



SAAS Rising: Preparing Students for Exponentially Changing Times

Seattle Academy was founded on the conviction that preparing students for a changing world required an innovative, hands-on, creative, and entrepreneurial education. That methodology is more important than ever, because the need to produce collaborative, flexible, bright thinkers for a world demanding fresh approaches to growing problems is at its highest level.

To prepare Seattle Academy students for these exponentially changing times we need learning environments that support creativity, problem solving, design, innovation, collaboration, emotional intelligence and skills of expression. Seattle Academy is certain that developing exceptional purpose-built facilities designed to maximize programmatic flexibility while maintaining an emphasis on community cohesion will dramatically increase our ability to develop these 21st century skills in our students.

SAAS Integrated: A “Home” on the 12th-Avenue Block

Seattle Academy imagines new construction that will unite its Upper and Middle Schools in the 12th-Avenue block and generate space for new curricular developments. As envisioned, SAAS will:

- Build a STREAM Building: a facility dedicated to supporting the Upper School Science curriculum and project-based integration of STREAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)
- Bring the Middle School program to an all-new structure in the 12th-Avenue block
- Add a second gymnasium
- Renovate and consolidate the Upper School
- Provide flexible space for community building, group collaboration, student-initiated project work, student study and socializing, and a cafeteria
- Build two new floors of parking simplifying logistics and campus visits
- Integrate the new and renovated structures with the existing Arts Center and Gymnasium

SAAS Transformed: New Facilities Will Enhance the SAAS Student Experience

In curricular terms, the new SAAS campus will leapfrog, by an entire generation, the faculty and staff's ability to deliver the School's dynamic instructional vision:

- Six new purpose-built labs will enable support the science core-curriculum and allow all-new classes and experiences in technology and design.
- Both formal learning environments and informal, project-based workspaces will greatly facilitate the School's increased emphasis on problem-solving, innovation and collaboration skills.
- Reflecting SAAS' expanded commitment to technology instruction, the all-new STREAM Building Commons Space will make possible first-ever Innovations classrooms, sharply increase physical sciences classroom space, and expand teaching apparatus.
- Shifting all Upper School science classes into new classrooms in the STREAM Building will create space for increased Humanities offerings and Arts programming.

- The STREAM Building Commons will facilitate broader opportunities for Upper School academic and social interaction and also creates the opportunity for a much-requested Upper School lunchroom.
- The new campus will add space for learning support, bolstering the learning services available to a student population that, by design, will grow increasingly diverse in skills, needs, and complexity.
- A new building on the 12th Avenue block will provide new, permanent home for the Middle School program and will feature larger classrooms finally allowing project-based work.
- The new campus will add a second gym that can do triple service as a Middle School lunchroom, collaboration space, and connection space.

SAAS Now: Timing of the New Campus & Campaign

The need for new facilities is urgent. Faculty creativity, reflected in new curriculum such as the Innovations course, is rapidly running ahead of existing meeting and teaching spaces. Small, lecture-style classrooms are increasingly ill-suited to the delivery of learning experiences ranging from small-group collaboration, technology explorations, and long-term independent project work.

In accordance with their dedication to Seattle Academy's mission the Board of Trustees authorized a **\$35 million capital campaign** to support the construction of the new STREAM facility and new building for the middle school programs. These facilities will proceed in two fundraising-dependent construction phases.

Students will occupy our new STREAM building in September 2015 followed by design and construction of a new facility for the Middle School programs.

Seattle Academy is prepared to strengthen its educational offerings and continue to push the boundaries of the secondary education experience. The successful completion of the SAAS Rising Capital Campaign will reflect broad support of the SAAS mission and teaching model and ensure continued transformational curricular and co-curricular innovations that have become a hallmark of Seattle Academy.