

## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Founded in 2018, The Downtown School: A Lakeside School is an independent, co-educational micro-school launched by Lakeside School in Seattle, WA. The Downtown School combines some of the best aspects of Lakeside’s high-quality curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary, experiential, and self-driven learning at reduced costs to increase accessibility. Admission is selective, and maximum school enrollment is 160. The student body currently represents 58 sending schools and 41 zip codes. The Downtown School emphasizes **five core competencies**. Our graduates can *Collaborate, Communicate Effectively, Think Critically, Think Creatively, and Learn How to Learn.*

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The Downtown School courses carry **no AP/Honors** distinction; our small, discussion-orientated, project-based courses typically exceed the rigor of Advanced Placement courses. A typical student course load is five classes per semester, plus an intensive course enrollment at the start/end of each year.

We emphasize self-direction, collaboration, and primary research. Rich electives and access to the Global Online Academy allow students to move at an accelerated pace in the directions that they choose.

Graduation Requirements	Courses	*denotes highest level course			
English (4 cr)	English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4				
History (3 cr)	World History, U.S. History, Modern History, History: Special Topics* (Constitutional Law, Extremism, Political Philosophy, Social Justice)				
Language (level 3)	Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4, Spanish 5*, Spanish 6*				
Science (3 cr)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Molecular & Cell Biology*, Advanced Physics*				
Math** (3 cr)	Integrated Alg. II & Geometry 1 & 2 (two-year course covering Alg II, Geom, Trig., & Programming), Precalculus, Calculus* (BC equivalent), Statistics*				
PE/ Health (2 cr)	Health & Wellness, (3 semesters of approved outside activities)				
Art (1 cr)	Visual Arts 1, Visual Arts 2				
	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>	
Intensives (2.5 cr)	•Science of Learning (ID)		•Ethics & Citizenship (ID) •Entrepreneurship (ID)	•Philosophy & Self (ID) •Capstone (ID)	
Internship	Up to 50 hours of an approved outside internship				
Global Online Academy (GOA)	Students encouraged to enroll in at least one (1) GOA course.				
City as Lab	Taking advantage of our urban location, our courses invariably involve trips to engage in learning outside the classroom as well as welcome outside expertise into our own learning environment.				

\*\*Students must complete Algebra 1 as a pre-requisite for admission into The Downtown School.

### Accreditation

Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS)

**Member:** NAIS, NWAIS, NACAC, PNACAC, ACCIS

## 2022-2023

### Community

Faculty/Staff:	14
Average faculty experience:	19 yrs
Full-time faculty with advanced degrees:	100%
Students receiving aid:	12%
Self-identified students of color:	37%

### Enrollment

Class of '22:	36
Class of '23:	32
Class of '24:	36
Class of '25:	36
Class of '26:	37

### Grading Scale (4 pt)

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	below 60
CR	Credit
NC	No Credit

GOA= Global Online Academy  
(ID)= Interdisciplinary  
I= Incomplete  
ME= Medical Excused  
MW= Medical Withdrawal

## Curricular Highlights

### Calendar

late Aug. – mid-Sept.	mid-Sept. – mid-Jan.	mid-Jan. – late-May	June
<b>Opening Intensive</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Closing Intensive</b>

Our three-week intensive courses are structured to foster deep learning without the distractions of other courses. Students are able to make cross-disciplinary connection working with the same team of teachers for the duration of the course. Courses emphasize research, data application, analytical reading, public speaking, and both expository and persuasive writing skills.

### Global Online Academy (GOA)

Students supplement our core curriculum from the full spectrum of courses offered by a world-wide consortium of leading independent schools through the GOA. Among the most recent enrollments are: Micro-/Macroeconomics, Psychology, Bioethics, Computer Science, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Number Theory, Japanese, Arabic.

### City-as-Lab partnerships

30+ including: U.S. District Courts, Seattle Children's Hospital, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Pacific Science Center, Allen Institute for Brain Science, Seattle Opera, Holocaust Center for Humanity, Seattle Latino Film Festival, Seattle Insight Medication Society, King County Elections.

### Grade Distribution

<b>GPA</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b> n=32	<b>Class of 2022</b> n=36
<i>unweighted</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> quintile	3.996	3.94
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	3.933	3.86
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	3.800	3.60
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	3.554	2.95
<b>Mean</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>3.47</b>

*The Downtown School does not rank.*

### Test Score Summary

<b>SAT</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b> middle 50%	<b>Class of 2022</b> middle 50%
EBRW	680-750	660-705
Math	600-730	670-720
<b>Total</b>	<b>1270-1450</b>	<b>1320-1420</b>

  

<b>ACT</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b> middle 50%	<b>Class of 2022</b> middle 50%
English	32-35	33-35
Math	28-30	29.5-31.25
Reading	29-36	35-35.25
Science	27-33	30.5-32.75
<b>Comp</b>	<b>29-33</b>	<b>32.5-33.25</b>

## College admissions for inaugural graduating class (Class of '22)

American University  
Arizona State University  
Bard College  
Brandeis University  
Cal Poly (SLO)  
Carleton College  
Colby College  
College of William and Mary  
College of Wooster  
Colorado School of Mines  
Dartmouth College  
Drexel University  
Duke Kunshan University

Fordham University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Macalester College  
Occidental College  
Reed College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Scripps College  
Stanford University  
United States Naval Academy

University of British Columbia  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Portland  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Rochester  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
University of St Andrews (Scotland)  
University of Washington, Seattle  
Vassar College  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College

**Attending 4-year programs** 97%  
**Attending college outside of Washington State** 84%