



**THE VILLAGE SCHOOL**  
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



# **CONFIDENT LEARNERS WITH PASSION AND DRIVE TO SUCCEED**

**BOARDING LIFE AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL**

# WE ARE VILLAGE. ARE YOU?

## ABOUT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Founded in 1966, The Village School has been nurturing confident, passionate and persistent learners for over half a century. Located in the Energy Corridor of West Houston, we offer a rigorous, results-driven education to students across America and around the world. Village offers an American educational experience to its diverse and international student body, which represents six continents and over 60 countries. Village is a proud member of the Nord Anglia Education network of schools, renowned for transforming education with world-class teaching and innovative partnerships. Together, we have created an engaging learning environment that prepares students for success in college and beyond.



# ABOUT NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION

We are part of Nord Anglia Education, the world's leading educational organization with campuses in 27 countries across the Americas, Europe, China, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Together, Nord Anglia's 56 schools educate more than 50,000 students from kindergarten through to the end of secondary school. We are driven by one unifying philosophy: we are ambitious for our schools, students, teachers and staff, and we inspire every child to achieve more than they ever imagined possible.

Every parent wants the best for their child — so do we. As a Nord Anglia Education school, we deliver high quality, transformative education and ensure excellent academic outcomes by going beyond traditional learning. Nord Anglia's global scale enables us to recruit and retain world-leading teachers, offer unforgettable experiences through global and regional events, and create an engaging learning environment so that our students love coming to school.

56 premium international schools in 27 countries

More than 50,000 students

More than 10,000 teachers and support staff globally



# MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

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On behalf of The Village School, I am honored to welcome you to our wonderful and diverse community of learners. At Village, you will have the opportunity to reach your full potential, build lifelong friendships and develop essential skills that will prepare you for an ever-changing world.

Our distinguished boarding program provides a nurturing and caring environment for our students. With over 60 countries represented in our community, our students have the opportunity to learn from different cultures and viewpoints. This unique advantage helps Village students gain a greater appreciation for global diversity, while exposing them to a variety of concepts that spark abstract thinking and thoughtful conversation.

Our passionate and talented staff challenge students, develop their talents and prepare them for a successful life of their own choosing. Our curriculum and educational philosophy invite students to think critically while teaching them the importance of collaboration, complex problem solving and perseverance. We encourage students to become intellectually curious and follow their interests and passions, as they explore new and innovative ways to make a positive impact on society.

Our boarding students enjoy brand new facilities on campus, equipped with space suited for quiet study. We have comfortable lounge areas and an outdoor commons that allow students to socialize with friends and relax. We have a wide array of athletic teams, extracurricular activities and club offerings. With something for everyone, these organizations are a great way for students to meet new people, discuss topics that interest them and become part of a team.

The Village School is an energetic place and I am excited for you to experience it firsthand. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Warm regards,

**Katherine Brewer**  
Head of School,  
The Village School

# WHY VILLAGE?

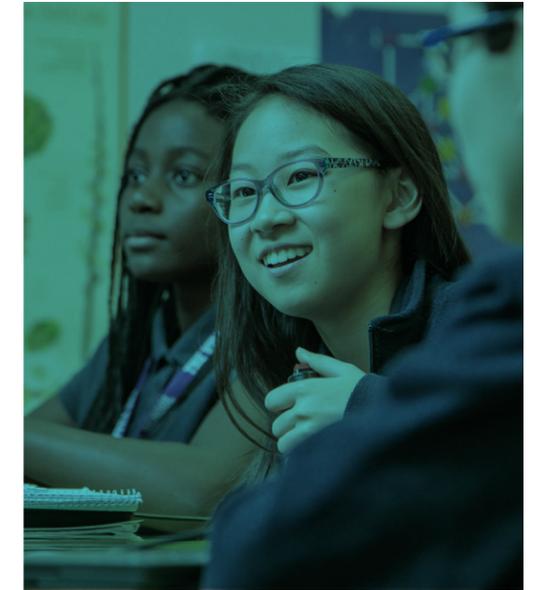
## TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING

The Village School goes beyond traditional education to nurture proactive students who take charge of their own learning. We foster lifelong learners with the potential to become our future leaders.

Our world-class curricula develop global citizens with excellent academic outcomes. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, offered to our high school students, promotes holistic intellectual growth across a variety of disciplines while

emphasizing problem-solving and critical thinking. With a Village education, graduates are prepared to thrive at top universities worldwide.

Within and beyond the classroom, we strive to unleash the potential and support the ambitions of every student. We collaborate with leading educational institutions such as The Juilliard School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Bridges to Wealth at The Wharton School of Business, to engage our students in real-world challenges and prepare them to become the global change-makers of tomorrow.



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## CULTURE OF CHAMPIONS

At The Village School, our culture of champions focuses not only on results, but on building a strong foundation for success.

Our faculty and staff create a stimulating environment for continuous improvement, growth and achievement. Village teachers are experts in their fields and are invested in their students' success. The personal attention that students receive nurtures lifelong learners.

Our legacy of success, in both academics and extracurriculars, ensures students have the support to excel in any field they choose. Every year, our rigorous teaching produces a significant number of National Merit Scholars. We nurture award-winning student teams in chess, robotics, science and more, which achieve success on the national stage.

At Village, we provide a safe space for our students to develop the resilience needed for success. Here, students are encouraged to explore new ideas and embrace challenges in order to reach their full potential. Setbacks are merely opportunities to develop the mental and physical grit that lead to later rewards. Our Vikings do not try, they "do." Failure does not stop them from working towards their objectives, and eventually finding success.

## POWER IN DIVERSITY

With students from more than 60 countries, The Village School is a diverse and open-minded community that embraces individuality and cultural differences. We believe in respecting

students' beliefs, while challenging them to see the world with fresh eyes. The Village campus is a safe haven where new students are greeted with compassion and where cross-cultural friendships are the norm.

Our students may live in Houston, but the Nord Anglia Global Campus program expands their world through online, in-school and international learning, as well as connections with peers across the globe. Global Campus activities are designed by educational experts to broaden student knowledge and nurture transferable skills that are valuable in school and beyond. Your child will gain new insights and set their ambitions higher, developing a truly global perspective.

