

Reasons to Choose the Academy

- * The Core Knowledge Curriculum
- * Title I Academic Achieving School
- * A California Distinguished School
- * Dedicated and Involved Parents
- * Full Day Kindergarten
- * Year-round School Calendar
- * Blended Reading Program: CKLA,
& Open Court & Common Core
State Standards (CCSS)
- * Blended Math Program
implementing CCSS
- * Mandatory School Uniforms
- * A-OK! After School Program
- * A "School of Choice"

SBCA is a Small School of Choice within the Santa Barbara Unified School District; it is a tuition-free, public school, open to all residents of the Santa Barbara Unified Sch. Dist.

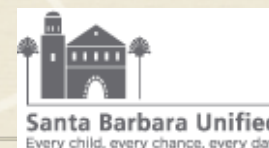


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Welcome to the Academy

The Santa Barbara Community Academy is part of the Santa Barbara Unified School District, and maintains high standards and expectations for all of our students. The Academy serves students from Kindergarten through the Sixth Grade.

The Academy was established in 1999 as a public school of choice. The Academy has maintained a reputation for excellence for over fifteen years now!

The Academy has four quarters, each nine to ten weeks long. These are separated by three-week long "intersessions". The intersession during the summer period is four weeks long.

The school year begins in the middle of July. Inter-sessions will begin at the end of September, the middle of December, and the middle of March. The school year ends in mid-June.

CORE KNOWLEDGE

At our school your child will be offered a very unique curriculum called **Core Knowledge**. The rigorous Core Knowledge curriculum provides a common instructional focus and decreases learning gaps caused by student mobility. The content-rich curriculum also provides a strong foundation of knowledge for success in high school and beyond. Core Knowledge is closely aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Thanks to the specific grade-by-grade outline of topics in the Core Knowledge Sequence, Core Knowledge teachers know what children have learned in previous years and what they will encounter in succeeding grades. They can make efficient use of instructional time by eliminating the likelihood of inadvertently repeating topics that teachers in other grades have already or will address, while ensuring that large gaps do not occur because important topics are overlooked.



****Core Knowledge** is a powerful grade-by-grade curriculum based on the philosophy that background knowledge is essential to strong comprehension. Core Knowledge integrates reading and writing together with history, geography, visual arts, music and science and helps students think critically about their world.*

For parents, Core Knowledge enhances accountability and parental engagement by providing a clear outline of what children are expected to learn in school. This outline also provides a common ground for communication between parents and educators.

Mission Statement: The Santa Barbara Community Academy is committed to achieving Academic excellence through:

Community
Core Knowledge
Core Virtues
Collaboration