



Commonly Asked Questions

How long has SAGE been around?

Founded in 2002

How many students are in classrooms?

Class sizes can range from 15-22, with most around 15.

How many students are there in each grade?

On average, there are 20-25 students per grade. Student to educator ratio is 11:1.

Do you have special education services?

Yes, SAGE does offer special education and 504 services. We have paraprofessionals in all core classes and offer ELA and Math co-taught courses.

What is access to technology like?

Each classroom has a class set of chromebooks, except the art courses that use ipads. SAGE does have student devices that can be brought home for the year.

What Learning platform do you use?

SAGE uses Google Classroom for courses and projects. Students can access class presentations, materials, resources, and assignments at any time.

Do you provide transportation?

Transportation is limited to Brooklyn Park and its close surroundings.

Is there a fee/tuition to attend?

SAGE is a public charter high school, so there is no fee to attend.

Are there mental health services?

We have a full time counselor who provides social-emotional counseling. We also use SEL curriculum within our Advisory program. Staff receive mental health and suicide prevention training. We also work closely with organizations such as MyHealth Teen Clinic.

Do you offer credit recovery?

SAGE is not a credit recovery school. However, students can work on independent projects to achieve credits they are missing. Students are also able to earn more credit per trimester than at most other schools.

Do you offer summer school?

No, SAGE does not have a summer school program. Students must apply for summer school within their home district. Students who work well independently can work virtually with a SAGE educator over the summer on projects to achieve additional credits.

Does SAGE offer courses that meet Minnesota State Required Grad Standards?

Yes. As a public school, we are held to meeting all the required MN graduation standards, credit and other requirements for graduation.

How does your school handle bullying?

SAGE has a strict [anti-bullying policy](#). At SAGE, we believe in building community and creating strong relationships with our students. Students are encouraged to talk to their educators when they are bullied or witness bullying. Students can also make anonymous reports online or written. Within our advisory, we use an Anti-bullying curriculum that includes healthy communication and conflict resolution and how to be an upstander.

What does your school's schedule look like?

SAGE has classes 7:35-2:30, Monday- Thursday. We have school Exploratory Days one Friday a month in which students meet with their Advisory virtually, can meet one-on-one virtually with their teachers for additional support, and are encouraged to participate in expeditions and service on their own.

What sports does SAGE offer?

SAGE does not offer sports. For students wanting to participate in sports, they can do so through their home district. We will work with families to accommodate the students' schedule.

What after school activities does SAGE offer?

Due to the limits of transportation, SAGE has built student activities into the daily schedule. We offer student-led groups such as Student Council, GSA, Table top Games, Guys Group, Girls Group, Service Leadership, and Tech group.

We partner with Three Rivers Park District to offer an Environmental Science based Dungeons and Dragons after school program. We also work closely with Tree House who provides activities, groups, and mentorships to teens.

For academic support, SAGE offers after school support once a week on Tuesdays. Students are able to work with educators one-on-one or in small groups for help on assignments and projects. Students can also schedule other times with their classroom teacher for additional support.

How much homework typically does a student have?

Typically, students do not have much homework. Our days are on a block schedule which allows for work time following instruction. Students who use their time wisely will have little to no homework.

Do you offer AP courses?

We do not offer AP courses. However, we do offer [PSEO](#) and encourage students to attend PSEO courses while they are in High School.

Do you offer College and Career Planning?

All students are required to take Life Skills lessons before they graduate. This includes college planning, career exploration, resume building, mock interviews, personal finance, independent living, among many other life after high school need-to-knows.

We also offer several college and career tours throughout the year. Our school counselor works closely with students to map out their path after high school.

Additionally, we partner with Brooklynk who offers career preparation and mentorship. Students are also able to complete paid internships through Brooklyn.

What is Project Based Learning?

Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge. Within classes, projects stem from the content being covered, embedded in standards, and teach lead with student choices. Other projects, such as Social Studies and Science Electives, are student driven and independent, embedded in standards, and supported by a project advisor.

All seniors are required to complete a 1 credit capstone service project which they present at the end of their senior year.

What is Expeditionary Learning?

Expeditionary Learning is an educational model that emphasizes high achievement through active learning, character growth, and teamwork. Expeditionary Learning emphasizes new experiences, service, collaboration, and leadership. Past expeditions have included Baker Outdoor Adventure, Elm Creek Tubing, Bell Museum, Penumbra Theater, MN Zoo, and Nobel Peace Forum.

What is Service Based Learning?

Building a sense of community and being part of the larger community is at the heart of SAGE Academy's mission. All students are required to complete community service while at SAGE as well as complete a service learning project. SAGE offers options for some of these hours, but some of the hours students are required to complete outside of school.

What is the Advisory Program?

Each student is assigned to an advisory that they will be with throughout their time at SAGE. Our Advisory program offers college and career prep, healthy mindset lessons and team building. Advisors also work closely with students and their families to create individualized learning plans, to track student progress, provide supports- academically and socially-emotionally. Advisors act as advocates for their advisees.

Is there an Arts program?

SAGE offers studio and digital art courses. We also have a new media center where students can create videos, music, podcasts, and more as part of project based learning.

Are there Physical Education Courses?

SAGE offers Team Sports and Individual Fitness. The state of Minnesota required students to complete 4 credits of physical education for graduation. Students can also do independent projects to meet physical education requirements.

We offer an open gym before school and during lunch.

Does SAGE have a work-study program?

No, SAGE is not an approved work-study program. Students need to be in school the full school day. One reason for the move to a 4 day school week was to allow students more time on the weekends to work, leaving school days to focus on academics.

What is your school security?

We have cameras throughout the school. Doors are locked at all times. All guests must buzz in and identify themselves before allowed entrance. No guests are allowed into the building without prior approval. A security audit is done yearly by our Building coordinator. Emergency

procedures are posted and staff are provided training. Students practice the required emergency procedures. Staff are training on Crisis Prevention Interventions. SAGE does not have Resource Officers on staff, BPPD regularly stops by the school to assist with bus stops and school events, as well as to build community with our students.

Do you offer school tours?

Yes, you can contact the school at 763-315-4020 or cjohnson@sageacademy.org to schedule a tour.