



John F. Kennedy High School
S.O.A.R. Program

Open House
2022

JOHN F. KENNEDY

School of Academic Renown

John F. Kennedy High School's School of Academic Renown (SOAR) is a place for serious study and appropriate behavior. The students in this program are an integral part of the Kennedy High School student body and participate in extra-curricular and community activities. The program itself is an accelerated honors program of studies geared toward college bound students who follow a rigorous course of studies. The program fosters an interdisciplinary approach to academic achievement, and aims to produce well-rounded, civic-minded individuals who will easily transition to the college environment.

Benefits and Features of S.O.A.R. Program

- + **Challenging Content with Emphasis on Higher Order Thinking Skills**
- + **Intense Preparation for College**
- + **Guidance Counselor Specific to SOAR**
- + **College Admissions Preparation and Consultation**
- + **Community Service Opportunities**
- + **Summer Orientation Program for Incoming 9th Grade Students**
- + **Interdisciplinary Studies**
- + **Independent Study**
- + **Supplemental Lectures and Presentations**

Benefits and Features (Cont'd)

- + **Required Summer Reading**
- + **Variety of Educational Trips**
- + **Mandatory SAT Prep**
- + **17 AP Course Offerings and the Opportunity for Independent AP Studies**
- + **7 UCONN Early College Experience Offerings**
- + **4 Post University Offerings**

A woman with glasses and a patterned scarf is sitting at a desk, writing in a notebook. She is looking down at the paper. The background is slightly blurred, showing a desk with papers and a pen. The overall tone is professional and focused.

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**REQUIREMENTS AND
EXPECTATIONS**

Attendance Policy

- + Students are only allowed ten absences per year**
- + No more than four tardies per marking period**
- + Two dismissals will be allowed per year unless there is an emergency**

Activities

Mandatory:

- **Students must engage in a minimum of one extracurricular activity, club, or sport per semester.**
- **Students must perform a minimum of 15 community service hours each year.**



Maintaining Good Academic Standing

- **Students must maintain a grade of 75 in all classes.**
- **Additional help or study sessions will be arranged for struggling students.**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- + Currently we offer 17 Advanced Placement courses throughout the curriculum.**
- + SOAR students are encouraged to take AP courses as part of their curriculum.**
- + Success in AP courses at the high school level is a valid predictor of success in college. In addition, our syllabi are audited and certified by the College Board to ensure that work performed is at the college level.**
- + If a student scores the required grade on the national exam, many colleges accept this as credit for freshman level classes. Some schools use the exam for class placement purposes .**

Advanced Placement Offerings

- + English Language
- + English Literature
- + Pre-Calculus
- + Calculus AB
- + Calculus BC
- + Statistics
- + Biology
- + Chemistry
- + Physics
- + European History
- + U.S. History
- + Government & Politics
- + Comparative Government
- + Psychology
- + African American Studies
- + Spanish
- + Computer Science Principles

UCONN Early College Experience

- + American Studies
- + Environmental Science
- + If You Love It, Teach It
- + Sociology
- + Statistics
- + Italian
- + Introduction to Special Education

Post University

+ Principles of Management

+ Principles of Marketing

+ Financial Accounting
(2024)

+ Managerial Accounting (2024)

GRADE 9

English 9 Honors SOAR

Algebra 1 Honors SOAR

Algebra 2 Honors SOAR

Geometry Honors SOAR

World History Honors SOAR

Biology Honors SOAR

Italian 1 SOAR

Spanish 1 SOAR

Physical Education/Health

Electives

GRADE 10

English 10 Honors SOAR

Algebra 2 Honors SOAR

Geometry Honors SOAR

Pre-Calculus AP

Civics Honors SOAR/U.S. History 2 Honors SOAR

European History AP

Chemistry Honors SOAR

Italian 2 SOAR

Spanish 2 SOAR

Physical Education/Health

Electives

GRADE 11

American Studies (English/Social Studies) UCONN ECE

or

English Language AP

&

U.S. History AP

Pre Calculus AP

Calculus Honors SOAR

Geometry Honors SOAR

Calculus AB AP

Statistics AP (UCONN ECE)

