

SANDIA PREP

'25 - '26 SCHOOL PROFILE





NOT WHAT TO THINK HOW TO THINK

Founded in 1966, Sandia Preparatory School is a nonprofit, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school serving grades 6 - 12 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. To foster growth toward human as well as academic excellence, Sandia Prep seeks to create balance along our Five A's - **Academics, Athletics, Arts, Activities, and the school Atmosphere.**

SANDIA PREP IS ACCREDITED BY ISAS AND MEMBER OF NAIS



ENROLLMENT

500 students



CLASS OF 2026

71 students



FACULTY

62 faculty members

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Odyssey Scholars Program

Combining elements of independent study, Senior Experience, and ongoing research, a student who desires in-depth study in a particular area above and beyond classwork, can apply.

- Two full years of study during 11 - 12th grade
- Students apply at end of sophomore year
- Program limited to 12 students per year
- Required to take 5 traditional courses a year
- Work done in 4 semesters will culminate in final thesis defense and often involves 20 additional outside classroom hours per week.

Senior Experience

Senior Experience is a required course in which seniors design an independent project for the final three weeks of spring semester. The program may take the form of academic research, community service, exposure to a vocation or profession, or artistic endeavor.

Distinguished Scholars

Distinguished Scholars diplomas are issued to students who have completed course credits exceeding the minimum requirements with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in particular areas, and who graduate with 28+ credits.

Impact Lab Designated Courses

Impact Lab courses, such as Industrial Design, American Studies, and Spanish 5, blend academic inquiry with real-world advocacy. Students develop empathy, purpose, and problem-solving skills through local partnerships and social impact projects.



MORE THAN AP

ADVANCED COURSES & DUAL CREDIT

Sandia Prep's rigorous, upper school honors-level curriculum reflects a liberal arts college seminar format. It also allows teachers flexibility beyond the scope of AP courses, which focus on preparing for a single exam. Prep instead offers, on-campus dual-credit classes through CNM and UNM, taught by faculty credentialed to teach college-level work. These courses appear on both the Sandia Prep transcript and a college transcript from the partnering institution. *Students who wish to take AP exams can do so in collaboration with Prep's College Counseling Office.*

OUR STUDENTS



80% participate in student-led, voluntary community service



42% receive need-based financial aid



46% self-identify as students of color

OUR FACULTY



66% hold advanced degrees



42% have served Prep for over 10 years



7:1 student-to-teacher ratio

PREP BY THE NUMBERS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 23.5 credits is required for current 12th-grade students to graduate. A credit equals one academic year of a class.

English	4 credits	Digital Media and Communications.....	0.5 credit
History	3 credits	Additional Arts/Communications	1 credit
Mathematics	3 credits	Physical Education.....	1 credit
(including Algebra 2)		(at least one year in any grade)	
Science	3 credits	Additional Credits	5 credits
(including 2 labs)		(from any department)	
Modern Language.....	2 credits	Completion of Senior Experience	
(same language in upper school)			
Arts	1 credit		

GRADING SYSTEM 0 – 4.0 SCALE

97-100 A+ 4.0	83-86 B 3.0	73-76 C 2.0	63-66 D 1.0
93-96 A 4.0	80-82 B- 2.7	70-72 C- 1.7	60-62 D- 0.7
90-92 A- 3.7	77-79 C+ 2.3	67-69 D+ 1.3	0-59 F 0.0
87-89 B+ 3.3			

- We do not rank our students
- Grades are unweighted
- Honors classes denoted on transcript
- National Honor Society/Honor Roll
 - 3.5 cumulative GPA/semester
- 44 of 73 seniors inducted in National Honor Society

AVERAGE TEST SCORES CLASS OF 2026

47 SAT testers and 23 ACT testers, tested June 2025.

SAT EBRW	SAT MATH	SAT COMP	ACT
High: 760	High: 790	Avg: 1190	High: 33 Avg: 26
NM Avg: 452	NM Avg: 418	NM Avg: 870	NM Avg: 20

CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2026

As of end of junior year.

