

ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY

2020-21 SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT AND PROFILE



COVID-19 Impact: 2020-21 School Year and Spring 2020

Albuquerque Academy has made significant changes to the 2020-21 calendar and daily schedule in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to comply with public health orders issued by the State of New Mexico and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New Modified Block Calendar

The Academy has divided the school year into three 11-week blocks, the first one beginning on August 13, 2020, a full week earlier than originally scheduled. Courses will be offered either in person, in smaller groups to minimize student and staff exposure, or online, depending on the most recent public health orders and the conditions in our school community.

Fall Block: August 13 to November 3, 2020
Winter Block: November 9, 2020 to February 17, 2021
Spring Block: February 22 to May 25, 2021
Commencement: May 29, 2021

Daily Schedule

Classes will be offered on a modified block system. There will be three two-hour long periods each school day. Students will complete two courses per block for a total of six courses per year. The hours of instruction will be equivalent to the hours taught under our traditional semester calendar. This modified block plan will allow us to reduce class sizes and minimize the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Each 11-week block will equate to two semesters/a full year of instruction.

Transcript Changes

Grades will be reported each semester, for a total of six times per year. Our traditional grade distribution will be calculated based on each teacher's given grades. However, because of the need to break classes into smaller sections, grade distributions will be updated each semester, six times a year, but the grades will not change. A student's transcript will therefore show four semester grades by November (two each for two courses in Fall Block) and another four in mid February at the end of Winter Block, with the final four recorded in late May 2021, at the end of the Spring Block.

Update on Spring Semester 2020

The Academy moved to online classes in mid-March of 2020 in response to an order closing New Mexico schools. Our classes continued to meet daily in virtual classrooms. Students were able to continue learning new material and complete all work. Fourth marking period grades were issued based on the online work. The calculation of spring semester grades was changed to reflect the adjustments that had to be made due to the switch to online instruction. Therefore, instead of evenly weighing third and fourth marking period grades, for spring semester 2020 only, semester grades were calculated as 2/3 Marking Period 3 and 1/3 Marking Period 4. The semester grade was calculated in the overall GPA as usual, and semester grades were given the usual credit.

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Albuquerque Academy is a non-denominational independent day school for 1,172 students in grade six through twelve. Admission is competitive. Our student body is 55% students of color, and 24% are receiving over \$4.8 million in financial assistance based entirely on demonstrated financial need. **100% of Albuquerque Academy graduates will attend a four-year college after graduation.**

The Class of 2021

There are 166 students in the Class of 2021. The grading scale is 0-100, with 60 the minimum passing mark. A distribution of marks within each course is provided on the transcript. Courses labeled AP or Advanced receive an extra 0.02 GPA points per semester in the weighted GPA. Transcripts list the 100-point GPA, an unweighted 4.0 GPA, and a weighted 4.0 GPA for each student.

The Senior Appraisal

The Senior Appraisal is generated by a committee of the college advisers and nine faculty members. Each appraisal is drafted by a committee member then reviewed by the entire committee to ensure

its comprehensiveness and accuracy. Albuquerque Academy endorses and complies with the Code of Ethics and Professional Practices produced by the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Standardized Tests – Class of 2021

SAT Middle 50% **ACT Middle 50%**
EBRW: 630-730 Composite: 27-33
Math: 630-730

Graduation Requirements

Students in grades 9-12 are required to take two courses per trimester. 23 and one-quarter credits are required for graduation, including four in English, four in history (one U.S. History and one in Senior Humanities), three in mathematics (through Algebra II/Trigonometry), three in a single modern language, three in laboratory science, and two in fine arts.

Curriculum Notes

The Academy curriculum is exclusively college preparatory and, because of the rigorous nature of the program, and the selectivity of the admission policy, all courses are equivalent to honors-level courses as they are usually known. We offer

22 Advanced Placement courses and 38 additional courses designated as Advanced on our transcript.

College Enrollment

For a list of college matriculations, see <https://www.aa.edu/college-entrance/>.

Discipline Policy

Suspensions and minor disciplinary matters are not listed on the transcript. The Academy does report any change in enrollment status.

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Albuquerque Academy does not rank its students.

Class of	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
National Merit Scholarship Corp Semifinalists	25	26	25	13	23
National Merit Commended	15	14	5	2	4
National Recognition Scholars	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11