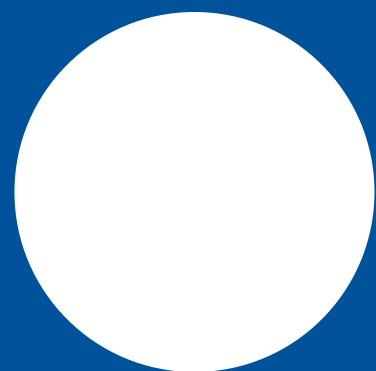


BROOKSTONE

The Independent College Preparatory
School of Columbus

Columbus' only pre-k through 12 independent college preparatory program



offering every student the freedom to flourish among friends and mentors

in a learning environment connected to the world...

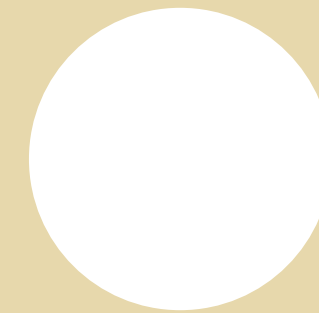
and making a world of difference in Columbus.



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THE BROOKSTONE DIFFERENCE

Since 1951, Brookstone School has been committed to academic excellence. The Brookstone experience also provides the foundation for students to reach beyond the classroom and embrace the values of lifelong learning, integrity, personal responsibility, mutual respect, and service to others.

Tomorrow's leaders will need to think independently, work collaboratively, and reach past differences to find common ground. We offer a classic liberal arts education and a learning program that helps students find their way in a rapidly changing world.



A 100+ acre campus steeped in beauty and tradition provides the backdrop for learning in contemporary classrooms and state-of-the-art facilities for science and technology. The campus also features a newly constructed gymnasium and Intermediate School building, as well as renovated music and art studios.



FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

As one of Georgia's premier independent schools, Brookstone has built a distinct reputation for extraordinary quality in educating college-bound students and guiding them toward a life of personal fulfillment.

Brookstone at a Glance

- Columbus' only pre-k through 12 independent college preparatory program
- 830 students
- 50% boys and 50% girls
- 75 teaching faculty members
- 70% faculty with advanced degrees
- 11:1 student:teacher ratio
- Service opportunities at all grade levels
- Exposure to environmental education
- 100% of graduates attend college

“You can always go deeper into an idea if you have a chance to talk about it and think about it together with your classmates and teacher.”

— 10th grade student

A superior education is achieved through student participation and activities that promote teamwork and self-assurance.

Classic
COLLEGE PREPARATION



CLASSIC COLLEGE PREPARATION

Brookstone provides individualized and thorough preparation, personal and academic, for college and life. Classes are small, allowing teachers and students to get to know one another in and beyond the classroom. As mentors, the teachers utilize the curriculum to inspire curiosity and build confidence so that even the most rigorous coursework becomes a welcome challenge.

College preparation begins the day students start at Brookstone. Formal college counseling begins when students enter the Upper School. Personalized and structured guidance ensures they make informed college choices.



The Brookstone campus is like a learning laboratory where students explore in-depth lessons in everything from biology to the arts.



Students learn how to handle the latest scientific equipment while they gain respect for property and develop personal responsibility.

CLASSIC SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Brookstone traditions strengthen the school community and provide a lifetime of memories.

- 8th grade and senior speeches
- 8th grade trip
- Athletes in the Classroom
- Brocelli Jug
- Cougar Walk
- Country Fair
- Evening with the Arts
- Fox Reading Buddies
- Freshman Day
- Halloween Carnival
- Letter People
- Literature Live
- Pow Wow
- Senior privileges
- Spring musical
- Wakulla trip

“The school offers students many opportunities to meet different people and try different things. It is a place that encourages the academically interested.”

— Nan Pate, Upper School history teacher and department chair

From chorus to public speaking, athletics to service, Brookstone encourages students to explore their individuality and develop their strongest talents.



GAINING CONFIDENCE, EXPERTISE

Twice during their Brookstone education—in 8th grade and again in 12th—students prepare and deliver a major speech. They select a topic, conduct structured research, write a paper, and deliver their speech to the school community.

Selected 8th grade speech titles include:

- The Everglades
- International Adoption
- Title IX
- Charter Schools
- MADD
- Gandhi
- Child Labor Laws
- U.S. Military Academy

READY TO ADVANCE

Historically, students score a 3 or higher on College Board Advanced Placement exams.

