



SEATTLE ACADEMY

PROFILE 2011-2012

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 five 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 of 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 recommendation, and family interviews. Students of all backgrounds are invited to apply. Approximately 20 percent of families receive financial aid.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

Accredited by PNAIS, NAIS
Member of NAIS, PNAIS, NACAC, PNACAC, ACCIS

CLASS OF 2011

- Senior Class Size: 75
- Average GPA: 3.47 on a 4.0 unweighted scale
- ACT Composite: 25 (mean); middle 50% (21-29)
- SAT Composite: 1841 (mean); middle 50% (1690-2010)
- SAT Critical Reading: 620 (mean); 550-670 (middle 50%)
- SAT Math: 594 (mean); 540-660 (middle 50%)
- SAT Writing: 627 (mean); 580-680 (middle 50%)
- SAT Subject Tests Most Frequently Taken:
 - o Math II – 665 (mean)
 - o English Literature – 632 (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 majority of 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.

Over 90% of 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 internships included:

American Friends Service Committee*	Seattle International Film Festival
Bellevue Arts Museum	Seattle Latino Film Festival*
Boeing	Seattle Mariners*
Dendreon	Seattle Municipal Court
Fifth Avenue Theatre*	Seattle Pacific University
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center*	Advanced Physics Lab
French Consular Agency	Smith Barney
King County Prosecutor's Office	Spike Mafford Photography*
Meteor Solutions*	Swedish Medical Center
Porter Novelli*	University of Washington
Powerful Voices*	Applied Physics Lab
Rwanda Partners*	University of Washington
Seattle Aquarium	Simulation Lab*
Seattle Art Museum	Washington Trails Association*

* Organizations that offered seniors jobs upon completion of Senior Project.

• All students fulfill a 160 hour **community service graduation requirement**.

• All students take **visual art, dance, vocal music, and theater** classes.

• All students experience **Pacific Northwest trips** and retreats.

• Students choose **domestic and international service and recreational outings** in Alaska, Louisiana, New Mexico; Costa Rica, France, India, 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, soccer, tennis, track and field, and Ultimate Frisbee.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (2007-2011)

100% of the Class of 2011's college applicants gained admission to college, typical of Seattle Academy graduating classes. While several graduates elect a gap year prior to college, generally 98% of graduates enroll directly, while 100% of all Seattle Academy alumni enroll in four-year colleges and conservatories within two years of graduation. Graduates of Seattle Academy enrolled in the following institutions between 2007-2011, 83% of which are outside Washington State.

