



SEATTLE ACADEMY

Preparing Students for College and Life

PROFILE

2017-2018

MISSION

Seattle Academy prepares students for college and life. Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences is an independent secondary school with a mission to prepare students to participate effectively in a modern society. We, therefore, seek a diversified student body and faculty. We offer a demanding college-preparatory curriculum integrating the arts and emphasizing a global perspective. We utilize the resources of our urban environment to extend our classrooms, to enhance our programs, and to engage our students in public service. Most of all, we seek to graduate motivated young men and women of talent and integrity who are prepared to contribute productively to a changing world.

HISTORY AND ADMISSION

Established in 1983, Seattle Academy's urban campus on Seattle's Capitol Hill is composed of six buildings within a three-block radius. We have a Culture of Performance, in which students are challenged to take risks in front of a variety of audiences, combining disparate skills in moments of action in order to learn and communicate complex ideas. The school's dynamic city setting requires the students' physical and personal independence. Seattle Academy's proximity to downtown affords ready access to libraries, museums, theatres, parks, and the professional community. Admission is selective and is based on entrance exam scores, previous school records, student visits, teacher recommendations, and family interviews. Students of all backgrounds are invited to apply. Approximately 25 percent of families receive financial aid.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Accredited by NWAIS, NAIS
Member of: NAIS, NWAIS, NACAC, PNACAC, ACCIS

CLASS OF 2017

SENIOR CLASS SIZE: **113**
AVERAGE GPA: **3.6** on a 4.0 unweighted scale
ACT COMPOSITE:
28 (mean); 25-31 (middle 50%)
SAT COMPOSITE:
1300 (mean); 1170-1390 (middle 50%)
SAT CRITICAL READING:
650 (mean); 610-700 (middle 50%)
SAT MATH:
630 (mean); 550-690 (middle 50%)
SAT WRITING:
33 (mean); 31-35 (middle 50%)
SAT Subject Tests Most Frequently Taken:
English Literature: **650** (mean)
Math II: **700** (mean)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Seattle Academy's **Culture of Performance** demands students integrate skills across disciplines to tackle challenging ideas, issues, or problems and to communicate or defend their findings before an audience of peers, faculty, and outside experts. Students are information creators, synthesizers, and evaluators rather than passive information consumers. While all students are engaged in visual and performing arts classes, the *Culture of Performance* extends beyond the stage to the classroom, to the playing field, and to the community.
- Seattle Academy emphasizes **risk taking**, whereby students develop self-confidence, initiative, and responsibility, enabling them to be successful in the 21st century where the only certainty is the prospect of continuous change.
- **Seattle Challenge** divides 8th grade students into small groups to simulate the experience of Seattle's homeless community over three days.
- **The Odyssey Trip** launches 9th graders' Seattle Academy experience, reading Homer in the wilderness and examining parallels between literature and the high school experience.
- In the **Salon Project**, 10th graders embody historical thinkers from the Enlightenment and apply period beliefs to current issues.
- The **Civil Disobedience Project** requires 11th graders to research controversial issues related to Constitutional rights. Facing a panel of judges, including lawyers and an international negotiator, groups present how they will negotiate with various communities to produce positive outcomes to tense situations. When informed that their negotiations fail to produce any change, students propose acts of civil disobedience, incorporating the tenets of Thoreau, Emerson, King, and others, to reengage productive negotiations.
- Through **Senior Projects**, the senior class completes substantive college-level internships that yield solutions to problems faced by Seattle companies or non-profit organizations. Seniors present the outcomes of their internships to the community. Senior Project participants earn top marks from their mentors for quality of work, communication abilities, organizational skills, resourcefulness, creativity, writing skills, and flexibility in the face of ambiguity.

