

## Our Academic Program

**Language Arts** - Reading and writing across the curriculum is the backbone of our academic strength. Students gain skill and confidence to read critically and communicate effectively. Creative writing is encouraged. A documented research paper is completed each year. Literature includes classics, modern fiction and non-fiction and works by Shakespeare.

**Science** - Four years of lab science include technical writing and research reports. Rotating subjects include geology, chemistry, biology, biotechnology, physics and botany.

**History** - The area of study adapts to meet student interests as well as graduation requirements. Recent classes include Modern American History 1950-2000, History of Southeast Asia, Western Humanities, African Colonialism and Russian History.

**Mathematics** - All levels stress competency and confidence while building aptitude. Math is required each year and is individualized and self-paced. Students at SFSS usually study math years above grade level.

**Foreign Languages** - Spanish is taught at all levels at SFSS. Latin, French and Italian are also supported. Choices vary each year.

**Physical Education** - Students attend two P.E. classes each week. Classes such as fencing, dance or a martial art are taught at a private studio. Choices vary each year.

**Electives** - Choosing from the large resource of professional artists and art teachers, our elective program offers three electives per student per year. Past courses include timber framing, beading, knitting, sewing, land arts, improvisational theatre, cooking, calligraphy/book arts, portrait drawing, swing dance, latin dance and yearbook.

“The teachers here care about our education. They push us to the limit.”



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Creativity, Cooperation, Community

**Santa Fe  
Secondary School**

An Independent Academic School since 1994

A young man with glasses and a dark jacket is standing in front of a whiteboard. He has his arms crossed and is looking towards the camera. The whiteboard behind him has some faint, illegible writing on it.

Santa Fe Secondary School is an academic, independent school where **creativity, cooperation and community flourish.**



Santa Fe Secondary School is a unique, independent academic school for grades 7-12. We strive for competence through daily practice in a structured and supportive setting. We believe that sharing ideas and relating within a humane environment cultivates maximum growth.

Our keen interest in teenagers embodies the core and integrity of the program. We care about how teens think, what they think, and why they think it.

The depth of academic exploration at SFSS is focused on personal expression, individual interest, organization and responsibility. We recognize that real learning can only take place when the social and emotional needs of

students are being tended. Small classes allow for concentrated interaction between our teachers, students and families. At Santa Fe Secondary School critical thinking and decision-making strategies are encouraged.

“Santa Fe Secondary is all about respect.”

### Admissions

#### Our Application Process:

- Student school visit for 1-2 days
- Student and parent interviews
- Math evaluation and writing sample
- Teacher or tutor recommendations

Please call to schedule a visit/interview at (505) 982-2240.

Tuition for 2010-2011  
\$8,400.00\*

\* Additional fees for P.E., elective supplies, selected texts

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### Who will benefit from an education at SFSS?

- Students who want to be well prepared for college.
- Students who prefer a smaller, safe environment.
- Students who do best while learning at their own pace.
- Students who need a school where there is structure and support from teachers and other students.
- Students who are ready for a variety of stimulating learning experiences in the local community.
- Students who enjoy a classroom with combined grade levels.
- Students who thrive in a smaller classroom where individual needs are met.

### Is SFSS the School for you?

Since 1994, we have found that students with a variety of strengths and needs rise to the challenge set forth at Santa Fe Secondary School. Academic progress and personal growth are expected of everyone.

### Colleges accepting OUR STUDENTS

American University, Antioch, Bard, Beloit, Byrn Mawr, Colorado College, Cornish College of the Arts, CU Boulder, CU Denver, Denver University, Emory University, Evergreen, Fort Lewis, Georgetown, Goucher, Grinnell, Hampshire, Harvard, Humboldt State University, Lesley, Lewis and Clark, New Mexico Tech, Northwestern University, Oberlin, Pitzer, Reed, Tulane, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, University of British Columbia, University of Chicago, University of New Mexico, University of Oregon, Wellesley, Wheaton, Yale University

“I feel like I’m getting a one-of-a-kind education.”

Although Santa Fe Secondary is recognized by the New Mexico State Department of Education as an independent private school, this acknowledgment does not include the advantages of accreditation. Since 1994, colleges throughout the US and Canada have accepted our students based on their SAT and ACT test scores and transcripts.

