



THE NEW SCHOOL

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ACCREDITATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

NAIS - National Association of
Independent Schools

ISACS - Independent School
Association of Central States

NACAC - National Association for
College Admission Counseling

ACCIS - Association of College
Counselors in Independent Schools

ANSAA - Arkansas Nonpublic
School Accrediting Association

THE SCHOOL

In 1971, The New School opened in Fayetteville, Arkansas as a non-profit organization with 24 students age three to six. Today, the independent school provides a student-centered, innovative education for more than 300 students from one-year-olds in the preschool through the 12th grade. With a low student-to-faculty ratio of 5:1, students are known and cared for by an excellent faculty in an encouraging atmosphere. Over the years, the school has seen substantial growth, in both the program and the leadership, but the philosophy and mission of the school have stayed very much the same.

We believe that children learn best in a positive environment with careful direction and guidance from teachers who demonstrate care and concern for each child. We believe that a school should encourage exploration and inquiry in an environment enriched with opportunities in the arts and sciences, and we believe that a school's instructional programs should ensure that students reach their full potential for academic achievement. To achieve these goals, The New School is committed to selecting outstanding teachers and supporting them with the highest quality of professional development.

MISSION

The New School community empowers each student through a well-rounded experience and inspires a love of lifelong learning.

VISION

Our students will be confident and engaged learners who lead through collaboration and compassion.

CORE VALUES

Curiosity | Character | Community
Citizenship | Innovation
Excellence | Respect

UPPER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 7-12

Academics

The New School Upper School spans 7th - 12th grade, with the first graduating class in 2020. Small, seminar-style classes take place in modular classrooms, where the curriculum is college-preparatory, but also life-preparatory. The academic program is hands-on and experiential, exemplified by our field experiences around the country and our STEAM-focused Innovation Center, which houses our 3-D printers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, and full woodworking/metal-working lab. Students work from laptops, occasionally shifting to iPads, and with a fully wireless campus, our classes can go wherever the learning takes them.

Arts

The Arts program at The New School cultivates a sense of belonging, collaboration, arts appreciation, and creative expression. These experiences serve to inspire confidence, empathy, self-discovery, communication skills, problem solving, and character building opportunities for students. The program provides unique and experiential learning opportunities through practice, performance, observation, and hands-on activity. The goal of the arts program is to develop students into advanced artists, musicians, actors and dancers.

Athletics

The New School Athletic program provides an athletic experience focused on discipline, academic and athletic success, and reaching maximum potential both in individual and team sports. The New School offers nine sports for students in grades 7 - 12, including basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, mountain biking, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

Extracurriculars

The New School extracurricular activities exist to complement the school's academic curriculum and to augment the student's educational experience. Through the guidance of faculty advisors, students develop skills based on the school's core values. Our school's rich extracurricular program encourages self-driven learning where students discover their passions and cultivate friendships.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English

4 credits

Math

4 credits; including 1 credit of Algebra I or its equivalent, Geometry or its equivalent, and Algebra II or its equivalent

Science

3 credits of Lab Sciences

Social Studies

3 credits; including 1 credit of U.S. History and World History and 0.5 credit of Economics and U.S. Government

World Language

2 credits

Oral Communications

0.5 credits

Fine Arts

0.5 credits

Electives

6.5 credits

Total Credits

24 credits

Grade Point Average

The GPA is calculated on a weighted 4-point scale, with grades in standard courses as A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0, and grades in AP courses as A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, and F=0.

COVID-19 and The New School

Due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions during the spring of 2020, The New School faculty taught the final quarter of the second semester via online learning. Although adaptations had to be made, teaching and learning continued. Our faculty supported students during this unprecedented time, offering online office hours and individual meetings, in addition to regular online class meetings. The second semester grades shown on the transcripts are a reflection of the combination of in class and distance learning. We are confident that our students were able to continue reaping the benefits of a TNS education, even under these highly unusual circumstances. Students returned to in-person learning at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Class of 2020 and 2021 College Acceptances

American University
Arcadia University
Arkansas Tech University
Bard College
Belmont University
Bennington College
California College of the Arts
Central Baptist College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
DePaul University
Eckerd College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hendrix College
Kansas City Art Institute
Kenyon College

Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Moore College of Art and Design
Northwest Arkansas
Community College
Oberlin College
Oklahoma City University
Oral Roberts University
Ouachita Baptist University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
The Citadel
The New School

United States Military Academy -
Prep School
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Central Arkansas
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Missouri
University of the Ozarks
University of Puget Sound
University of South Florida
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of Vermont
University of Washington
Washington State University
Williams Baptist University

Courses

MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA I
ALGEBRA II
GEOMETRY
HONORS GEOMETRY
HONORS ALGEBRA II
PRE CALCULUS
HONORS PRE CALCULUS
AP CALCULUS AB
AP CALCULUS BC
STATISTICS
AP STATISTICS

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

VISUAL ARTS
AP STUDIO ART
GRAPHIC DESIGN
ANIMATION & VIDEO
SERIGRAPHY (SCREEN PRINTING)
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
CERAMICS
INTRODUCTION TO WOODWORKING
INDEPENDENT STUDY
ENSEMBLE I-IV
GUITAR I
GUITAR II
PIANO
STRINGS
FIBER ARTS
SUSTAINABLE ART
YEARBOOK
PRINTMAKING
DRAMA
ADVANCED DRAMA

SCIENCE

BIOLOGY
AP BIOLOGY
HONORS BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
AP CHEMISTRY
HONORS CHEMISTRY
INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL SCIENCE
PHYSICS
AP PHYSICS I
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II
PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY

SOCIAL STUDIES

WORLD HISTORY
AP WORLD HISTORY
UNITED STATES HISTORY
AP UNITED STATES HISTORY
US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
PSYCHOLOGY
AP PSYCHOLOGY
ANTHROPOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY
FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTER SCIENCE

PYTHON PROGRAMMING
WEB DESIGN
APP DEVELOPMENT
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A

ENGLISH

ENGLISH I, II AND III
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION
AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION
CREATIVE WRITING
JOURNALISM
INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALISM
MEDIA PRODUCTION
DEBATE
ORAL COMMUNICATION

WORLD LANGUAGES

FRENCH I, II, III AND IV
SPANISH I, II, III AND IV
AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

HEALTH

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2021-22 ENROLLMENT

Grade 9

13 students

Grade 10

10 students

Grade 11

18 students

Grade 12

8 students

Total 9-12 Enrollment

49 students