Recent Senior Projects included:

- The 5th Avenue Theatre
- Bellevue Art Museum
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Boeing
- Center for Infectious Disease Research
- Dale Chihuly Studio
- Experience Music Project (EMP/MoPOP)
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Intiman Theatre
- K2 Sports
- King County Superior Court
- Macklemore LLC
- Microsoft
- Northwest Association of Biomedical Research
- Planned Parenthood
- Russell Investments
- Seattle Aquarium
- Seattle Art Museum
- Seattle Mariners
- Seattle Sounders FC
- Seattle Pacific University Advanced Physics Lab
- Smith Barney
- Spaceflight Systems
- Swedish Medical Center Cancer Institute
- University of Washington AIDS Clinical Trial Unit
- University of Washington Burke Museum
- University of Washington School of Oceanography
- University of Washington Simulation Lab
- Many of the organizations and companies offer students jobs upon completion of Senior Projects
- All students fulfill a 160 hour **community service graduation requirement**.
- All students take **visual arts, dance, vocal music, and theatre** classes.
- All students experience **Pacific Northwest trips** and retreats.
- Students choose **domestic and international service and recreational outings** that have included Alaska, Arizona, China, France, Idaho, Louisiana (New Orleans), Oregon (Shakespeare Festival), Utah, Vietnam, Yukon, and Zambia.
- Seattle Academy's **commitment to diversity** includes support for talented students who may learn differently.
- Our unique **no-cut athletic policy has yielded recent boys' and girls' state tournament berths** in basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and field, and Ultimate Frisbee.



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ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

A selection of 2017-2018 Seattle Academy Senior History, English, and Science elective offerings:

- *Entrepreneurship*
- *Dystopia: The Handmaid's Tale*
- *The Paranoid Imagination*
- *Tolkien's Legendarium*
- *Spoken Word as Acts of Resistance*
- *Love and its Vicissitudes*
- *World Religions*
- *Macroeconomics*
- *Microeconomics*
- *Globalization*
- *Pacific Northwest History*
- *Gold and "The West"*
- *Reconstructing the Mediterranean World*
- *The Scientific Revolution*
- *Philosophy 101*
- *Ethnohistory and Colonialism*
- *Biotechnology*
- *Climate Science*
- *Geographic Information Systems & Urban Ecology*
- *Infectious Diseases*
- *Marine Science*
- *Science, Opinion, & Society*

OF ADDITIONAL USE IN REVIEWING CANDIDATES

- Seattle Academy **does not rank**.
- Seattle Academy **does not offer Advanced Placement** coursework. Students can elect, however, to take AP Exams.
- Seattle Academy calculates a **weighted, inclusive cumulative GPA** 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 calculates a weighted, academic core cumulative GPA by adding .5 to the following honors classes: Honors English 11, Honors English 12, Honors History 11 (American History), Honors History 12, Calculus 1, Calculus 2, Chinese 4, Chinese 5, Honors French 4, French 5, Honors Spanish 4, Spanish 5, Advanced Chemistry, Honors Biology, and Physics. Students may also earn honors distinction in Biology on a term-by-term basis and in Software Development if they took the class previously.
- Seattle Academy operates on **trimesters**, with only senior year first trimester grades available at the time of admission decisions. First trimester constitutes senior "mid-year" grades.
- Most required courses are year long. Elective offerings are typically one trimester long. Minimum required for graduation: English (12 trimesters); History/Social Sciences (11 trimesters); Laboratory Science (9 trimesters); Mathematics (9 trimesters); Foreign Language (9 trimesters, with choice of Chinese, French, or Spanish); Arts (9 trimesters); Physical Education (6 trimesters). Placement in advanced performing or visual arts courses is by audition or portfolio review, respectively.
- **Student-teacher ratio** is **6:1**, with 780 students grades 6-12.
- Seattle Academy **does not confer internal honors or awards**.

TO SCHEDULE A HIGH SCHOOL VISIT, PLEASE CONTACT
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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT 2013-2017

As is typical at Seattle Academy, 100% of seniors in the Class of 2017 planning to attend college after graduation gained admission. 100% of seniors will attend college immediately or within one year of graduation (up to ten students annually elect a gap year). 85% of the Class of 2017 will attend college outside of Washington State, with New York and California leading the most popular out-of-state destinations.

