

What Makes SDJA Different?

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I think the key difference between the SDJA and public schools is that everyone is so close. Because there aren't three hundred kids in a grade everyone knows everyone. I feel comfortable around every person in my grade, and we never have to worry about bullies. Everyone is friends here and we all know each other.

Learning in a Jewish environment is important to me because it gives me such a sense of community. I come to school every day with people who are just like me. We all go to temple, we all learn Judaic Studies. We know the same stories. We share not only a religion, but a connection.

My favorite SDJA memory would probably be my seventh grade Catalina trip. I became ten times closer with all my friends. I had so much fun and I enjoyed every moment of it.

My favorite class would probably be Academy on Stage, because I love acting, singing, and dancing. The plays are so much fun and it was a great experience performing in both the Lyceum and the Mandeville Theater. I have learned so much about musical theater and I love it.

The teachers at the Academy seem to genuinely care. No matter what subject, you can ask them about anything. They will take time out of their schedule to help you. You can talk to them about things that aren't school related too!

My favorite part of the day is any time that I'm with my friends. We can always find a reason to laugh when we are together.