In addition to welcoming students from diverse backgrounds, we embrace and encourage a diversity of interests. Our wide range of extracurriculars and electives, from robotics and design technology to dance and visual arts, are designed for students to discover their passions and gain confidence in their abilities. Together, our students' diversity of cultures and passions makes The Village School stronger as a community.

## OUR VALUES

Commitment, Accountability, Responsibility, Integrity, Authenticity, Trust, Respect, Courage, Compassion, Humility, Leadership and Service.



# THE VILLAGE SCHOOL STATS CLASS OF 2018

**Founded**

1966

**Student Population (PK2-12)**

1,702

**High School Population (Grades 9-12)**

679

**Student/Faculty Ratio (Grades 9-12)**

9:1

**Residential Students from**

17 Different countries

**Boarding Students**

201

**Senior Class Size**

144

**School Uniform**

Yes

**World Languages**

Mandarin | French | Spanish



ACT Average ACT Score 26.7

34 Top 10% ACT



1300/1600 SAT Scores

1530/1600 Top 10% SAT



IB Average Score 32

88% IB Pass Rate

**Memberships and Affiliations**

College Board

Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

The Village School complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice

**Accreditations**

Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools (TAAPS)

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

This school is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)

**Boarding and Tuition**

\$58,350 USD

(Enrollment Deposit: \$5,000)

**Village Class Trip Fee**

\$1,000 USD

**New Student Fee**

\$6,000 USD

Fee includes: Student health insurance, Thanksgiving and Spring Break trips, laptop, cell phone, school uniform, airport transportation (beginning and end of each semester), books, and sponsored weekend activities. Additional ancillary fees may be charged to students for additional activities and services.

**Scholarships**

Over \$3.9 million awarded for class of 2018.

**Awards and Recognition**

Niche.com

Grade A+ 2019

#45 of all boarding schools in US

#1 Best Boarding School in Houston

#1 Most Diverse Private High School in Texas

**Newsweek Magazine**

List of Best IB Schools in the US

**Famous Alumni**

Isaiah Taylor, Basketball player

Shaquille Cleare, Basketball player

Erica Dasher, Actress

# REVOLUTIONIZING STEAM EDUCATION

We partner with leading research institutions to expose our students to the latest, cutting-edge thinking in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM).

## MIT STEAM PROGRAM

In a groundbreaking collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Village has designed a series of in-school challenges that focus on the intersection between STEAM disciplines, including bioengineering, robotics, and computer science. Every year, teachers and students participate in workshops with MIT academics at the annual Cambridge Science Festival, an opportunity to learn directly from researchers at the world's leading STEAM institution. Village and MIT also pioneered Launch Club, a startup initiative that gives students a framework to launch their own companies and nurture their entrepreneurial skills.

## CERN BEAMLINE PROGRAM

Every other year, our students have the opportunity to visit Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN) in Switzerland as part of the CERN Beamline for Schools program. This highly competitive program enhances our students' understanding of particle physics in the areas of nuclear medicine, energy sustainability and the universe.

# COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION

Our world-class partnerships enhance education in science, art, business and social impact



## SCIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At The Village School, our long-standing excellence in STEAM education extends beyond the classroom. Our students have the opportunity to challenge their abilities in STEAM competitions, further their knowledge in enrichment programs and apply their insights in internships. True to our culture of champions, our students often excel in nationwide competitions and conferences.

## SCIENCE BOWL

The Science Bowl is a renowned competition where high school teams compete to solve technical problems and questions across science and math disciplines. Village students have won regional championships and runner-ups at the national level.

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

The Science Olympiad is a premier student competition that promotes academic excellence and educational enrichment in the sciences. Students are given the motivation and skills training to learn beyond their classroom material. In 2018, two of our students, Jerry Han and Alex Liu, placed in the top 10% nationally in the US National Biology Olympiad. Jerry Han made it to the top 20% in the US National Physics Olympiad.

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“My experience with The Village School, its students, and the summer internship program have been very rewarding. If granted an opportunity to work with other students at The Village School, I would surely jump at the chance because these interns come prepared to thrive, succeed and purposefully contribute to the good of our organization and the world around them.”

— José Paulo Calvillo, Director of Operations,  
Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

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## OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

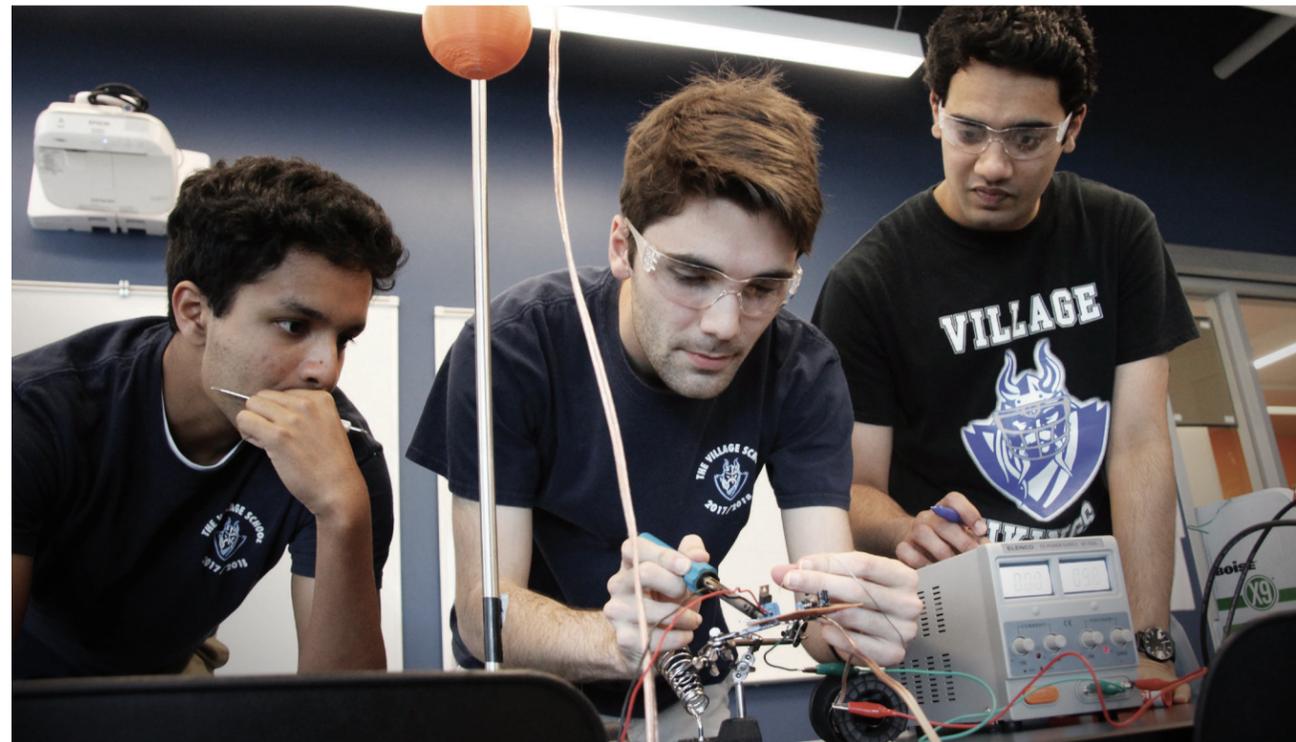
The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) is the largest event in the world for the oil and gas industry, featuring more than 2,300 exhibitors and attendees from 100 countries. The Village School team, composed of Divyesh Khatri, Olivia Bangs, Roberto Martelli and Omar Imtiaz, secured 3rd place at The 50th OTC Energy Challenge.