Allegheny College	George Washington University	Pomona College	University of Maryland, College Park
American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA)	Georgetown University	Portland State University	University of Mississippi
American University	Gonzaga University	Pratt Institute	University of Montana, Missoula
American University of Paris	Goucher College	Princeton University	University of Northern Colorado
Art Institute of Vancouver	Grinnell College	Purdue University	University of Oregon
Bard College	Hamilton College	Quest University Canada	University of Oregon Honors Program
Barnard College	Hampshire College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of the Pacific
Bates College	Harvard University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Pennsylvania
Belmont University	Harvey Mudd College	Roosevelt University/Chicago College of Performing Arts	University of Portland
Beloit College	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Saint Martin's University	University of Puget Sound
Boise State University	Ithaca College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Redlands
Boston College	Kalamazoo College	San Diego State University	University of Rochester
Boston University	Kenyon College	Santa Clara University	University of San Francisco
Bowdoin College	Lafayette College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Saint Andrews
Brown University	Lewis & Clark College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of South Dakota Honors Program
Butler University	Linfield College	Scripps College	University of Southern California
Cal Maritime	Loyola Marymount University	Seattle University	University of Tampa
California Institute of the Arts	Loyola University Chicago	Siena College/Albany Medical School	University of Utah
California Lutheran University	Loyola University New Orleans	Simmons College	University of Vermont
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Lynn University	Skidmore College	University of Victoria
Carleton College	Macalester College	Smith College	University of Washington
Carroll College	Marquette University	St Olaf College	University of Washington Honors Program
Cascadia College	Maryland Institute College of Art	Syracuse University	University of Washington, Bothell
Chapman University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Texas Christian University	University of Washington, Tacoma
Claremont McKenna College	McGill University	Thompson River University	Vassar College
Clark University	Michigan State University	Trinity College	Virginia Commonwealth University Honors Program
Colby College	Middlebury College	Trinity University	Wake Forest University
Colgate University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Tufts University	Washington State University
Colorado College	Morehouse College	Tulane University	Washington University in St Louis
Columbia University	Mount Holyoke College	United States Naval Academy	Wesleyan University
Cornell University	New School- Eugene Lang College	University of Arizona	Western Washington University
Cornish College of the Arts	New School- Parsons School of Design	University of British Columbia	Westminster College
Dartmouth College	New School- Parsons Paris	University of California, Los Angeles	Wheaton College (IL)
Davidson College	New York University	University of California, San Diego	Whitman College
Dean College	Northwestern University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Whittier College
DePaul University	Oberlin College	University of Chicago	Willamette University
Dickinson College	Occidental College	University of Colorado at Boulder	Williams College
Drexel University	Oregon State University	University of Colorado at Boulder Honors Program	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duke University	Pace University	University of Denver	Yale University
Eastern Michigan University	Pacific Lutheran University		
Eckerd College	Pacific Northwest College of Art		
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott	Peninsula College		
Emerson College	Pepperdine University		
Emory University	Pitzer College		
Evergreen State College			
Franklin University			
Switzerland			

A SELECTION OF SEATTLE ACADEMY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Robotics Team 2856 "Tesseract" won State, competed at FTC West Super-Regionals and advanced to FTC Worlds competition where 2856 was a finalist for the Inspire Award, the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award, and the Control Award
- Ethics Bowl Team won State and placed fifth at Nationals
- Advanced Jazz Choir (The Onions) won fourth straight title at International Reno Jazz Festival; one vocalist named Outstanding High School Vocalist; four instrumentalists won Outstanding Musicianship honors
- Student recognized nationally as one of five inspirational Native youth by the Center for Native American Youth (CNAV) at the Aspen Institute
- Boys' Varsity Lacrosse won second State Championship
- Speech team placed third at State; student won State Humorous Interpretation Title
- Biology teacher publishes book-length poem; vocal teacher named Teacher of the Year by Arts School Network
- Dance program earned high gold and platinum awards and won best performance overall at national dance competition
- Students competed at US Rowing Youth Nationals; rower selected to US Rowing U19 National Team; five members of Class of 2017 sign Division 1 Letters of Intent
- One student each: won the National Future Engineers Competition, interned at the Smithsonian, had work featured at Seattle's Wing Luke Museum, and won the American Road and Transportation Builders Association National Student Video Contest
- Seven students won Scholastic Arts Competition Gold Key Award; several students presented biology research posters at a professional symposium; others presented at Seattle GNU/Linux Conference

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