Recent percentages of students scoring 3+:

- Calculus AB: 93%
- Chemistry: 100%
- English Literature and Composition: 89%
- European History: 100%
- French Literature: 84%
- Human Geography: 83%
- Spanish Language: 100%
- U.S. History: 88%

Brookstone's proven advising program helps students as they advance through the challenging academic program.

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY BROOKSTONE GRADUATES, A SAMPLING:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Auburn University | • Northwestern University |
| • Berry College | • Presbyterian College |
| • Boston University | • Princeton University |
| • Brevard College | • Savannah College of Art and Design |
| • Brown University | • Southern Methodist University |
| • College of Charleston | • Spelman College |
| • Columbus State University | • Syracuse University |
| • Davidson College | • Tulane University |
| • Duke University | • University of Georgia |
| • Emory University | • University of North Carolina |
| • Furman University | • University of Pennsylvania |
| • Georgetown University | • University of Virginia |
| • Georgia Institute of Technology | • Vanderbilt University |
| • Harvard University | • Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| • James Madison University | • Wake Forest University |
| • Mercer University | • Wofford College |
| • Morehouse College | • Yale University |
| • New York University | |

“Here, being smart is actually a quality to be praised. It’s what everyone admires.”

— 10th grade student



The Media Center, equipped with sophisticated computer research stations and thousands of titles, serves Middle and Upper School students.

ACADEMICS

The Brookstone academic program is designed to offer developmentally appropriate challenges at every grade level. Central to the comprehensive, sequenced, and balanced college preparatory education offered at Brookstone is the development of all facets of the individual: intellectual, emotional, aesthetic, spiritual, and physical. The Brookstone graduate is prepared to take on the world with confidence, a sense of self, and skills for success.

The Brookstone faculty has a long-standing record of effectiveness, professionalism, and expertise. These attributes are confirmed each year as we witness the college acceptances for graduating seniors. Our students are prepared for the highly competitive college application process.



Hands-on activities are an integral part of the curriculum for students of all ages.



Collaborative problem solving is a key skill in the global environment in which we live. Brookstone students practice it every day.

UPPER SCHOOL

Characterized by an exceptional college preparatory curriculum and a close-knit, caring faculty, the Upper School provides students with opportunities to refine their critical thinking skills and pursue their areas of interest. Academically, students can excel in honors and AP courses and take subjects not offered in many secondary programs. Students are encouraged to be actively involved in extra-curricular activities in order to increase the breadth of experience from which they will develop sound values, attitudes, and habits that will serve as a firm foundation for future decisions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School helps students navigate the preadolescent years by giving them opportunities to develop mentally, physically, ethically, and socially. Stimulating academic, physical education, fine arts, computer, and foreign language classes help students become well-rounded learners. Additionally, through competitive intramural athletics, outdoor education, service projects, and opportunities to develop leadership skills, students become productive, self-directed members of society.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Home to the 4th and 5th grades and under the umbrella of the Lower School, the Intermediate School is a welcoming place featuring classes and facilities designed specifically with this age group in mind. The program emphasizes essential skills in writing and reading, mathematics, social studies, fine arts, and foreign language. The building also houses Lower School computer, foreign language, and science labs.

LOWER SCHOOL

The Lower School years, beginning with pre-kindergarten, are filled with wonder as children begin their educational journey at Brookstone. Teachers inspire their students to explore and to be creative, to trust their innate curiosity, and to strive for excellence. From the earliest years, enrichment classes include Spanish, computer, art, music, library, and physical education.

Freedom
TO FLOURISH



FREEDOM TO FLOURISH

A welcoming learning environment that nurtures curiosity, encourages respect for individual differences, and provides opportunities to develop confidence and self-expression is key to the Brookstone experience. Young minds need room to take flight. Brookstone students find their wings.

The Brookstone Honor Code creates a school-wide culture where students come to expect the best of themselves—and their classmates. “I like that we have an honor code and we don’t have to have locks on our lockers,” says one 7th grader. “You can just trust people.”



Performances on campus and throughout the state help students develop poise and confidence.



Diverse backgrounds, differing opinions, and varied perspectives lead students toward engaging interaction and a blending of ideas ultimately reinforcing the fundamental lessons of working in a group.

“I like school because my friends are there for me. My school is safe. Brookstone is a good place to be.”