## PUMPS & PIPES SUMMER STEAM ACADEMY

This 4-week summer academy is designed for high school students interested in pursuing further study in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). In this selective program, students solve real-world challenges and learn by visiting renowned research facilities in aerospace, energy and medicine, such as NASA, ExxonMobil and Houston Methodist, where they work in collaboration with industry-leading professionals.

## INTERNSHIPS

Our top-tier internship program serves to reinforce The Village School's philosophy of experiential learning. To secure their internships, students work closely with the Director of Student Internship Programs at Village. In 2017, our students gained work experience at Texas Children's Hospital, Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation and Education, Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, David Young & Co./Young Intelligence, and Henderson Law Firm among other top companies.



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“I loved working at my marketing internship. Not only did I learn a lot, but I also had a lot of fun. I learned so much about marketing and social media, including creating the right type of posts, and understanding target audiences.”

— Anjana, USA

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# IGNITING CREATIVE MINDS



## PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE WORLD STAGE WITH THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL

The Village School expands student creativity and ignites imagination through our collaboration with The Juilliard School, a world leader in performing arts education. Working closely with the school, we weave Juilliard's core philosophies and methods into our performing arts program, enhancing student learning. Through hands-on workshops with experienced Juilliard performers, students are exposed to diverse performance types and unique creative approaches. Our educators also benefit from continual professional development and annual workshops with Juilliard faculty and curriculum specialists.

This fall, we introduced Juilliard concepts into our dance program. The curriculum incorporates ballet, tap, jazz and multicultural dance to provide students with a diverse experience.

## HOW VILLAGE AND JUILLIARD IGNITE OUR STUDENTS' PASSION FOR MUSIC

It has always been Preston Yeh's dream to study violin at The Juilliard School of Music. Attending the Juilliard Summer Music Program in 2017 certainly made a lasting impact on Preston, but that's not what sparked his passion for violin.

"Without Mr. Dimitrov [at Village], I would not be the violin player that I am today. He has exposed me to great opportunities such as TPSMEA contests, the TPSMEA Honor orchestra, the Houston Youth Symphony and the Juilliard Summer Music Young Artist Program."

— Preston, xxxx

These opportunities helped Preston develop his skills and passion for the violin. He is eager to learn more and develop his talent as a young musician in hopes of one day becoming a solo violinist.

## CREATING WORLD-CLASS PERFORMERS WITH FRANTIC ASSEMBLY

The Village School has partnered with Frantic Assembly, an internationally renowned theatre company, to train our students in innovative performance and production practices. Village students spend a week working closely with Frantic Assembly practitioners to create an original performance of their own. During the residency, students will be introduced to Frantic Assembly's unique take on devising performances and physical theatre.

Frantic Assembly is responsible for award-winning productions such as Harry Potter Live and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. They have toured extensively across Great Britain, and worked in 40 countries internationally, collaborating with some of today's most inspiring artists. Frantic Assembly has been liberating the



potential of future theatre-makers for over 21 years. Working with over 10,000 young people aged 14+ every year, the company runs workshops and works with young people in schools, colleges, universities, youth theatres and more.

#### DIVERSE ARTS CURRICULUM

We incorporate a wide variety of fine and performing arts into our curriculum so that students can develop their breadth of study, improve their skills portfolio and uncover new passions. Throughout our academic offerings and extracurricular activities, we make the arts accessible to students of all ages and skill levels.

#### DANCE

Our dance program develops well-rounded performers who are skilled in a broad spectrum of dance forms. Not only do students practice skills and choreography, they also attain a deeper understanding of dance production methods. Our collaboration with The Juilliard School supplements our teaching with additional resources and access to the latest dance innovations.

#### THEATRE ARTS

At Village, we take an interdisciplinary approach to theatre arts. Aside from teaching performance methods, we train students to incorporate singing and dancing, among other fine art skills, into their productions. On- and off-campus performances allow students to reach the surrounding community through their work.

#### MUSIC

Musical training is available to all students as a pathway for self-discovery. The Village School has dedicated resources for developing musical talent, from orchestra training to vocal lessons. Beyond the band and choir, we offer unique extracurricular opportunities for students to discover their interests, including a residential student orchestra and a student-led jazz band.

#### VISUAL ARTS

Self-expression takes many forms in our visual arts program: drawing, painting, pottery, sculpting and more. Our instructors work diligently to foster an appreciation for the visual arts regardless of skill level and personal experience. Students are encouraged to incorporate new media and take on cross-curricular work to strengthen their experience. Multiple art shows are held each year to allow students to share their work with the community.

