

Hickory Day School

Est. 1993



2535 21st Ave. NE
Hickory, NC 28601



Hickory
DAY SCHOOL

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● Words You'll Hear ●

Around HDS

Accreditation: A process of validation in which schools are evaluated.

Field Study: Also known as "field trip" : a visit to an area outside of the normal classroom where students can see, learn, and experience new things.

IB: International Baccalaureate: A global network of schools whose mission is "to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect."

Learner Profile: A set of attributes, with universal value across cultures, that define an internationally-minded student.

Lower School: Grades K-5

Middle School: Grades 6-8

PYP: Primary Years Program: The lower school program of the IB for students aged 3 to 12.

SAIS: Southern Association of Independent Schools

Units of Inquiry: Transdisciplinary units, structured around a "central idea," that empower students to develop a lasting understanding of the knowledge. Units normally last around six weeks.





PYP INSTRUCTORS

Kindergarten - Heather Beach
 1st Grade - Kat Enriquez
 2nd Grade - Robyn Lowery
 3rd Grade - Whitney Hurlburt
 4th Grade - Alison Tompkins
 5th Grade - Tina Farr

CO-CURRICULAR COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Media Specialist- Tammy Wickham
 Performing Arts - Leanna Bodnar
 PYP Spanish - Jorge Rojas
 PYP Technology - Tammy Wickham
 Visual Arts - Byron Jones
 Wellness/Fitness - Anita Sutton

MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Spanish -Jorge Rojas
 Life & Earth Sciences; Intro to Chemistry & Physics -Taylor McKee
 Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, & Geometry - Evelyn King
 6th Grade Language Arts & Humanities- Heather Galiszewski
 6th Grade Mathematics - Jessica Barteel
 6th Grade Journalism -Tammy Wickham
 7th & 8th Grade Latin - Dr. Rick Seay
 7th and 8th Grade Yearbook - Heather Galiszewski
 7th Grade Language Arts & Humanities- Heather Galiszewski & Sheran Thompson
 8th Grade Language Arts & Humanities- Sheran Thompson
 8th Grade Honors Spanish - Rachel Serrano Dick

PYP SPECIALISTS

Mathematics Specialist - Jessica Barteel
 Reading Specialist - Jessica Farlee

PYP FULL-DAY TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Rachel Dick & Kyle Herbein

ADMINISTRATION

Head of School- Dr. Rick Seay
 Head of Lower School- Alison Tompkins
 Director of Finance- Shelley Holtsclaw
 Administrative Assistant- Caroline Cook

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President- LT Thompson
 Vice President- Nicole Harris
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 Member- Jon Levinson

From the Head of School

Thank you for taking time to learn about this fantastic school that has proudly served the greater Hickory area for over 25 years. I invite you to find out more about the many great opportunities and offerings at HDS.

The motto for the City of Hickory is "Life. Well Crafted." At Hickory Day School, we want to help students in kindergarten through 8th grade learn how to craft their lives from an early age with knowledge and compassion. Our mission is to instill in our students a love of learning in a unique environment that emphasizes academic excellence, critical-thinking skills, and global perspectives. We strive to create lifelong learners who are equipped to handle the exciting challenges of the 21st century.

Delivered in a nurturing environment, our academic program is college-preparatory and inquiry-based. In addition to core academics, students receive instruction in music, theater, visual arts, wellness/fitness, technology, and foreign language (Spanish from kindergarten to 8th grade and Latin in 7th and 8th grades). Throughout our classrooms, we optimize learning and emphasize instructional differentiation. We keep our class ratios at a low level so that students and teachers may form close-knit bonds in which every student is treated as a respected individual with unique strengths and gifts.

Underpinning our programs is our accreditation by both the International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). Hickory Day School is one of only 15 elementary schools in North Carolina with the highly prestigious IB accreditation. At its most fundamental level, IB seeks to develop global citizens who create a better world through education. The IB program fosters cooperation and collaboration between students and teachers alike and promotes intercultural understanding and respect as an essential part of life. The students of HDS, who come from a vibrant mosaic of backgrounds, live out the goals of IB on a daily basis, striving to be inquirers, thinkers, communicators, and risk-takers who are knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, balanced, and reflective.

Now in its 26th year, Hickory Day School has continually produced students who live out its lofty ideals and principles and who continue friendships forged on our 16-acre campus long after they leave. I invite you to learn more about the experiences and programs that form this extraordinary community.

Please come visit! I'd be honored to give you a personal tour of this unique and special place.

Rick Seay

Rick Seay, Ed.D.
Head of School



WHY HICKORY DAY SCHOOL?



Hickory Day School is one of 15 schools in North Carolina (and the only school in the greater Hickory area) that is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate Organization Primary Years Programme (PYP) to students in grades kindergarten through fifth. We continue to incorporate the values of the IBO philosophy into our curriculum for students in our middle school (grades sixth through eighth).

Hickory Day School is proud to offer these distinguished educational programs in an independent, non-profit, non-sectarian educational environment. Through an integrated curriculum, we place emphasis for all ages not only on the traditional core subjects but also on the arts, wellness, and foreign language.

WHAT WE OFFER

Students learn through an inquiry-based philosophy of developing lifelong learners and global thinkers. With smaller class sizes, students receive more one-on-one attention as well as a more advanced curriculum.