Highest GPA = 4.0

Average = 3.56

Lowest = 2.25

PREP-ARED FOR COLLEGE

2022-2025 ACCEPTANCES & ENROLLMENTS

Enrollments listed in bold

Abilene Christian U
Adams State U
AMDA College of the Performing Arts, LA
American U
Arizona State U (5)
Arizona State U, Polytechnic
Auburn U
Azusa Pacific U
Babson College
Bard College
Barry U
Bates College
Baylor U
Belmont U
Beloit College
Bentley U
Berkeley College of Music
Biola U
Boise State U
Boston U
Bowling Green U
Brandeis U
Brigham Young U, Idaho
Brown U
Bryant U
Cal. College of the Arts
Cal. Poly. U, Humboldt
Cal. Poly. State U, San Luis Obispo
Cal. Polytechnic State U, Pomona
Cal. State U, Channel Islands
Cal. State U, East Bay
Cal. State U, Fresno
Cal. State U, Fullerton
Cal. State U, Long Beach
Cal. State U, Los Angeles
Cal. State U, Monterey Bay
Cal. State U, San Bernardino
Cal. State U, Sacramento
Calvin U
Carnegie Mellon U
Case Western Reserve U
Central NM Community College (4)
Chapman U
Clark U
Clemson U
Colorado College
Colorado Christian U
College of Charleston
College of Southern Nevada
College of Wooster
Colorado Mesa U
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines (2)
Colorado State U, Fort Collins (7)
Columbia College, Chicago (2)
Columbia U
Cornell U
Cornish College of the Arts
DePaul U (3)
DeSales U
Drexel U
Eastern New Mexico U
Eastman School of Music
Eckerd College
Elon U
Embry-Riddle Aero. U, Daytona Beach
Embry-Riddle Aero. U, Prescott
Emory U
Emerson College

Emory U
Florida Southern College
Florida Atlantic U
Florida Gulf Coast U
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham U
Fort Lewis College (4)
George Mason U
George Washington U
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga U
Gordon College
Grand Canyon U
Grinnell College
Harvey Mudd College
High Point U
Hofstra U
Howard U
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
James Madison U
Johns Hopkins U
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State U
Keene State U
Kenyon College (2)
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lake Superior State U
Lancaster Bible College
Lawrence U
Lees-McRae College
Lewis & Clark College
Long Island U, Brooklyn
Louisiana State U
Loyola Marymount U (2)
Loyola U, Chicago (2)
Loyola U, New Orleans
Lubbock Christian U
Luna Community College
Macalester College
Marian U (2)
Marquette U
Maryland Institute College of Art
Maryville U
Mass. College of Art & Design
Metropolitan State U of Denver
Michigan State U
Middlebury College
Mississippi State U
Montana State U
Mount Holyoke College
New Mexico State U (4)
New Mexico Tech (7)
North Carolina State U
Northeastern U
Northern Arizona U (3)
Northwestern U
Nova Southeastern U
Oakwood U
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oklahoma State U
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State U (9)
Otis College of Art and Design
PNW College of Art, Willamette U
Palm Beach-Atlantic U
Pennsylvania State U

Pitzer College
Point Park U
Portland State U
Pratt Institute
Purdue U
Reed College
Regent's U, London
Regis U
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rice U
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Sam Houston State U
San Diego State U (3)
Santa Clara U
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Seattle U
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Smith College
Southern Methodist U (2)
Southern Utah U
Southwestern U
St. Edward's U
St. John's College, Santa Fe
St. Joseph's College of Maine
St. Mary's U
St. Olaf College
Stony Brook U
Syracuse U
Temple U
Texas A&M U, College Station
Texas A&M U, Corpus Christi
Texas Christian U
Texas State U, San Marcos
Texas Tech U (4)
The American U of Rome (Italy)
The Boston Conservatory, Berklee (2)
The Ohio State U
Trinity College
Trinity U
Tufts U
Tulane U
U College Dublin
U of Alabama (2)
U of Arizona (5)
U of California, Davis
U of California, Irvine
U of California, Los Angeles
U of California, Merced
U of California, Riverside
U of California, San Diego
U of California, Santa Barbara
U of California, Santa Cruz
U of Central Arkansas
U of Central Florida
U of Colorado, Co. Springs (2)
U of Colorado, Boulder
U of Colorado, Denver
U of Connecticut
U of Denver (5)
U of Florida
U of Georgia
U of Groningen (The Netherlands)
U of Hawaii at Manoa
U of Houston
U of Idaho

U of Illinois at Chicago
U of the Incarnate Word
U of Kansas
U of Limerick (Ireland)
U of Maine
U of Mary Hardin, Baylor
U of Maryland, College Park
U of Massachusetts, Amherst
U of Massachusetts, Boston
U of Miami
U of Michigan (2)
U of Minnesota, Twin Cities
U of Mississippi
U of Montana
U of Nevada, Las Vegas
U of New Mexico (75)
U of NM, Valencia Campus
U of North Dakota
U of Northern Colorado
U of North Texas
U of Oklahoma
U of Oregon (3)
U of Pittsburgh
U of Portland
U of Puget Sound
U of Rochester
U of Roehampton (England)
U of San Diego
U of San Francisco
U of South Carolina
U of South Florida
U of Southern California
U of Tampa
U of Tennessee, Knoxville
U of Texas, Austin
U of Texas, Dallas
U of Texas, Tyler
U of the Incarnate Word
U of the Pacific
U of Utah (6)
U of Vermont
U of Washington, Seattle (2)
U of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
U of Wyoming
Utah State U
Virginia Poly. Institute & State U
Washington U, St. Louis (3)
Washington State U
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Texas A&M U
Western Colorado U
Western Oregon U
Western Washington U (4)
Wheaton College, Massachusetts
Whitman College
Whittier College
Woodbury U
Xavier U

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