

What Makes SANDIA PREP Unique

Excellence Without Advanced Placement (AP):

Newsweek Features Sandia Prep's Non-AP Curriculum

- Sandia Prep has always stood apart from the crowd by not offering AP courses; **Newsweek recognized our academic program** and profiled the school in its 2005 “America’s Best High Schools” issue.
- We **prize our independence** too highly to ask our teachers to use a curriculum based on standardized tests.
- Our teachers offer a wide variety of advanced classes that allow for **more intense, in-depth study**.
- While AP courses might be comparable to introductory college courses, our classes are equivalent or more rigorous than honors courses in the public sector — and more comparable to **advanced college courses**.

Middle & Upper Schools on One Campus

- Our campus integration is deliberate — and has been successful for more than 40 years. We believe that interaction between older and younger students is important. As in a family, younger students are **part of a larger community**.
- Our structure allows older students to **mentor** younger students and younger students to benefit from older **role models**. Middle School students benefit by observing students in our Upper School program — and aspiring to follow in their footsteps.
- A strong adult presence and our smaller school size allow **individual attention** to students.
- Certain elements of our program allow appropriate and beneficial **interaction** between older and younger kids, such as: **morning assembly**, certain **activities**, **Camping Associates**, and **tutoring** of younger SPS students by Upper School students.

Individualized College Counseling

- Sandia Prep’s individualized college counseling program is **unique in Albuquerque**.
- Our nationally renowned counselors work **one-on-one** with students and their families beginning in the junior year.
- We will help your child find and be admitted to the **best colleges** suited to his or her needs and goals.
- What college is right for **your child**? We have helped place SPS graduates in Ivy League schools, liberal arts colleges, research universities, and art and film schools.
- We will help your student secure **financial aid and scholarships** for college — by identifying schools that are likely to provide aid and reviewing awards to ensure your family receives available financial support.
- After graduation, your graduate can count on Sandia Prep’s **assistance through college, graduate school and career**.

Family & Community

- Our mission emphasizes the importance of **parental involvement**: “...Sandia Prep, as an extension of individual families...” At Prep, parental involvement is not only welcome, it is *encouraged*.
- We are **one SPS “family”** — students, parents and faculty focused on one goal: each student’s success.
- SPS views the education process as a **partnership** between school, parent and student.
- We value **communication** — between teacher and student and between the School and parents.
- Teachers at Prep are **accessible**; home phone numbers are published so students may call them at home if needed.
- Sandia Prep is marked by strong **relationships**.
- Many parents become **involved** in the SPS community, with multiple ways to volunteer.
- Our **First Choice** plan is offered as an option to legacy families who have decided that SPS is their “first choice.”

How Your Child Will Benefit By Attending Sandia Prep

- Your child will be enveloped by a community of bright, involved young people and outstanding, inspiring teachers — in a supportive environment that emphasizes **academic excellence**.
- Your student will be safe and respected — in an **atmosphere** that is more collaborative than competitive.
- Your child will have an **advisor**, a special friend and advocate at school.
- At SPS, your child will flourish as an individual — and will find a place to thrive, to **lead** and to excel.
- Your child will be encouraged and **empowered** to become a lifelong learner, a skilled communicator, a critical thinker, a world citizen and a global competitor.
- Your child will be **prepared to excel** at the university level and beyond.