

FAQs

We receive many questions and we are happy to answer them all. The following frequently asked questions are the ones that potential families have most frequently. If you have a question that has not been answered by this list, please contact our Community Engagement Coordinator, Xennia Diaz, at xdiaz@sagecollegiate.org, our Director of Operations, Jenni Woodard, at jwoodard@sagecollegiate.org, or our Executive Director, Sandra Kinne, at skinne@sagecollegiate.org.

Q: When did Sage Collegiate open and what degrees does it offer?

We opened in August 2022 with K-5. In 2023-24, we educate students in K-6. We are a slow growing modified school and at capacity we will have 796 students in K-8.

Q: Where are you located?

We are located at 4100 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, 89107. The site is the former Elks Lodge. We are currently working on Phase II and will add a second building on the parcel behind our current campus.

Q: What is a charter school?

A charter school is a free public school authorized by a governing body. We are licensed by the State Public Charter School Authority.

Q: Do you charge tuition?

NO! Charter Schools are **public** schools. They are open to all students, and there is no tuition and no fees to apply. We believe all children deserve a high-quality education, and we aim to provide that to all students in Las Vegas.

Q: Do you serve all students, regardless of disability or need?

Yes, absolutely. We educate all students, and 12% of our currently enrolled students have IEPs/504s and constitute our Special Education program. This is aligned with CCSD's Special Education population and the schools in our immediate community.

Q: Do students wear uniforms?

Yes! We have student uniform attire. Students wear a school polo that's teal, white, or purple and khaki, black, or gray pants/shorts/skirts. Our uniform policy is available on our school website, and our local uniform supplier is Campus Club. Teachers and staff also adhere to professional attire to lead by example.

Q: Is there an entrance exam?

No. Any child that lives in Nevada is eligible to enroll in Sage Collegiate.

Q: What is the schedule, and when does school start?

We have an extended school day and extended school year. Our students start the 2023-24 school year on August 7, and we go through the last week before Memorial Day 2024. The student school day is 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. We align our year-long schedule somewhat with the local district, though there are some differences. Our 2023-24 calendar is posted on our website.

Q: Do you offer before/after school care?

Yes! We have two partners that work with us to meet this need. The Heinrich YMCA has on-site before care at our campus for students in K-6 from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. and on-site aftercare from 4 – 6 p.m. The Lied Boys and Girls Club provides after-care until 7 p.m. at their Clubhouse, two miles from our school, for scholars in 1st – 6th grade. The Boys & Girls Club picks up from our site and takes scholars to the Club. You can find details, including costs, on the Family Hub page of our school website.



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Q: Do you provide transportation?

Not yet. We are working with a new local transportation partner to provide at least one bus in 2023-24, but we will not have more information until after the school year starts. Unlike the local district, charter schools do not receive public state funding for buses. We have to apply for state funds to secure busing, which we are diligently doing through the summer of 2023. We will continue to update families in monthly news blasts, regular enrollment updates, and on our website.

Q: If my child starts at Sage Collegiate, and we move across town, can s/he stay enrolled there?

Absolutely! We are open to any child in the state, so whether you live in our zip code, you live in Henderson, or you move to Reno, any enrolled child can stay enrolled. (Though, the commute from Reno might get tricky!)

Q: Do you provide breakfast and lunch? How much does it cost?

Yes! We provide breakfast and lunch. Given our current student demographics, our school qualifies to provide 100% of our scholars with free breakfast and lunch. (We do require all students to return a federal form, which we go over and distribute at Family Orientations in the summer.)

Q: Do you have sports or extracurriculars?

Not yet. We will not have them in Year 2. We want to establish a strong culture and have our academic program solidified before we do the "extras". We also need to get our second building and yard constructed so scholars have a sports area.

We have and will continue to partner with external community organizations to help facilitate students' participation in their programs, including with our neighbor, the Bill & Lillie Heinrich YMCA. Throughout our Enrichment courses, we expose students to activities that are similar to extra-curriculars. Our Enrichment program includes coding and ASL, dance and music, and civic and community engagement opportunities.

Q: How do I get more information?

- > Follow us on social media to learn more about our school. Our IG, FB, and TikTok handles are "Sage Collegiate".
- > For questions, here's who to contact:
 - General school questions: Xennia Diaz, Community Engagement Coordinator, xdiaz@sagecollegiate.org
 - Enrollment support: Ms. Diaz or Madison Woodard, Operations Coordinator, <u>mwoodard@saqecollegiate.orq</u>
 - General Operations questions, including those related to attendance, meal services, or before/after care: Jayla Jones, Operations Coordinator, <u>jiones@sagecollegiate.org</u>
 - Instruction questions: your child's teacher or (and until those are shared) Sheri Thierry, Manager of Curriculum & Instruction, sthierry@sagecollegiate.org
 - Special Education: Amanda Hopkins, Director of Student Services: ahopkins@sagecollegiate.org.
 - Withdrawal: Jenni Woodard, Director of Operations: jwoodard@sagecollegiate.org
 - All other matters: Sandra Kinne, Executive Director: skinne@sagecollegiate.org

Q: How do I enroll my child?

Our Open Enrollment window began after our February lottery. Families wishing to enroll should visit our website (www.sagecollegiate.org) and complete the enrollment process. Please note, as of July 2023, we have waitlists in several grade levels.