#### ARTS COURSE OFFERINGS

##### HIGH SCHOOL

Concert Band  
String Orchestra  
Concert Choir  
Percussive Arts  
Theatre  
Beginning & Intermediate  
Orchestra  
Foundation of Arts  
Drawing & Composition  
Painting I & II  
Sculpture I  
Art Appreciation  
Introduction to Photography  
Theatre Essentials I  
Theatre Essentials II/III  
Black Box Actor's Studio  
Theatre & Dance Production  
Introduction to Dance  
Dance II & III  
Yearbook  
Photojournalism  
IB Music 1  
IB Music 2  
IB Visual Art 1  
IB Visual Art 2

IB Theatre 1  
IB Theatre 2  
IB Dance 1  
IB Dance 2  
IB Film Online  
Symphonic Orchestra Show Choir  
Jazz Band  
Introduction to Graphic Design  
Sculpture II  
Photography II

##### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Zimbabwe Marimba Ensemble  
Brass Class  
Music Appreciation  
Jazz Band  
Show Choir  
Art  
Drama  
Dance  
Art Car  
Anime



# NURTURING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DIPLOMA

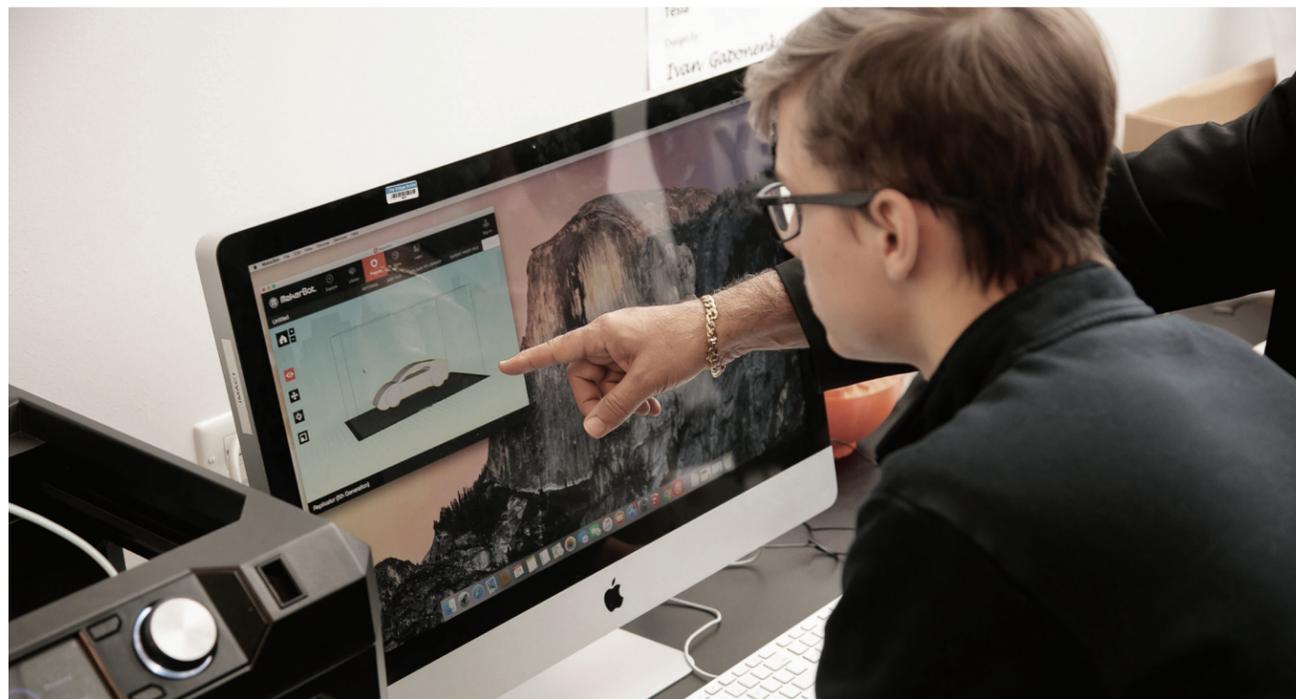
Village is proud to offer a four-year Entrepreneurship Diploma in collaboration with Bridges to Wealth at The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania. We recognize the need for an innovative education that gives students the professional skills to succeed beyond the classroom. We're preparing our students to excel in the jobs of tomorrow and to navigate the fast-paced evolution of our global economy.

Freshman students have the opportunity to enroll in the Entrepreneurship Diplomam, which covers finance, management, marketing, strategy, private equity, venture capital, negotiations, decision-making, systems thinking, leadership and more. Within the Diploma, students can specialize in either

the Engineering or Social Enterprise track. Both are taught by industry-leading professionals and entrepreneurs, exposing students to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship.

## CAPSTONE PROJECT

The Entrepreneurship Diploma culminates in a Capstone Project, where students launch their own enterprise to meet a community or industry need. With mentorship from entrepreneurs and professors, the students research, ideate and execute a solution that solves real-world issues. This beyond-the-classroom approach enables students to develop the business literacy and interpersonal skills integral for future entrepreneurs.





# MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

## EMPOWERING YOUR CHILD TO CHANGE THE WORLD WITH UNICEF

Working closely with UNICEF, Village students learn about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and work to create solutions for these global issues in our local community. UNICEF invites select students from the Nord Anglia family of schools to present their ideas at the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development. This is a unique opportunity for students to join a global discussion and influence policy at the highest level.

## BUILDING SKILLS AROUND THE GLOBE

Our global expedition to Tanzania challenges Village students to be ambitious and reach new milestones. Our students experience meaningful learning through service, as they contribute to community development projects in schools and villages. Over the course of the trip, they acquire the ability to lead assertively and work collaboratively with teams.





# OUTSTANDING ACADEMICS



Our rigorous teaching and high academic standards take our students closer to their ambitions.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME**

The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) is a rigorous and internationally recognized course of study that prepares students for entrance to and success at top universities. With over 50 IB courses to choose from, students take classes in five subject areas, ensuring a breadth of knowledge in languages, social studies, experimental sciences and mathematics. For their sixth subject, they may choose to take an arts class or to deepen their expertise in one of the other subject groups.





**HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE**

- IB Economics SL
- IB Economics HL
- IB History SL
- IB History HL
- IB Psychology SL
- IB Psychology HL
- IB Business Management SL
- IB Business Management HL
- IB Philosophy SL
- IB Information Technologies and Global Sciences SL
- IB Information Technologies and Global Sciences HL

**MATHEMATICS**

- Algebra II Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Pre-Calculus Honors
- IB Mathematical Studies
- IB Mathematics SL
- IB Mathematics HL
- IB Further Math HL

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

- IB Chinese A Language and Literature SL
- IB Dutch A SL (school support/self-taught)
- IB French Ab Initio SL
- IB French B SL

- IB French B HL
- IB Spanish A SL
- IB Spanish A HL
- IB Spanish B Ab Initio SL
- IB Spanish B SL
- IB Spanish B HL
- IB French A SL
- IB Arabic
- IB Russian
- IB Norwegian (school support/self-taught)
- IB Vietnamese A SL (school support/self-taught)
- IB Portuguese A SL (school support/self-taught)

**SCIENCE**

- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- IB Biology SL
- IB Biology HL
- IB Chemistry SL
- IB Chemistry HL
- IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL
- IB Physics SL
- IB Physics HL
- IB Computer Science

**ENGLISH**

- IB English A: Literature SL
- IB English A: Literature HL
- IB English B SL
- IB English B HL
- IB English A: Literature & Language

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

- IB Dance SL
- IB Dance HL
- IB Film SL
- IB Music SL
- IB Music HL
- IB Theatre SL
- IB Theatre HL
- IB Visual Art SL
- IB Visual Art HL

“I really like that Village offers the IB Diploma program. It is very rigorous.”

— Oliver, Vietnam



# PERSONALIZED LEARNING

With an in-depth understanding of each student’s strengths and challenges, The Village School faculty is dedicated to helping students take their abilities in stride and achieve their full potential. The Village School offers individualized academic counseling to help students make informed choices and design educational pathways to reach their personal goals.

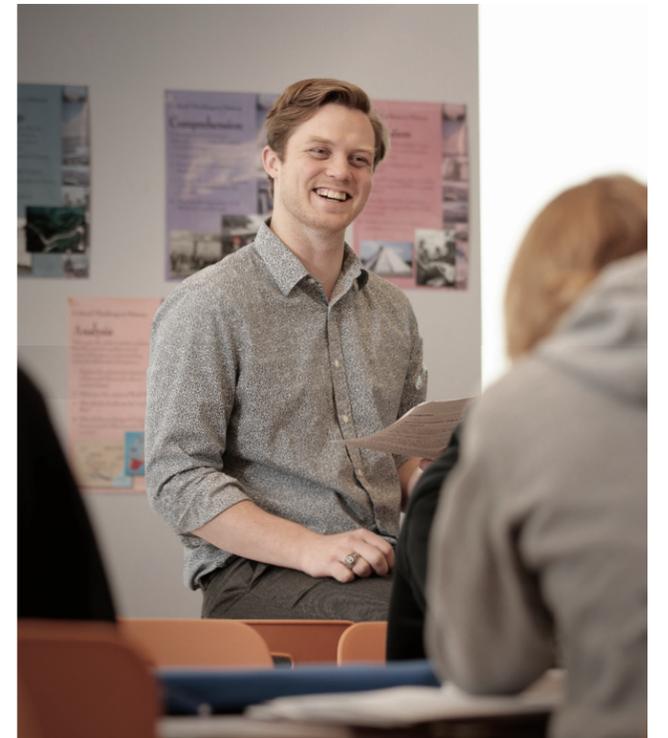
## COURSE OFFERINGS

Our school is built on a diverse student body with varied cultural backgrounds and learning abilities. We maximize each student’s learning experience with a range of courses geared towards different goals, interests and skill levels:

- English Language Learners (ELL) program
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)
- American High School Diploma
- Entrepreneurship Diploma (with Founding Partner Bridges to Wealth at The Wharton School of Business)

“I like how the classes are set up – small classes and the teachers give you full attention.”

— Isabella, Brazil



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAM

The Village School is committed to supporting non-native speakers of the English language. We offer two levels of ELL classes to give students the reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to thrive academically. Students who are more proficient in English will be integrated into mainstream classes to accelerate their language acquisition. Language support is provided in specific subject areas to ensure student success.

Boarding students in the ELL program receive academic support through structured study halls and evening prep time, where they do individual/group work or receive peer-to-peer tutoring. Our ELL support team also organizes SAT prep classes for all juniors, as well as listening and speaking classes for new language learners.

“In the future, I would like to become an economist, so my favorite subject at Village is math.”

– Matheus, Brazil

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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As a result of our outcome-oriented approach, students graduate from Village prepared to enroll in their top-choice colleges and universities, ready to expand their expertise and build their future. They leave motivated to take on their responsibilities as outstanding students and successful global citizens, better able to master the challenges of living and working in our increasingly borderless world.

## HIGH PERFORMERS AND PERFECT SAT SCORERS

Our rigorous curriculum prepares students to excel in standardized testing for college admission.

- Jerry Han had a perfect score on the 2018 SAT. The Village junior is also the top scorer in the state of Texas for Physics Bowl Division 2 (higher level physics). He ranked #50 out of 7,200 participants in the world.
- Alex Liu had a perfect score on the 2018 SAT. The Village senior committed to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and wants to major in Chemistry while pursuing undergraduate research at the university's labs. "I had the honor of representing the USA and competing against the best chemists from around the world, and I was able to place 8th overall. I also want to diversify my interests, and I am considering minoring in computer science or biology as well. In addition to my academic pursuits, I would like to be a part of the college's concert band and Frisbee team."

## NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Our students have been recognized nationally for their academic achievements. Five students from the Class of 2018 qualified as National Merit Finalists, and one student received a scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



# CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

## MUSIC

Our students have excelled in the Texas Private School Music Educators Association (TPSMEA) state competitions, aimed at finding and cultivating student talent in the musical arts. This year, Ritika Saligram saw continued success at the state round of the TPSMEA competition and received a superior rating for her choir solo. Divya Khatri received a superior rating for her Violin solo at the TPSMEA solo competition.

## THEATRE

At Village, we instill our students with the confidence to shine on stage. Our students get the chance to showcase their skills at the Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) competitions, aimed at inspiring achievement through competition. This year, Samantha Reid was named Best Actress at the district PSIA One-Act Play competition.

## DANCE

Our intensive arts curriculum has inspired our students to succeed in a variety of creative disciplines, including dance. This year, the Viking Spirit Dancers placed first in the pom division at their regional competition.

## ART & WRITING

Village is known for encouraging excellence in the visual and literary arts. Every year, our students command an impressive presence at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which celebrate creative works demonstrating originality, technical skill and personal vision. Our students who receive Gold and Silver keys are honored through community showcases and ceremonies.

