

Michael Servetus Academy
A Unitarian Universalist School

General administration

Boarding school with many room options (dormitory, private, pets, no pets, etc.)

12-month boarding will be offered particularly for students in need, summer enrichment camps will be offered for these students with others welcome to attend

Parents allowed to visit once or twice per semester

Classes will be mandatory and will be offered on a traditional academic calendar

Classes will open each day with the pledge of allegiance (sans 1954 “under God” addition and optional if students do not wish to participate)

Athletics will be offered and teams will participate in local leagues

An array of dining options will be available which include options for vegetarian and vegan diets

Teachers will be professionals with credentials

School administrators will be elected from the teaching ranks by fellow teachers, student government and the school governing board

The student government will have significant input in decision-making

Evenings and weekends will be filled with enrichment opportunities and physical activity

Core classes

Time will be allowed each day for prayer/meditation.

Time will be allowed each day for work on interpersonal communication/discussion skills.

Subject area core classes:

- Social studies
- Health/Our Whole Lives
- Math
- Science
- Language arts

At the junior high level core classes will cover basics. At the senior high level core classes will be more specific and class selection will be offered.

The Servetus Academy does not track students as college preparatory or offer themed instruction.

Electives

Many electives will be offered and will change based on student interest. Examples include: Band, Choir, Orchestra, Design, Architectural design, Art, Sculpture, Photography, Drama, Creative writing, Modern languages, Video production, Film, Debate, Technology, Coding, Culinary, Business, Martial arts, Dance, Gymnastics, etc.

Student Assessment

Students will be assessed on meeting learning outcomes for courses.

Grades will be based on graded assignments, exams, and teacher perceptions of reaching learning objectives.

The Servetus Academy will participate in state testing but it will not be a focus at the school nor will it relate results directly to individual students. Results will be used only as one element of measure for overall learning.

School Assessment

The Servetus Academy will be assessed on:

- Sanitation/Hygiene and Facilities Maintenance
- Comfort/Climate for Students
- Teacher Satisfaction
- Breadth of Curriculum
- Quality of Instruction
- Graduation Rates

Traditional measures of student outcomes pre- and post-graduation will be used with caution. While ACT/SAT standardized test scores and entrance into college are one indication of success, other measures should be employed. Students will be surveyed before graduation. Graduates will be surveyed annually after graduation. Graduates will be asked about their happiness, their connections with others, and their contributions to their communities.