

San Juan del Sur Day School INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Middle/ High School Overview



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Welcome to an all-new high school, created to prepare you for all of life's opportunities! Every San Juan del Sur Day School High School experience is unique because it is individualized by each student in collaboration with the teachers. We provide exceptional opportunities for meaningful student work that prepares our students for adulthood as well as internationalism.

PARENTS This is the opportunity to set your teenager on a path to be successful in the present and be prepared for future challenges.

STUDENTS This is your place to be at the center of your learning and be truly seen and heard now while learning the skills to prepare you for your future. We would love to have a conversation with you to learn who you are and where you want to go.

TEACHERS Our qualified high school teacher leaders from around the world use classroom space, intentional course design and scheduling, to build identity and create a culture of empowerment and innovation for our students.



WHY THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM?

In a unique, farm and forest setting, we blend rigorous core subject academic instruction with individual pathways and service learning. Our students get to use real-world based learning experiences to explore new and creative ways of problem-solving and innovation to make an impact in our local and global community. Whether you're on a university path or vocational path, our students create their own unique pathway for success in post high school life.

WHAT GREAT COURSES CAN I TAKE?

The greatest course you can take is one that you are intrinsically motivated to succeed in!

The typical core subjects associated with high school are available to you as they prepare you with the skills required to open doors and provide you with opportunities to succeed. Throughout the program you will be developing your own pathway as an interdisciplinary example of your personal interests. In addition, your service towards the farm on campus will further your understanding of natural processes while supporting your understanding of the skills taught through the core subject areas.

Example Courses*

World Literature and Composition I
Literature and Composition II
Spanish as a Second Language
Spanish for native Speakers
Biology and Sustainable Agriculture
Environmental Science

Humanities - World History
Humanities - Latin History
Physical Education and Wellness
Math
Design Thinking
Studio Arts

*Courses are subject to change.

WHAT DOES MY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

Your schedule is built around deep student learning. We use a four-day A/B Block schedule that rotates over a two-week period. Each block lasts 60 minutes and is broken into 40 minute segments for "Class Time" plus an additional 20 minute segment for "Instructional Focus". The fifth day is a flex day for Personal Interest Projects. School starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:00pm. The campus is open from 7:30am – 8:30am for Farm Service.

WHAT PROGRAMS WILL HELP ME FIND MY CURRENT PERSONAL INTEREST?

PREPARING YOU FOR TOMORROW

Your pathway is your learning journey. It is designed for multiple turns and multiple outcomes. Whether you are heading to university abroad or directly into the workforce, our programs stay loyal to your goals and follow your learning journey. With the Advisory model you will get the support, guidance and personal mentorship that all learners need.

SENDEROS PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Under the guiding light of our name and mission, we offer broad pathways for digging deep. These interdisciplinary electives and hands-on projects are crucial for deeper understanding of subject content. Each SENDERO consists of an Impact Experience, Empowerment Skills, Mastery Standards, Milestones and a Final project. Students focus on one of four tracks:

- **MAKERS** - Arts and Crafts, Sustainable Design
- **EXPLORERS** - Outdoor Education, Ecology and Farm life
- **AMBASSADORS** - Global Citizenship and Community
- **MOVERS** - Sports, Nutrition and Health

FARM TO SCHOOL School Wide initiative to inspire a love of nature, healthy habits and develop self reliant life skills. Farm education can also be the spark that inspires children to discover the connections between food and all the elements of their world.

FLEX DAYS The flex day is an entire school day dedicated to flexible learning time for students. This enables them to work independently, get extra help where they need it, and pursue Personal Interest Projects. It teaches students important life skills and improves creativity with the outcome of improved student learning.

ADVISORY On a daily basis, our students get to connect with their advisor, receiving the guidance and mentorship needed to support the whole-person on their academic and life journey.

ONDA Pulse of the school Student produced; advisor curated stories and content. Communication skills help students develop healthy interpersonal relationships, evaluate mediated messages, and learn to present themselves, their work and their opinions in effective and competent ways to others.

MICRO funding Project When students have innovative ideas, we will support them. Our entrepreneurship program empowers our most advanced learners by supporting innovation with impact with our own Micro funding project. Designed to develop emerging young leaders by providing students with practical leadership skills and the opportunity to work hands-on in the local community in Southwestern Nicaragua.

- **TRAINING:** As entrepreneurs we grow together. Design for Empowerment
- **MENTORING:** Inclusively serve micro-entrepreneurs to facilitate growth.
- **FUNDING:** Provide student access to micro-finances to fund initiatives.

HECHO LAB PROJECT

We are creating a STEAM Maker Space Studio as a creative hub to facilitate student development in design thinking, creativity and craftsmanship. These learning habitats add a hands-on component to the overall curriculum. The HECHO Lab is a “makerspace,” made to integrate technology, hands-on learning, invention, creativity, and design in a community workshop setting.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our school naturally has numerous partnerships with the community leaders and businesses that enable our advanced learners to pursue internships and experiences outside of the normal academic track. These windows into real world activities help our students find their personal interests and make sense of how the world works.

SENIOR CAPSTONE

The Senior Capstone focuses on the student’s long-term commitment to a personal passion. A capstone is a multilayered project that serves as a culminating academic experience for our Seniors. A capstone project may take many forms. In these projects, students select a topic or social problem that interests them, conduct research on that subject, record the results or findings, create a final product, showcasing their conclusions, as well as their learning acquisition. The final product can take many forms, such as papers, multimedia presentations, and short films. Students may also get to do an oral presentation on the project in front of a panel of teachers and experts who will evaluate the project.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CAN I JOIN?

Extracurricular activities are the “doing” of your personal interest project/project-based learning. It's the practice you need to design to improve whatever it is you want to learn. We support athletes by connecting them with the opportunities they need to excel in their area of interest. Opportunities in Beach Volleyball, Swim and Surf, Soccer and Baseball are the most readily available.

Another choice is the Spanish Academy, which is geared towards new Spanish speakers who want to put in the work to achieve fluency. These programs currently are all offsite and have additional teacher, team and transport fees.

