

What is an Episcopal School?

- Episcopal Schools have a long legacy of academic excellence.
- Episcopal Schools give a central place to Faith *and* Reason and encourage students to embrace free inquiry as a way to find God's truth. Though students in Episcopal schools are exposed to Episcopal rites and traditions, they are not told what to believe.
- Episcopal Schools are inclusive. A typical student population in an Episcopal school is only one-third Episcopalian. Other faith traditions are welcomed and valued.
- Episcopal Schools believe in service to others.
- Episcopal Schools are modeled on God's love.

Our Beliefs

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

Mission: Canterbury School's mission is to develop the whole child by challenging the mind and nourishing the spirit in a diverse community guided by Judeo-Christian values.

Statement of Philosophy: Consistent with the tradition and practice of the Episcopal Church, Canterbury gives a central place to both the life of reason and the life of faith. Canterbury's philosophy is that the ideal education takes place in a faith community engaging in a comprehensive and challenging search for truth. Its philosophy further holds that the school should be broadly representative of its reachable community, for a school which serves all God's children offers an enriched environment by virtue of the diversity of its students and teachers. The theology and philosophy of Canterbury's commitment to creating a diverse community is outlined in "Social, Economic and Racial Mix in Episcopal Church Schools," promulgated by the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Canterbury provides an education that is traditional in its emphasis on classical as well as contemporary knowledge and open to the use of the best techniques of pedagogy presently developed. Academically, Canterbury strives to develop in each student basic learning skills and study habits within a caring atmosphere of individual attention and encouragement. Its program seeks to promote confidence, initiative, and to stimulate a life-long interest in learning. As an Episcopal school, Canterbury teaches that knowledge and service of God and human-kind form the basis of wisdom.

Canterbury believes that a complete education must combine the academic and spiritual dimensions. By challenging the mind and nourishing the spirit, Canterbury seeks to create in each child "an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all God's works."