

## Seminar Community

## F.A.Q.



### Are Seminar classes honors?

Seminar classes are not designated honors on the transcript but are considered accelerated and highly rigorous by colleges.

### Do Seminar students take AP classes?

Yes. Seminar does not limit students from taking AP classes. Many students in AP classes and receiving AP distinction are Seminar students.

### Can students be in Seminar as well as BCA, Leadership Academy, or KCC?

Yes. BCA, Leadership Academy, and KCC classes are elective classes that align with the Seminar schedule.

### How are Seminar classes organized?

Language Arts classes are mixed grades 9-12, and students have a different LA teacher every year. Social Studies classes are by grade level following ASD graduation standards.

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Seminar Cup  
First Friday Potlucks  
Beartooth  
Poetry Slams  
Seminar Cafe  
Senior Statements  
Senior Projects  
Team Building  
Dance/Music Contests  
Parental Involvement  
Foreign Exchange Students



# The Seminar School



Choose Your Direction

## Mission / Purpose



The Seminar School is a multi-disciplinary school of language arts, social studies, math, and science devoted to fostering intellectually curious students who are ready to encounter the world's great thinkers with an open mind.

The Socratic Method engenders a cooperative dialogue where we evaluate and logically consider our own and others' ideas. Students inquire about philosophical, cultural, political, and historical ideas, give voice to their own opinions, and learn to listen respectfully and kindly to others. This allows our students to develop discipline in their habit of thought and to ask pertinent and meaningful questions.



The heart of the Socratic Method begins with recognizing our own biases and assumptions. While students are expected to fully engage with the text through "coaching" or annotating, they are not expected to fully understand; sincere effort through defining words, making connections, and asking questions are the crux to developing understanding. Along with small group discussions, students participate in a full-class discussion to further their understanding.

We encourage our students to be passionate, reasonable, and self-reflective young men and women with the critical thinking skills necessary to pursue college or any other path.

### 9th Grade

- Seminar Language Arts
- Seminar World History
- Biology or Science 9
- Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
- Two Electives

### 10th Grade

- Seminar Language Arts
- Seminar US History
- Biology or Chemistry
- Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus
- Two Electives

### 11th Grade

- Seminar Language Arts
- Alaska Studies & Seminar Economics
- any science, including AP courses
- any math, including AP courses
- Two Electives

### 12th Grade

- Seminar Language Arts
- Seniors in Philosophy Semester 2
- Seminar US Government
- any science, including AP courses
- any math, including AP courses
- Two electives

Electives may be BCA, NJROTC, AP PE, arts, technology, KCC,...

## Seminar Pathway