— 1st grade student

CAMARADERIE AND CONFIDENCE

Students look forward to the special trips that mark their passage through the grades at Brookstone. Designed to augment classroom learning, strengthen friendships, and teach responsibility and self-reliance, these experiences add educational value.

Lower and Intermediate School

- Thanksgiving Pow Wow for Kindergarten classes, replete with Native Americans appearing 'round the bend in the river in their canoe arriving for the feast
- 4th grade trip to Westville, a living history museum town depicting an 1850s west Georgia village
- 5th grade trip to Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Middle School

- Annual visit to the Springer Opera House, the State Theatre of Georgia
- Annual Beta Club multi-night trip to regional points of interest
- Chorus and band regional performances

Upper School

- Wakulla Springs and St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
- Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL
- Summer college tours
- Chorus and band regional performances

Lunch is served daily with choices from a full course hot lunch to a soup and salad bar, from fresh fruit to delectable desserts. Says one Lower School student, "Lunch is always awesome. Drumstick Day is my favorite."



CONNECT WITH BROOKSTONE
 Brookstone utilizes electronic communications systems for the purpose of keeping parents and students up to date and informed. Students and parents are able to access the website 24/7 for assignments and grades. Additionally, valuable information and school forms are available to parents through the Web.

BROOKSTONE PARENTS ASSOCIATION (BPA)

Through the many activities of the BPA, Brookstone parents play a vital role in the life of the school—and of their children. Spearheading such projects as the Country Fair, the Cougar Shoppe, lectures, and special family events on campus, the BPA keeps traditions alive and Brookstone families connected. According to one BPA member, "Parents can make such an impact on their child's life by staying in touch with their school. I feel lucky to be a part of the Brookstone family and have the opportunity to be involved."

"I could not have had a better time than I did at Brookstone School. I came away thinking how good it would be if every child could go to such a school."

— David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winning author

After his visit to Columbus and Brookstone School, David McCullough invited members of the Young Historians to visit him in Boston. An added bonus of the trip was a visit with Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin at her home in Concord, MA.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS

- Academic Bowl Team
- Beta Club
- Gadget Gurus
- History Day Competition
- Math Team
- Mathcounts Team
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Student Council

UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS

- Academic Team
- Academic Tutors
- Amnesty International
- Art Club
- Birding Club
- Cougar Pride (student tour guides)
- Cougar Roar (school newspaper)
- Creative Writing Club
- Ecology Club
- Four Square Club
- French Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jam Club
- Japan Club
- Key Club
- Latin Club
- Make a Wish
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- PAWS
- Pep Club
- Relay for Life
- Smash Club
- Social Club
- Spanish Club
- Teen Advisors
- Young Historians

"I love to escape into my imagination. I just finished reading Artemis Fowl #5: The Lost Colony."

— 3rd grade student



Providing a solid foundation for learning, Lower School teachers understand that their inspiration is critical in fanning the flames of curiosity, creativity, and confidence.