## GOLD KEY RECIPIENTS

Anushka Behal "Clone Wars" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Zack Donovan Poem Collection - Poetry  
Esha Garg "Fragments of Tears" - Short Story  
Shasidhar Pinninti "Blue Sunsets" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Shasidhar Pinninti "Bad Security" - Short Story  
Ananya Rao "Hope and Despair" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Efra Zaurayze "Freaks" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Regina Blenda - Self-portrait  
Lulu Collins - Steampunk  
Divya Khatri-Balancing Work & Hobbies

## SILVER KEY RECIPIENTS

Rohan Bendapudi "The Machines" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Regina Blenda "The Cycle" - Short Story  
Stine Bruno "Sensational" - Short Story  
Tiffany Guan "Wanted Alive" - Scifi-Fantasy  
Caroline Hsu "The Day That Changed Everything" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Isabelle Imambaksh "Song of the Sea" - Short Story  
Divya Khatri "Unplugged" - Scifi-Fantasy  
Kahani Malhotra "HappyVille" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Serina Menon "The Deadline" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Jake Nott "Moony Dreams" - Scifi/Fantasy  
Shasidhar Pinninti "Stardust" - Poetry  
Shasidhar Pinninti - Yellowstone Canyon: Painter's Point  
Philippine Clocher - A Mirror's Story

## NOTABLE 2017-2018 UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Village graduates go on to attend top universities around the country, including:

- Boston University
- Butler University
- Clemson University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Cornell University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Georgia Tech
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Penn State University
- Queens College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rice University
- Ringling College of Art and Design
- The George Washington University
- Tufts University
- UC Berkeley
- UCLA
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- University of Texas at Austin





# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

At Village, we see the world as an extension of our classroom. Whether our students are on campus, on the field or across the globe, we create opportunities for learning wherever they go.

## ATHLETICS

At The Village School, athletics inspire all-around confidence, build teamwork and foster good health in our students. Through organized and individual activities, students learn to set goals and develop the discipline required to meet them. They explore competition and cooperation, learning to push themselves as individuals and as part of a team. They learn the value of good sportsmanship, which helps build self-esteem and nurture wellness habits for a lifetime.

### STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Our superior facilities include two gymnasiums, a cafeteria, multiple science and computer labs, a learning commons, a black box theatre, music and art rooms, a dance studio, a fully-equipped weight room and multiple outdoor fields. The campus is outfitted with smart classroom technology and seamless Wi-Fi connectivity to ensure that learning can happen everywhere, and at all times.

### ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC CENTER

Our 46,000 square-foot athletic center provides our student-athletes with premier facilities to hone their abilities and get to the top of their game. The center houses a varsity gymnasium and a 25-yard competition pool, in addition to academic spaces, locker rooms, coaches' offices, fitness spaces and training rooms.

### COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

#### FALL SPORTS

- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Dance

#### SPRING SPORTS

- Lacrosse
- Golf
- Tennis
- Track
- Dance

#### WINTER SPORTS

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Dance

#### NON-COMPETITIVE OFFERINGS

- Conditioning
- Weightlifting
- Yoga
- Meditation

### STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Village School had five student-athletes who signed to continue playing sports at the university of their choice in 2018.

- Ben Abueg – Track and Field – Colorado School of Mines
- Gabrielle Brissette – Girls Soccer – Simon Fraser University
- Nestor Daboin – Boys Basketball – Davenport University
- Elizabeth Matthews – Girls Basketball – Centenary College
- Jeremy Sanchez – Football – Arkansas Tech University
- Jon Sanchez – Football – Arkansas Tech University





## WELLNESS PROGRAM

Our wellness program supports all members of The Village School community as they develop the physical, mental and social practices needed for holistic health. The wellness program is central to the daily lives of our students. They participate in yoga and learn mindfulness techniques to deal with everyday challenges, both academic and personal.



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## CLASS TRIPS

Taking our curriculum on the road, we provide hands-on learning opportunities for our students all around the country.

### 7th GRADE

On the 7th grade trip to Boston, students see places from their history books come to life. Students visit landmarks that are central to our country's founding, including Plymouth Plantation, the Mayflower, Lexington, Concord, Paul Revere's Church, Betsy Ross' Home, Salem and Boston Harbor.

### 8th GRADE

In the 8th grade, our students visit Washington D.C. and Gettysburg to learn about our national history. At the National Holocaust Museum, Mt Vernon, WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, students see how our country's most significant events impact their lives today.

### 9th GRADE

We welcome our 9th grade students to high school with a voyage of personal discovery, relationship-building and resilience training. At the beginning of 9th grade, students travel to Camp Cho-Yeh for a team building and self-reflection retreat. They also embark on a physically challenging adventure in Big Bend National Park, which includes a 9-mile hike to the top of Emory Peak.

### 10th GRADE

10th grade students take a service-focused trip to Southern Florida, where they are immersed in Cuban culture and engage in community service. This service-learning experience enables them to diversify their cultural knowledge and grow as civic-minded citizens.

### 11th GRADE

As part of their IB group 4 science project, 11th grade students travel to the Marina Lab in Southern California to conduct field research. Through scientific enquiry and on-site investigation, students develop a greater appreciation for the environment. The goal is for students to work constructively with others, take initiative and build scientific literacy.

### 12th GRADE

Seniors end their last year at The Village School with a journey to Mo Ranch, where they can reflect upon their time here and enjoy their last moments before graduation.

## CLUBS

With more than 50 clubs on campus, encompassing academic societies, art clubs, student government and philanthropy, our students have numerous opportunities to uncover their talents and discover new passions.

### HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

808 Club  
A Childhood for Children  
Anime Club  
Biology Olympiad  
Blue Key Honor Society  
Book Club  
Build On  
Calligraphy Club  
Chef's Sweet Tooth Club  
Chemistry Club  
Chinese Culture  
Cinematography Club  
Contest Writing Club  
Creative Writing Club  
DECA  
Desi Club  
Equality Club  
Finance Club  
Game Design  
Glee Club  
Going Deeper! What do you really know?  
Habitat for Humanity  
Helping Houston's Homeless  
Hip-Hop Zone  
HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America)

Houston Food Bank Club  
Hype House  
Korean Club  
Model United Nations  
MSPT: Middle School Peer Tutoring Club  
Mu Alpha Theta  
National French Honor Society  
National Honor Society  
National Science Honor Society  
National Spanish Honor Society  
One Africa Club  
Photography & Editing Club  
Physics Olympiad Club  
Quiz Bowl  
Red Cross Club  
Science Bowl  
Science Olympiad  
Self-Exploration  
Sign Language Club  
Skrifa  
Social Language Club  
Spectrum  
Student Government  
Student Teaches Student (STS)  
SYC Crew (Dance Club)  
The Artisan Club

The eSports Club  
The Village Association of Rocketry  
TRASH|HSART  
Ultimate Frisbee Club  
Village Academic Team  
Village Computer Hardware Techies  
Village Entrepreneur Club  
Village Investment Club  
Village Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) Club  
Village MIT Creative Tech Club  
Village Programming League  
Village Service Club  
Village Speech & Debate Team  
Village TED-Ed Club

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

Math & Science Team  
Speech & Debate  
Quiz Bowl  
Model United Nations  
Robotics  
PSIA  
Future City  
NJHS

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service is deeply embedded in every facet of our school, from opportunities within the house system to the CAS projects that IB students complete. Through our Global Expeditions, Village students have the opportunity to learn through service in Tanzania. Students contribute to sustainable development projects in local primary schools, children's centers and local villages, through teaching or assisting with construction. Not only do students develop project management and leadership skills, they also find meaning in helping others.

"I love the fact that the school always gives us opportunities to do other extracurricular activities by encouraging us to create our own clubs and sports teams. People are down-to-earth and friendly which makes a new student like me feel safe and surrounded."

— Ha, Vietnam

"One of the biggest advantages to studying at Village is the freedom; you have more opportunities to explore your interests, whether it's playing sports or instruments. These opportunities are really beneficial to your development as a student."

— Nick, China



# OUR CAMPUS

Spread across 28 lush green acres in Houston, Texas, The Village School is a hub for vibrant and engaged learning. When you step inside our modern classrooms or walk the grounds along our beautiful brick buildings, you feel as though you have been transported to a modern college campus. The collegiate atmosphere is integrated into every aspect of The Village School, and it's part of why our students are so well-prepared for success at the university level.

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“I really like the common areas in the dorm rooms because you get to spend time with other people and your friends.”

– Abraham, Mexico

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# LIFE AT VILLAGE

Our caring and engaging environment is a home away from home for students.





**BOARDING FACILITIES**

Lounges	Basketball Courts	Kitchenettes
Game Rooms	Bicycle Racks	24-hour security officers on site
Courtyard	Tennis Courts	Campus wide security camera systems (24-hour monitoring)
Study Rooms	24-hour Access to Dorm Parents	Controlled electronic access to buildings
Group Project/Learning Commons	Close Proximity to Shopping Centers	Automatic locking gate systems
Music Practice Rooms	Full-Service-Dining Hall with Expert Chefs	On-campus nurse
Art Rooms	Grab-and-Go Meals	Indoor swimming facility
Fitness Room	Campus Store	

“My favorite thing about the dorm rooms is that it forms solidarity. You are able to room with people in your grade and whenever there are huge exams or assignments, you get to study together and motivate each other.”

— Kihyun, South Korea

**RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

The Village School is proud to offer a boarding program that provides students from multiple countries with unparalleled opportunities for continuous growth. Our welcoming and safe environment builds a sense of educational and social independence.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- A highly personalized education
- A focus on academic and social progress
- An opportunity to hone leadership skills
- Immersion in an English-speaking environment
- Exposure to international and American culture
- Lifelong friendships with students from around the world
- Real-life experience in the United States
- A comprehensive college counseling program

**NEW RESIDENTIAL DORMS**

Boarding students reside in newly built on-campus dormitories that enable easy access to school facilities and extracurricular activities. The student suites have four bedrooms (each shared by two students) and two bathrooms with a common study area in each.

The common areas on each floor are for flexible usage, such as studying and relaxing, and have Wi-Fi among other amenities. Common areas are equipped with a kitchenette, vending machine area and washer-dryers for student use. An additional laundry service will be offered for a small fee. The outside courtyard area has a grill station/outdoor kitchen and an area for entertaining.

“I get to embrace my cultural individuality while at the same time being able to learn from others.”

— Duc Nauyen, Vietnam





### STRUCTURED AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Recognizing that this may be the first time our students have lived away from home, we have designed a strong support system to ensure that students can thrive. Our residential life leadership team has over 30 years of combined experience in caring for students. The team of eight, consisting of a director, coordinator, academic advisor, activities coordinator and year group leaders, foster academic success, provide emotional support, and enforce disciplinary actions. They are also assisted by a large group of dorm parents and school staff that pay close attention to our students' needs. Having student well-being as our core mission has allowed us to become one of the highest rated boarding programs in Texas.

### CARING COMMUNITY

We strive to create a home away from home for all of our boarding students. Our Year Group Leaders ensure that students at each grade level are well taken care of academically, emotionally, and physically. They will be in contact with parents weekly regarding student progress. We also staff more than twenty dorm parents who help students adjust to residential life throughout the year. At the beginning of each semester, dorm parents will introduce new boarding students to the area, helping them discover the Village campus and its neighboring Houston area. The students and staff have monthly family dinners, such as Texas-style BBQ on the patio or traditional dinner in the cafeteria.

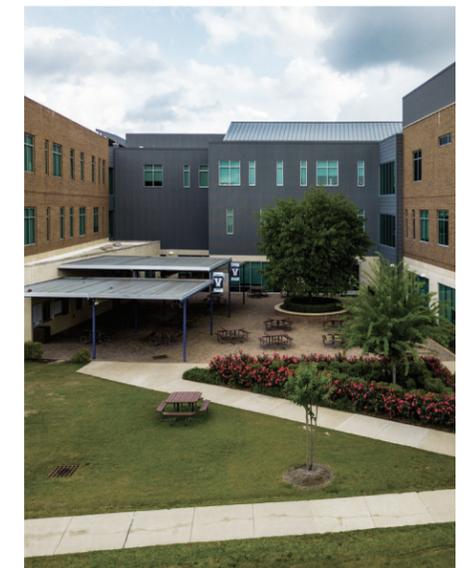
### SCHOOL SAFETY

The Village School's highest priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Our safety measures include Houston Police Department presence and monitoring, 24-hour security guards and staff, security cameras throughout the campus, keycard access gates, personalized keyless entries to student suites, and hotel/security safes in each room.