Allegheny College	Emerson College (2)	Reed College (4)	University of Glasgow
American Academy of Dramatic Arts/West	Emory University (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Kansas
American University	Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts (2)	Rhode Island School of Design (2)	University of Louisiana
Arizona State University	Evergreen State College (2)	Rhodes College (2)	University of Michigan
Bard College	George Washington University (8)	San Diego State University	University of Michigan, BFA in Performance, Directing Major
Barnard College (2)	Georgetown University (2)	Santa Clara University (9)	University of Montana at Missoula (4)
Bates College	Gonzaga University (2)	Sarah Lawrence College (2)	University of Oregon (16)
Bellevue College	Goucher College (5)	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Oregon Honors College
Beloit College (2)	Harvard University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (3)	University of Puget Sound
Bennington College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	University of Rochester (2)
Berklee College of Music (2)	Howard University (2)	Scripps College (4)	University of San Francisco (2)
Boise State University	Johns Hopkins University	Seattle Central Community College (4)	University of South Florida, St. Pete
Boston College	Knox College	Shanghai JiaoTong University	University of Southern California (7)
Boston University (2)	Lawrence University	Skidmore College (2)	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
Brandeis University	Lewis & Clark College (7)	Southern Oregon University	University of Texas at Austin (7)
Brown University (4)	Linfield College (4)	St. John's University - Queens	University of Vermont
Bucknell University	Loyola Marymount University (3)	St. Lawrence University (2)	University of Washington
California College of the Arts (2)	Loyola University Chicago	Stanford University (3)	University of Washington Honors College (3)
Carleton College (5)	Loyola University New Orleans (2)	Texas Southern University	University of Wisconsin at Madison
Carnegie Mellon University	Macalester College (2)	Trinity University	Vanderbilt University (2)
Central Washington University	Maryland Institute College of Art (2)	Tufts University (2)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Champlain College	Marymount College	Tulane University (3)	Wake Forest University
Chapman University (7)	McGill University	United States Military Academy	Warren Wilson College
Claremont McKenna College (3)	Middlebury College (7)	United States Naval Academy	Washington State University (2)
Clark Atlanta University	Mills College	University of Arizona (6)	Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Clark University	Mitchell College	University of British Columbia (3)	Wesleyan University (3)
Colby College (3)	New York University (7)	University of British Columbia - Okanagan	Western Washington University (17)
Colgate University (3)	New York University, Tisch School of the Arts	University of California at Berkeley	Westmont College
College of Wooster (2)	Northwestern University (3)	University of California at San Diego	Wheaton College MA
Colorado College (7)	Oberlin College (2)	University of California at Santa Barbara	Whitman College (7)
Columbia University (2)	Occidental College (11)	University of Chicago (2)	Whittier College
Connecticut College (2)	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Colorado at Boulder (9)	Whitworth University
Cornish College of the Arts (2)	Pacific University	University of Delaware	Willamette University (10)
Dartmouth College	Parsons The New School for Design (4)	University of Denver (7)	Williams College
Denison University (2)	Pitzer College (6)	University of Georgia	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
DePaul University (6)	Pomona College		Yale University (2)
DePauw University	Portland State University (2)		
Dickinson College	Quest University Canada (2)		
Duke University			
Eastern Washington University			
Edmonds Community College			
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - AZ			
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - FL			

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Seattle Academy named the outstanding arts program in the country by Arts Schools Network.
- Seattle Academy theater program named best in the Pacific Northwest by *Stage Directions* Magazine.
- Speech and Debate won fourth straight State Championship, competing as a 1A team against 3A teams.
 - Senior won National Championship in Expository Speech at National Tournament of Champions.
 - Senior placed third in Storytelling and in the top twenty-five in Humorous Interpretation for the second year in a row at National Tournament of Champions.
 - Coach named NAIS Teacher of the Future
- Senior chosen to assistant direct a Chicago-based revival of Studs Terkel's *Working* and a new musical at Seattle's Fifth Avenue Theatre.
- Student filmmakers' work selected for National Film Festival for Talented Youth.
- Seattle's ACT Theatre recognized three of Seattle Academy's young playwrights and arranged productions of their works with professional actors and directors.
- Girls' Soccer once again went to the 1A State Tournament after winning the State Championship for two years in a row, three times in four years.
- Seattle Academy Ultimate Frisbee won the Paideia Cup in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Seattle Academy's top vocal group, The Onions, won first place at the Reno Jazz Festival.
- Seattle Academy Robotics team, Sector SAAS, competed at the US Robotics FTC World Championship at Washington University in St. Louis.
- Alumni named Goldwater Scholar and Watson Fellow.

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ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

2011-2012 Seattle Academy senior history and English elective offerings include:

Children's Literature
Coming of Age in a New America
Existentialism
Film Noir: The Secret Life of Hollywood
Genocide: Global Perspective
Great American Movies
Latin American History and Culture
Literature and the Environment
Magical Realism
Modern History and Politics in Asia
Murder, the Literature of Violence
Philosophy of Love
Podcasting and Audio Essays
Roman Shakespeare
Vampires, Aliens, and the Politics of Fantasy

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. Of the students who took AP Exams in 2010, 100% earned scores of 3 or above.

• Seattle Academy calculates an **unweighted, 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, French 5, Spanish 5, Advanced Chemistry, and Physics. Students may also earn honors distinction in Biology.

• 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 9:1, with 653 students grades 6-12.

• Seattle Academy **does not confer internal honors or awards**.

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