Connected Globally,
CONTRIBUTING LOCALLY



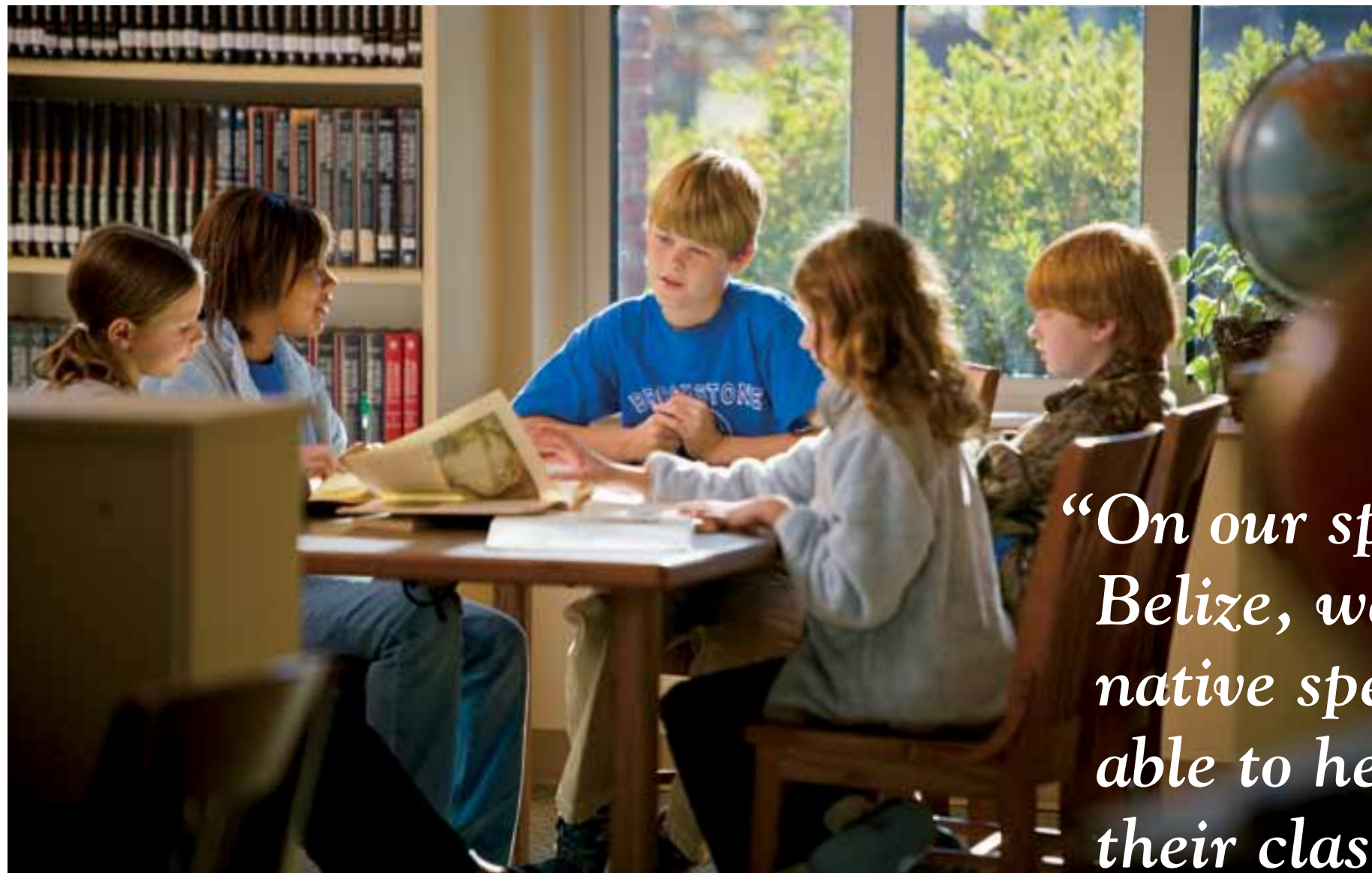
CONNECTED GLOBALLY, CONTRIBUTING LOCALLY

In the 21st century, each rising generation will increasingly be called upon to think and act globally. At Brookstone, students develop global citizenship skills through language training at all levels of the curriculum. They connect with the wider world through foreign exchange and study abroad programs and by using the latest information and digital technologies. In addition, students have the opportunity to effect change locally through numerous community service activities.

The Leadership, Environment, Adventure, Development, and Service (LEADS) Program offers Upper School students opportunities to develop skills in such key areas as character, confidence, and integrity, and promotes the principles of servant leadership.



Students are introduced to the Spanish language and culture in pre-kindergarten. Foreign language instruction continues throughout the grades with varied age-appropriate communicative activities.



SERVING THE GREATER GOOD

A dynamic servant leadership program challenges students to apply their unique abilities and talents to benefit others through service and mentoring. Numerous opportunities are provided to develop a “heart for service.”

- Annual “Shoe Box Gifts” mailing to sister school Ricks Institute
- Easter Seals
- Fox Elementary School Reading Buddies
- Fox Fun Day
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hazardous household waste recycling
- Hosting the annual Columbus Alzheimer’s Walk on campus
- House of Heroes
- Open Door service projects
- Participation in “Help the Hooch” annual Columbus environmental project
- Sports clinic for Fox Elementary

“On our spring break school trip to Belize, we went birding and observed native species, and we were also able to help local children paint their classrooms.”

— 12th grade student

A student exchange project with the Ricks Institute in Virginia, Liberia, brought two Ricks 8th grade girls (pictured on the previous page) to campus in 2007. Begun as an e-mail pen pal project, the exchange has grown considerably. Today, administrators, faculty, and students travel between the two schools.

From the earliest years, Brookstone students begin to connect with the wider world—through foreign language instruction, community service, and international exchange projects.



REACHING ENGLAND

Middle School students can travel to England on an educational trip with the British Summer Program of the Independent Schools Cultural Alliance.