We want students to enjoy the expansive activities and outdoor spaces on our campus in a safe manner. Our stringent security measures, regularly reviewed and updated to ensure student safety, include:

- Raptor System Visitor Management System
- Perry Weather Lightning Detectors and Alert System
- Perimeter gates surrounding all campuses with required security check-in and/or badge access
- CCTV cameras throughout campus
- Campus-wide Public Address System
- One-button silent panic button at each front reception desk
- Full-time nursing staff
- Faculty and staff certified in First Aid, CPR, and defibrillator use
- 24-hour private security guards on campus
- Local police and law enforcement officers on campus during school hours positioned at each front reception desk
- Local HPD SWAT Team training held on campus for active shooter response

In addition, The Village School's leadership team and faculty attend regular trainings and seminars on safety, wellness and emergency preparedness and response.





## DINING

Exceptional nutrition is core to our mission of enriching student life. Partnering with the industry-leading Flik Dining, we provide high-quality and nutritious meals that can accommodate a wide range of dietary needs. Meals are provided for all boarding students in-residence, including a communal buffet-style dinner. We provide opportunities for residential students to dine out occasionally as part of regularly scheduled social activities.

Our students begin their day with a breakfast of champions. Both day students and residential students dine together, enjoying the chef's creations such as scrambled eggs, buttermilk pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage and breakfast potatoes. Students can choose to indulge in specialty offerings such as Asian eggs and rice, breakfast tacos, an omelet bar and a make-your-own-waffle bar. We also offer an assortment of bagels, cold cereals, breakfast pastries, and a fresh fruit bar with low-fat yogurt.

At lunch and dinner, our salad bar features a bountiful display of fresh vegetables, condiments, and proteins. Our chef prepares homemade soups served daily, and a variety of

accompaniments. Our popular deli station features a variety of sandwich selections and cheeses, with an assortment of breads, rolls, and wraps. Students also get to enjoy fresh sushi offered several days a week. Highlights of our dinner entrées include Norwegian salmon with saffron cream, Asian sesame chicken, beef enchiladas, pork and chicken pot stickers and shrimp jambalaya. Vegetarian options such as vegetable etouffé, stuffed shells with marinara, and vegetable egg rolls are offered daily at both lunch and dinner.

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Once classes have ended for the week, students enjoy an exciting social life enriched with weekend activities. Our weekend programming includes excursions to museums, state parks, movies and local points of interest that allow students to experience the community and culture around the school. Students are also offered opportunities for community service to benefit the neighboring areas. Designed to align with student interests, outings allow students to pursue personal hobbies and make friendships that will last a lifetime.



# WEEKDAY SCHEDULE & WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

## TYPICAL WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:50 am	Breakfast
7:30 - 8 am	Optional study time or meet with teachers (by appointment)
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Classes
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Athletics and/or extracurricular activities
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Study time
10:00 - 11:00 pm	Lights out (time depends on age/grade)



“The life here is really good because you have many choices of things to do including museums, concerts, malls, movies, parks and a lot of different kinds of restaurants.”

— Juliana, Brazil

## TYPICAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

9:00 - 11:00 am	Continental breakfast
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Brunch on campus
	Church trips (optional on Sundays at various time by request)
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Open gym time - fitness center or gymnasium
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Afternoon activities - Local festivals or events (Greek Day Festival, Art Car Parade, Renaissance Festival), professional sporting events (Houston Dynamo Soccer games), shopping trips (The Galleria Mall, outlet stores, CityCentre), and museum visits.
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Dinner
	Evening activities after 6pm - Going to the movies and dinner with friends, seeing theatre shows, participating in school events (Homecoming, Prom, Art Walk), exploring new restaurants, professional sporting events (Houston Rockets Basketball games), playing fun games at places like Top Golf, Dave & Busters and Sky High Sports.
11:00 pm	Curfew
12:00 pm	Lights out



# LIFE IN HOUSTON

Houston will welcome you with open arms.

## Nearest Airport

Houston George Bush Airport

## Average Temp

69 °F/ 20 °C

The largest city in Texas and the fourth-largest city in America, Houston is an exciting metropolis brimming with personality. Considered one of the most diverse cities in the U.S., Houston is home to an energetic cultural scene, world-renowned theater groups and the brains behind U.S. space exploration.

As a cultural hub, Houston plays host to numerous art spaces, galleries and performing arts venues, as well as athletic teams of almost every sport. Houston is renowned for its diverse portfolio of museums, including the Contemporary Arts Museum (CAM), Museum of Fine Arts-Houston (MFAH), The Health Museum, The Children's Museum, Museum of Natural Science, The Menil Collection, Bayou Bend, The 1940 Air Terminal Museum, Art Car Museum, The Orange Show, The Museum of Printing History, and more.

Houston is a center for exciting fields of study that lead to great career opportunities. Not only is Houston home to NASA, the leading agency for aerospace research, it is also the energy capital of the world. Houston also plays host to the largest medical complex in the world, Texas Medical Center, an incubator for innovation in medicine. Comprising two medical schools, four nursing schools and other specialized institutions, it boasts clinical facilities for patient care and scientific research.

Houston offers exciting outdoor recreational opportunities available throughout the year. From parks and birding,

to visiting Galveston Bay, outdoor activities are plentiful in Houston as a result of the city's favorable location and climate. The City of Houston Bikeway Program is a 345-mile bikeway network spanning across the city and providing access to 500 square miles throughout Houston. City parks offer 80 more miles of hike and bike and nature trails.

Cold weather is seldom an issue for outdoor activities, as Houston averages less than one measurable snowfall every four years. Our annual average rainfall is about 50 inches per year, ensuring lush lawns, large trees, and beautiful gardens overflowing with flowers.

## Additional facts about Houston:

- Fourth largest city in U.S.
- Most diverse city in the U.S.
- 145 languages spoken
- Largest medical center in the world
- No. 1 in total park acreage among top 10 metropolitan cities

“Houston is a really diverse and interesting city. It's the medical headquarters of the world, with large medical facilities right down the road. For a pre-med student, it is very helpful.”

— Daniel, USA





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