

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## ENRICHMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



THE GIFTED CHOICE™

### MISSION OF EXTRACURRICULARS AT SAA

Extracurriculars at Science & Arts Academy strive to cultivate a sense of belonging, foster school spirit, increase collaboration with students in different grade levels, and provide opportunities for students to connect with teachers outside of class time. **Our objective is to provide every student with the opportunity to take advantage of at least one learning opportunity beyond the classroom that will enrich his/her school year experience.** We accomplish this by delivering high value programming - diverse options at low costs on the SAA campus - to our students.

### PARTICIPATION & IMPACT

**4 of every 5 students** participate in at least one school sponsored extracurricular each year and **current or former faculty and parent volunteers facilitate 90% of offerings**, demonstrating our community's deep commitment to cultivating the academic abilities, creative talents, and emotional growth of students beyond the classroom.

SAA recognizes the challenge of balancing extracurricular involvement with the concern of over scheduling. The school understands that students and families have varied interests and goals, logistical challenges, and other circumstances that dictate participation levels. We encourage students and families to participate at a level that feels right for them.

Student and parent satisfaction is continually assessed through surveys and other feedback mechanisms, and informal program observations are conducted periodically.

### FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We're appreciative of our families who give generously of their **time, talent, and treasure to extracurriculars**. Volunteerism takes many forms: leading a semester or yearlong activity, providing snacks for competitions, transporting students to off-site events, and more. SAA keeps families abreast of prospective extracurricular activities, important dates and events, and ways to support their child's involvement through the school website, weekly newsletters, email, Schoology (LMS), back to school events, and extracurricular fairs.

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Participation in extracurriculars is contingent on students maintaining **good academic standing and adhering to the same behavioral expectations** as the regular school day.

### SAMPLE OF OFFERINGS\*

#### Academics

- Chess
- Coding
- Girls Excelling in Math & Science
- LEGO Engineering
- Math Clubs and Math Team
- Science Olympiad

#### Athletics

- Basketball and Cross Country Teams
- Running Club
- Soccer

#### Arts & Culture

- Certamen Team
- Chinese/Mandarin Clubs
- Drama Productions
- Instrument and Voice Lessons

#### Leadership

- Community Problem Solving Team
- Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Navigators
- Library Advisory Board
- National Junior Honor Society
- Positive Learning Environment Task Force
- Student Council

*\*This list is not all-inclusive, and some offerings change year to year. Decisions to run extracurriculars are made with careful consideration (e.g. alignment with extracurricular and school philosophy, student interest, staff availability, and facility space). Up-to-date information can be found on the SAA website.*