

# Our educational philosophy

The Oaks Academy is a Christ-centered school that exists to provide a rich, classical education to children of diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, preparing them to succeed in a rigorous secondary educational program and to demonstrate spiritual, social and emotional maturity.

## WHO

### Principle of Personhood

All children are persons capable of the duty and delight of learning.

*Curricular Distinctives*  
HABIT FORMATION

## WHAT

### Principle of the Unity of Knowledge

The formation and integration of healthy relationships with persons, ideas, the world and God is the rightful inheritance of all children.

*Curricular Distinctives*  
LIVING BOOKS, SOCRATIC DIALOGUE, NATURE STUDY,  
FINE ART STUDY, LAUDAMUS DEUM, LATIN  
WESTERN CIVILIZATION TIMELINE

## HOW

### Principle of Imitation

As children engage in the act of thoughtful imitation, they form the ability to examine, emulate and extend the beautiful “texts” set before them.

### Principle of Active Learning

Children engaged in active learning form habits of mind necessary for lifelong success and maturity.

*Curricular Distinctives*  
NARRATION, NATURE STUDY, FINE ART STUDY,  
PROGYMNASMATA, RECITATION/MEMORY WORK,  
SOCRATIC DIALOGUE, FIELD TRIPS

## ...and its goal

### SUCCESS

We believe that students will be prepared for success as they become free persons growing in knowledge, discernment and their ability to communicate aptly.

### MATURITY

We believe that students will demonstrate maturity as they become responsible persons growing in healthy habits and in relationships of discipline, duty and delight.



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ACADEMY

True education.