entrepreneurship & Design	1		
* MINIMUM REQUIREMENT most students will be encouraged to take a 4th year.			

MOST ADVANCED COURSES

Honors English 12	Honors Advanced Topics in Chemistry
Honors History 12	Honors Biology
	Honors Physics
Honors Chinese 6	Advanced Psychology
Honors French 6	
Honors Spanish 7	
Honors Advanced Topics in Mathematics: Number Theory, Differential Equations and Mathematical Physics	Advanced Acting
Honors Accelerated Calculus 2	Advanced Film
Advanced Programming Topics	Advanced Jazz Band
Advanced Engineering	Advanced Music Production
	Advanced Photography
	Advanced Visual Art
	Dance I
	Jazz Choir ("The Onions")
	String Ensemble

OF USE IN APPLICATION REVIEW

Seattle Academy operates on trimesters, with only senior year first trimester grades available at the time of admission decisions. We do not issue mid-trimester grades or progress reports. First trimester grades, available in late November/early December, constitute "midyear" grades but are also generally available for Early Decision/Action applications. Second trimester grades are usually available the second week in March. Please also note that where geometry is not listed on the transcript, students enrolled in geometry in Middle School.

CLASS OF 2027

AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED GPA	3.77
HIGHEST UNWEIGHTED GPA	4.0
LOWEST UNWEIGHTED GPA	2.91

Class of 2027 standardized testing profile is incomplete (see update).

Seattle Academy does not rank, confer internal honors or awards, or share with students college advisor or teacher recommendations. Seattle Academy counsels students to answer honestly applications' discipline questions. College Advising does not routinely report disciplinary infractions but may report select incidents.

CLASS OF 2026 MATRICULATION & APPLICATION AND MATRICULATION CONTEXT

As is typical at Seattle Academy, 100% of the Class of 2026 planning to attend college after graduation gained admission. 90% of the Class of 2026 will attend college outside of Washington State.

A five-year matriculation list is available here:

<https://bit.ly/SeattleAcademyCollegeMatriculationList>

GRADING

Seattle Academy calculates a weighted, inclusive cumulative GPA which appears on the transcript. Our 4.0 GPA, also included on the transcript, is calculated as follows:

A (4.0), A- (3.7), B+ (3.3), B (3.0), B- (2.7), C+ (2.3), C (2.0), C- (1.7), D+ (1.3), D (1.0), D- (0.7), F (0.0).

Seattle Academy's passing grade is a D-.

