



THE ACADEMY HIGH DIFFERENCE

WHAT MAKES ACADEMY HIGH UNIQUE?

Academy High understands--and research proves--that the most effective, most meaningful learning happens when students feel included, supported, and engaged. We create the environment for this type of learning through our innovative curriculum, extracurricular activities and student-led clubs, internship program, and dedicated faculty to ensure the growth of all learners. Students learn how to think critically, communicate effectively through written and spoken words, collaborate and work in teams, and interact with the community while tackling real-world problems. As a result, Academy High students develop the critical skills that serve them not just in college, but for a lifetime.



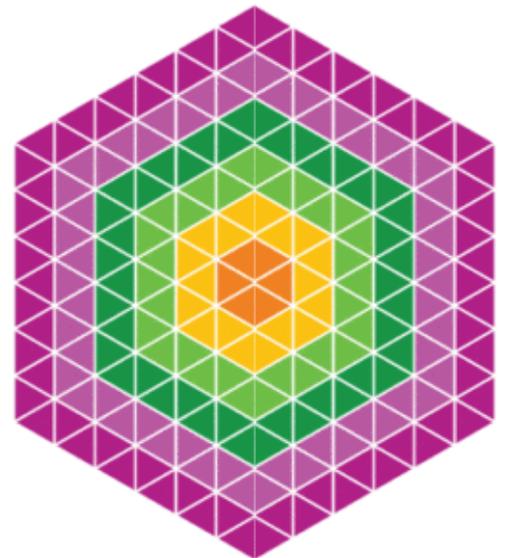
“Our daughter has been more engaged in her schoolwork than ever before, and we are amazed at the range of knowledge and experiences she has acquired already. We are also grateful to the student body itself, which has formed its own diverse community of support. We can’t imagine a better school for our child’s future.”

–Current Academy High Parent

THE SIX C'S: OUR FOUNDATION

Academy High is built on a foundation known as “The Six C’s,” which produce powerful outcomes essential to the 21st Century learner: **Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Character, and Cross-Cultural Competency.**

Like its academic curriculum, Academy High has embedded maps for each of these skills into the foundation of the school. Founded in 2017 by a group of visionary families looking for a more innovative educational experience for their children, Academy High offers students a remarkably forward-thinking, "real world" program that captures the true spirit of what 21st Century Teaching and Learning is all about - learning that is project-based, hands-on, experiential, interdisciplinary, and highly student-centered in its focus and outcomes.





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ACADEMY HIGH'S FOUR ACADEMIC PILLARS

1. Core curriculum of traditional academic courses
2. Parallel curriculum of elective modules
3. Academic intensives for discovery, exploration, and innovation
4. A unique blended schedule

Academy High's four pillars create a high school experience that propels students into the roles of active learners, visionary leaders, and architects of their own education. Academy High's curriculum incorporates the teaching of 21st Century skills; the promotion of passion, interest, intellectual curiosity, independence, and collaboration through interdisciplinary studies unbound by the schoolhouse walls; and the nurturing of joyful, life-long learners of deep character who turn empathy into action and vision into creation.

MASTERY-BASED LEARNING

Students learn by continually leveraging prior knowledge and skills to master new skills and challenges. Teachers employ a combination of high-quality, group-based instruction as well as traditional and "flipped" video lectures, and monitor individual student's daily progress through the use of formative assessments such as short quizzes, essays, and oral presentations. Teachers work with individual and small groups of students to correct and reinforce new learning and challenge all students with exciting enrichment projects and activities.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Open-ended driving questions challenge students to synthesize abstract academic content and skills across multiple disciplines into real world projects. Students gain a deep appreciation for the interconnectedness of the world in which they live while employing 21st century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and the communication of complex ideas through multiple mediums.

ACTIVE LAB LEARNING

Our entire school space, from classrooms to science and technology labs to common areas, is devoted to inspiring teachers and students to innovate and create. Traditional walls between disciplines have been removed in order to encourage high-energy collaboration and active experimentation among teachers and students, transforming the learning experience. The program at Academy High is an exemplar of the best teaching and learning environment for 21st Century schools.