



## THE NEW SCHOOL

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## ACCREDITATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

**NAIS** - National Association of  
Independent Schools

**ISACS** - Independent School  
Association of Central States

**NACAC** - National Association for  
College Admission Counseling

**ACCIS** - Association of College  
Counselors in Independent Schools

**ANSAA** - Arkansas Nonpublic  
School Accrediting Association

## THE SCHOOL

In 1971, The New School opened in Fayetteville, Arkansas as a non-profit organization with 24 students age three to six. Today, the independent school provides a student-centered, innovative education for more than 300 students from one-year-olds in the preschool through the 12th grade. With a low student-to-faculty ratio of 5:1, students are known and cared for by an excellent faculty in an encouraging atmosphere. Over the years, the school has seen substantial growth, in both the program and the leadership, but the philosophy and mission of the school have stayed very much the same.

We believe that children learn best in a positive environment with careful direction and guidance from teachers who demonstrate care and concern for each child. We believe that a school should encourage exploration and inquiry in an environment enriched with opportunities in the arts and sciences, and we believe that a school's instructional programs should ensure that students reach their full potential for academic achievement. To achieve these goals, The New School is committed to selecting outstanding teachers and supporting them with the highest quality of professional development.

## MISSION

The New School community empowers each student through a well-rounded experience and inspires a love of lifelong learning.

## VISION

Our students will be confident and engaged learners who lead through collaboration and compassion.

## CORE VALUES

Curiosity | Character | Community  
Citizenship | Innovation  
Excellence | Respect

## UPPER SCHOOL PROGRAM

*(Grades 7 - 12)*

### Academics

The New School Upper School spans 7th - 12th grade, with the first graduating class in 2020. Small, seminar-style classes take place in modular classrooms, where the curriculum is college-preparatory, but also life-preparatory.

The academic program is hands-on and experiential, exemplified by our field experiences around the country and our STEAM-focused Innovation Center, which houses our 3-D printers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, and full woodworking/metal-working lab. Students work from laptops, occasionally shifting to iPads, and with a fully wireless campus, our classes can go wherever the learning takes them.

### Arts

The Arts program at The New School cultivates a sense of belonging, collaboration, arts appreciation, and creative expression. These experiences serve to inspire confidence, empathy, self-discovery, communication skills, problem solving, and character building opportunities for students. The program provides unique and experiential learning opportunities through practice, performance, observation, and hands-on activity. The goal of the arts program develops students into advanced artists, musicians, actors and dancers.

## Athletics

The New School Athletic program will provide an athletic experience focused on discipline, academic and athletic success, and reaching maximum potential both in individual and team sports. The New School offers nine athletic sports for students in grades 7 - 12, including basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, mountain biking, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

## Extracurriculars

The New School extracurricular activities exist to complement the school's academic curriculum and to augment the student's educational experience. Through the guidance of faculty advisors, students develop skills based on the school's core values. Our school's rich extra-curricular program encourages self-driven learning where students discover their passions and cultivate friendships.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### English

4 total credits

### Math

4 total credits; including 1 credit of Algebra I or its equivalent, Geometry or its equivalent, and Algebra II or its equivalent

### Science

3 total credits; including 3 years of Lab Sciences

### Social Studies

3 total credits; including 1 credit of U.S. History, World History and 0.5 credit of Economics and U.S. Government

### World Language

2 total credits

### Health

0.5 total credits

### Oral Communications

0.5 total credits

### Fine Arts

0.5 total credits

### Electives

6.5 total credits

### Total Credits

24 total credits

## 2020-21 ENROLLMENT

### Grade 9

10 Students

### Grade 10

18 Students

### Grade 11

5 Students

### Grade 12

8 Students

### Total Upper School Enrollment

41 Students

## Grade Point Average

The GPA is calculated on a weighted 4-point scale, with grades in standard courses as A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0, and grades in AP courses as A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, and F=0.

## COVID-19 and The New School

Due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions during the spring of 2020, The New School faculty taught the final quarter of the second semester via online learning. Although adaptations had to be made, teaching and learning continued. Our faculty supported students during this unprecedented time, offering online office hours and individual meetings, in addition to regular online class meetings. The second semester grades shown on the transcripts are a reflection of the combination of in class and distance learning. We are confident that our students were able to continue reaping the benefits of a TNS education, even under these highly unusual circumstances.

## Class of 2020

The following data is based on The New School's inaugural graduating class.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Arcadia University  
Bennington College  
Eckerd College  
Hendrix College  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Moore College of Art and Design  
Pennsylvania State  
Purdue University  
University of ArizonaUniversity of Arkansas  
University of Kansas  
University of Missouri  
Southern Methodist University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
The Citadel  
US Military Academy Prep School  
Washington State University

## Courses

### MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA I  
ALGEBRA II  
GEOMETRY  
HONORS GEOMETRY  
HONORS ALGEBRA II  
PRE CALCULUS  
HONORS PRE CALCULUS  
AP CALCULUS AB  
AP CALCULUS BC  
AP STATISTICS

### FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

VISUAL ARTS  
AP STUDIO ART  
GRAPHIC DESIGN I  
GRAPHIC DESIGN II  
ANIMATION & VIDEO  
SERIGRAPHY  
(SCREEN PRINTING)  
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY  
CERAMICS  
INTRODUCTION TO WOODWORKING  
INDEPENDENT STUDY  
ENSEMBLE I  
ENSEMBLE II  
GUITAR I  
GUITAR II  
PIANO  
STRINGS  
YEARBOOK  
SUSTAINABLE ART  
FIBER ARTS

### SCIENCE

BIOLOGY  
AP BIOLOGY  
CHEMISTRY  
AP CHEMISTRY  
INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL SCIENCE  
PHYSICS  
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I  
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II

### SOCIAL STUDIES

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
WORLD HISTORY  
AP WORLD HISTORY  
UNITED STATES HISTORY  
AP UNITED STATES HISTORY  
US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS  
AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS  
AP PSYCHOLOGY (11/12)  
FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

### TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTER SCIENCE

PYTHON PROGRAMMING  
WEB DESIGN  
APP DEVELOPMENT  
AP COMPUTER SCIENCE A

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Total Scholarships reported by graduates in the Class of 2020:

**\$ 1,548,880**

Scholarships awarded include academic merit, art, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge and Governor's scholarships.

## ENGLISH

ENGLISH I  
ENGLISH II  
ENGLISH III  
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION  
CREATIVE WRITING  
JOURNALISM  
INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALISM  
MEDIA PRODUCTION  
DEBATE  
ORAL COMMUNICATION

## WORLD LANGUAGES

French and Spanish are offered as separate courses, but the standards for equivalent classes in the different languages are the same.

FRENCH I, II AND III  
SPANISH I, II AND III  
AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE  
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE

## HEALTH

HEALTH  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Any course on the transcript designated with 'RC' is a course from Red Comet, a self-paced online course, not taught by TNS faculty.