



## THE EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

<b>Description</b>	The Academy's Equestrian Program is designed to provide students with both life skills and a strong foundation in hunt seat. Responsibility, overcoming fear, adaptability, setting and reaching goals are just a few of the life lessons learned through riding at the Academy. Trained and qualified instructors teach mounted and unmounted classes so the child will be well rounded. In addition to riding classes as a part of our physical education classes, after-school lessons are offered for an additional fee. Students in the riding program may compete in schooling and American Horse Show Association rated shows. Students in grades 5-12 who participate in the Equestrian Program are invited to audition for the interscholastic team.
<b>Administration And Faculty</b>	Ms. Mary Burns, Headmistress Ms. Lea Cade, Head of the Equestrian Program
<b>Safety</b>	All riders must wear an SEI/ASTM approved helmet with a securely fastened chinstrap and appropriate footwear. All minors are required to have adequate supervision during any Academy sponsored equestrian activity.
<b>Primary School</b>	Students in Kindergarten through fourth grade ride after school once a week for 45 minutes. Lessons begin in the latter part of August and each student participates in 30 lessons. Classes are limited to three students per class, and unmounted horse management sessions are conducted during inclement weather.
<b>Preparatory School</b>	Weather permitting; students in fifth through eighth grades attend one unmounted horse management class and two mounted classes per week.
<b>Academic School</b>	Weather permitting, students in ninth through twelfth grades attend one unmounted horse management class, two regular mounted classes, and one extended mounted class for a total of 3 hours and 45 minutes of instruction weekly.
<b>Facilities</b>	The Academy has a fourteen-stall barn available for students wishing to bring their own horses. The Academy has several school owned horses, a dedicated dressage arena, an enclosed schooling arena, jumps, a cross-country course and several turn out paddocks.