Physics Honors SOAR

Physics AP

Biology AP

Chemistry AP

Environmental Science UCONN ECE

Italian 3 SOAR

Spanish 3 SOAR

English SAT Prep/Math SAT Prep

Electives

GRADE 12

English Literature AP
English 12 Honors SOAR

Calculus Honors SOAR
Calculus AB AP
Calculus BC AP
Statistics AP(ECE)

Government & Politics AP
Comparative Government AP
Psychology AP
African American Studies AP

Biology AP
Chemistry AP
Environmental Science ECE
Physics AP

Italian ECE/Italian 4
Spanish AP/Spanish 4

Electives

Application Process

- + **Applications become available:** October 1, 2022
- + **Visit feeder schools:** October 2022
- + **SOAR Open House:** October 20, 2022
- + **Student shadow days in SOAR:** October 3 – December 16, 2022

Application Process (cont'd)

- + **Application Deadline:** December 22, 2022
- + **Notification letters mailed to families:** January 23, 2023
- + **Student acceptance deadline:** February 27, 2023
- + **Registration for those accepted:** Spring 2023

Application Process (cont'd)

+ Summer Workshop:

August 2023 at Kennedy High School

- **REQUIRED** of new students

Selection Criteria

- + Academic Achievement
- + Teacher Recommendations
- + Essay
- + Interview
- + Demonstrated leadership, community service, and/or engagement in extracurricular activities
- + Demonstrated excellence in personal character

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Each year the students in Kennedy SOAR program are accepted into many prestigious colleges and universities. They also receive significant monetary awards and scholarships in order to pursue their educational goals. The following are colleges and universities where our students have been accepted.



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology



Holy Cross





BALL STATE UNIVERSITY



EDUCATION REDEFINED



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Colgate UNIVERSITY



BRYN MAWR



Brandeis University



Franklin Pierce

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK





IONA



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

MARIST



HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY



SIENACollege

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

ITHACA



WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY



CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE

University of Rhode Island

JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY



Cornell University

Hamilton

UNIVERSITY OF
Massachusetts Amherst

THINKING CRITICALLY, ACTING JUSTLY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS



WELCOME *to* AGGIELAND



UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD



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PURDUE



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology

SARAH • LAWRENCE • COLLEGE



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA.



THE UNIVERSITY
OF VERMONT

American University, Babson, Baldwin/Wallace, Ball State, Barnard, Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Bryant, Brown, Bryn Mawr, Bucknell, California Lutheran, Carnegie Mellon, CCSU, Clark, Colgate, Columbia, Connecticut College, Cornell, Coast Guard Academy, Florida State, Fordham, Franklin Pierce, George Washington, Georgetown, Goucher, Hamilton, Hartwick, Harvard, Hofstra, Holy Cross, Iona, Ithaca, Johns Hopkins, Kettering, La Salle, Lehigh, Loyola, Manhattanville, Marist, MIT, Mount Holyoke, Mount St. Mary, NYU, Northeastern, Northwestern, Penn State, Philadelphia School of the Arts, Princeton, Providence, Purdue, Quinnipiac, Regis, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Rochester Institute of Technology, Roger Williams, Rutgers, Sacred Heart, Salve Regina, Sarah Lawrence, Seton Hall, Siena, Skidmore, SCSU, Smith, Springfield, St. John's, St. Joseph's, Syracuse, Temple, Texas A & M, Trinity, Tufts, Tulane, U of Arizona, U of Chicago, UCONN, U of Hartford, U of Iowa, UPENN, U of Maine, UMASS, U of Maryland, U of New Hampshire, U of New Haven, U of Rhode Island, U of Rochester, U of Richmond, U of San Diego, U of Southern California, Stanford, U of Tampa, U of Vermont, Vassar, Villanova, Wellesley, Wesleyan, West Point, WCSU, Williams, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Yale

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