

# SCIENCE & ARTS ACADEMY

THE GIFTED CHOICE®



## Junior Kindergarten - 8th Grade Gifted Education

### OUR MISSION:

Science & Arts Academy educates gifted children in an academically differentiated and enriched environment while recognizing the unique development of each child. Our supportive community encourages students to embrace their potential and cultivates their academic abilities, creative talents, and emotional growth.

## AT SAA...

- **It is cool to be smart.** Rather than being different and feeling like an outsider, gifted is the norm.
- **Differences are embraced.** Gifted children are celebrated for their unique characteristics and abilities.
- **School is not boring.** Children are appropriately challenged, consistent with their academic abilities.
- **Students are prepared for a living as well as a life.** In addition to academic challenge, personal and social development is an integral part of our daily program.
- **Learning is fun.** Creativity is fostered in all facets of the school experience.
- **Gifted kids are still just kids.** From Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade, we embrace the joys and wonders of childhood.



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a visit and learn more!**

## THE SAA EXPERIENCE

SAA fosters excellence in a carefully balanced program, utilizing methodologies and approaches to learning that assist gifted children in understanding the full capacity of their intellectual, artistic, physical, emotional, social, and creative potential. The SAA

experience is defined by the integration of three distinguishing characteristics: Academic Challenge, Artistic Expression, and Personal and Social Development, made possible through the support and partnership of our Community of Learners.

## SAA DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

### Academic Challenge

SAA maintains an unwavering commitment to the academic needs of the gifted student. Highly qualified instructors provide challenges appropriate to each student's ability and intellect. Differentiated instruction allows teachers to tailor learning to best meet the needs of the student. Depth, breadth, enrichment, and acceleration are incorporated in all academic areas.



### Artistic Expression

SAA provides gifted students with unique opportunities for artistic expression and exploration, which foster creativity and broaden curiosity. Artistic expression is highly valued at SAA, as students at every grade level participate in year-round art, drama, and music. Students develop their talents and gain greater self-confidence through these immersive experiences, cultivating a fondness and appreciation for the visual and performing arts.

### Personal and Social Development

SAA understands the most effective learning occurs within the context of supportive relationships. SAA provides the tools to help all gifted students acquire and apply the knowledge and skills to understand and manage emotions, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Throughout the SAA experience, students gain the confidence to be successful at each stage of their development.

### Community of Learners

SAA is a community of learners, all working together to advance the mission of the school. Intellectually and creatively talented students have the opportunity to be in the company of like-minded peers with similar abilities and interests. Small classes are led by skilled educators with expertise and knowledge in supporting gifted children. Parents work together to support the students, the school, and one another. A broad selection of extracurricular activities further develops a sense of community, as students interact outside of school hours with peers across multiple grade levels. The SAA community of learners provides an environment in which all students are known, valued, and understood.

## CURRICULUM

SAA offers a diverse and challenging curricular program, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and intellectual curiosity. Program offerings include:

- Art
- Drama
- Explore and Create (Maker class)
- French or Spanish
- Language Arts
- Latin (5th-8th)
- Library
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Emotional Learning
- Social Studies

Scan the QR code to view the SAA Curriculum Guide.



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A broad selection of extracurricular activities are offered, which further enhance the SAA experience. A sampling of extracurricular programs include:

- Basketball
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, & Navigators
- Certamen Team
- Chess
- Chinese Club
- Coding Club
- Community Problem Solvers
- Cross Country
- Drama Productions
- GEMS - Girls Excelling in Math and Science
- Math Club and Math Team
- National Junior Honor Society
- Science Olympiad
- Student Council

## SAA by the Numbers