WORLD OF IDEAS

Seventy percent of Brookstone teachers have advanced degrees, and they use their exceptional scholarship to open up a world of ideas for students. Such scholarship also makes possible a world of learning opportunities that are entirely unique to Brookstone. Says one alum, “We had classes that other schools don’t even offer—law, ornithology, and neuroanatomy, for example.”

“To realize that the world is a lot bigger than Columbus, Georgia, empowers our students. Awareness is one of the gifts we give them.”

— Cynthia Strange, language arts teacher, Ricks Institute exchange program coordinator

BEYOND COLUMBUS

Summer excursions to foreign countries encourage students to adopt a structured approach to their summers and an “outward bound attitude” toward their personal lives.

Recent destinations include:

- Belize
- England
- France
- Italy
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Switzerland

“Brookstone has been like my window on the world. When our family hosted a Liberian exchange student, it was really eye opening—for everyone.”

— 11th grade student



“Teachers take students on trips around the country, and even the world,” says one Upper School student. Such experiences enrich classroom learning for all.

Beyond
THE CLASSROOM



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

School life revolves around learning, and at Brookstone, learning happens everywhere. In a school community that welcomes dramatic expression as much as athletic prowess, students find it easy to explore their multifaceted interests. The school provides an environment that nurtures the courage to take a first step, to defend a friend, and to try something new. Leadership, learning, life... at Brookstone, they add up to excellence.

Claiming numerous regional and state championships, Brookstone Cougar athletes are a source of pride school wide.



Among the finest in the state, Brookstone's athletic facilities provide the teams with all they need to be competitive, including a football stadium, two gymnasiums, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, a 400-meter track, wrestling room, soccer fields, a cross country trail, and a fitness center.



"I now have a community that I can keep with me for the rest of my life."
— Brookstone Alum

"You're always learning even when you think you're not."

ATHLETICS

Brookstone athletics are an integral part of the educational experience. They promote leadership, teamwork, self-discipline, decision-making skills, good citizenship, and sportsmanship. As a Class A school competing in the Georgia High School Association, Brookstone has claimed numerous regional and state championship titles in a variety of sports. Middle and Upper School students can choose from more than 30 competitive teams in 11 sports.

Varsity Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball Cheerleading
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Track
- Football
- Football/Competitive Cheerleading
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Junior Varsity Sports

- Baseball
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Tennis
- Football

Middle School Sports

- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys Golf
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Wrestling

— 10th grade student

ADMISSION

In keeping with the school philosophy, the Admission Committee makes every effort to maintain a diverse student body and provide admission opportunities for new families. Admission decisions are based on previous school records, academic testing, interviews, and teacher recommendations. The Enrollment Director should be contacted for all questions concerning admission to Brookstone School.



The Brookstone campus is the perfect place for friends to share a quiet moment at the end of another busy, rewarding day.

*Please come visit us.
You will discover a magical
educational community.*

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Brookstone School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national or ethnic origin in any of its policies, practices, or programs.

BROOKSTONE SCHOOL DISTINCTIONS

Academic

- Abundant college resource center with full-time staff
- 100% of graduates attend college
- Foreign language instruction in all grades
- Seminar study skills program
- Two libraries
- Computer labs for lower, middle and upper schools
- Two language labs
- Advanced Placement classes offered in all areas of academic study
- Numerous State STAR students*
- Nationally recognized Math Olympiad students
- National Geography Bee finalist
- Yearly recognition from Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) for outstanding 7th graders

Fine Arts

- Music, visual, and performing arts at all levels
- Performing arts center
- Class plays yearly for all lower school grades
- One Act Play champions
- Evening with the Arts annual performance
- Spring musical involving over 80 upper school students
- Advanced Placement art

Athletics

- Sports in 11 areas in 3 seasons
- Teams at 3 levels — middle school, junior varsity, and varsity
- 75% of upper school students are on school sports teams
- Compete in the Georgia High School Association
- Georgia Athletic Directors Association Directors Cup winner

Across the Campus

- Servant Leadership program with full-time director
- Sister school relationship with Ricks Institute, Liberia
- Team building activities incorporated into field trips and overnight events
- LEADS program for upper school students
- Emergentetics/STEP (thinking preference profiles)
- Experiential learning opportunities at all grade levels
- Service opportunities available at all grade levels
- Licensed extended day program
- Two outdoor classrooms
- Learning Center
- Full service cafeteria



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