SMALLER CLASS SIZES

- Low student to teacher ratio

CO-CURRICULARS DAILY

- Journalism
- Latin (7th & 8th Grades)
- Performing Arts; including two main stage productions
- Spanish
- Honors Spanish
- Technology
- Visual Arts
- Wellness/Fitness

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Athletics
- Basketball Club
- Board Game Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Jump Rope Club
- National Elementary Honors Society
- Sunshine Singers





OUR HISTORY

Education well crafted since 1993



A group of families first proposed the idea for Hickory Day School in 1991. A steering committee was formed to guide the establishment of a school that combined a nurturing environment with a curriculum enriched by hands-on learning experiences. In the fall of 1993, Hickory Day School opened.

Hickory Day School is an independent, non-sectarian, college-preparatory, co-educational school in the greater Hickory area that offers instruction to students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

In its tenth year, Hickory Day School applied for candidate status with the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Having successfully completed the candidate phase, the school first hosted the visiting IBO authorization team in April, 2005. In July of that year, the school received notification of the committee's decision, and Hickory Day School became the fourth school in the state to become an authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.



A LETTER FROM THE

Head of Lower School

Since joining Hickory Day School in 2010, I continue to be amazed by this community's commitment to academic excellence. Whether you are a parent, student, alum, or someone in search of an outstanding school, you will find a very special community here—one that values and promotes a love of learning. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be a teacher, the Primary Years Program Coordinator, an HDS parent, and currently the Head of Lower School and PYP Coordinator for Hickory Day. I'm passionate about the teaching and learning that takes place here.

The elementary years are significant and foundational, and the mission of Hickory Day remains compelling in the 21st century—instilling a love of learning that emphasizes critical thinking and global perspectives. HDS has dedicated itself to developing teaching practices and a curriculum that equip students to understand how they learn. We believe in graduating students who understand and believe in themselves as learners, and who express their thoughts, care about the rights and feelings of others, and stand up for their principles. Our students see learning as joyful and purposeful, and that joy can be heard throughout the classrooms.

Excellent schools are ones in which everyone is a learner – children, teachers, administrators, and parents. It is my pleasure and privilege to represent the HDS community, and I invite you to visit our school. There could not be a more exciting time to learn about the people and programs shaping the learning experience at HDS.

Alison Tompkins

Alison Tompkins

Head of Lower School & PYP Coordinator

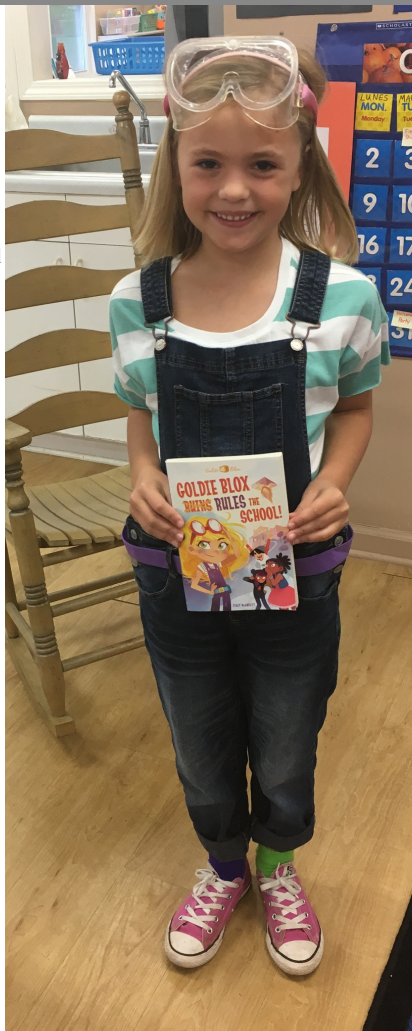


What is IB?

The International Baccalaureate Organization is a nonprofit, Swiss educational foundation dedicated to a curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking and exposure to a variety of points of view to encourage intercultural understanding and acceptance of others by young people.

The programs help students grow intellectually, socially, aesthetically, and culturally. They teach students to think critically and encourage them to draw connections between areas of knowledge and to use problem-solving techniques and concepts from many disciplines. They give students an awareness and understanding of their own culture and of other cultures' values, and ways of life. IBO students are highly recruited by colleges and universities around the world.

- *The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.*
- *To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.*
- *These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.*



Hickory Day School received authorization as an International Baccalaureate PYP) school in 2005 and accreditation from the Southern Association of Independent Schools(SAIS) in November, 2017.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8



The HDS middle school curriculum contains ten subject groups naturally integrated in an interdisciplinary approach.

- Humanities/ History
- Journalism
- Language Arts
- Latin (7th & 8th grade)
- Mathematics
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Spanish
- Honors Spanish
- Visual Arts
- Wellness/Fitness
- Yearbook

In the Classroom

Students in middle school study all ten subjects through different lenses to prepare them for the changing demands of life in the twenty-first century.

The curriculum has been adapted to guide students to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to participate actively and responsibly in a changing and increasingly interrelated world.

Field Studies

Our middle school students enjoy bonding and personal growth opportunities through our three-day REACH (Reaching Environmental Awareness Through Conservation of Habitat) trip each fall.

In the spring, our 8th graders enhance their knowledge of civics through trips to historically significant cities such as Washington, DC, and Philadelphia.



Athletics

ARCHERY
BASKETBALL
CROSS COUNTRY
FLAG FOOTBALL
GOLF
TENNIS
VOLLEYBALL

HICKORY DAY SCHOOL IS BRINGING BACK ATHLETICS AFTER SEVERAL YEARS WITHOUT VARIOUS TEAMS. IN 2018-2019 WE ADDED SOCCER, CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL, ARCHERY, AND TENNIS WITH HOPES OF ADDING MORE IN THE COMING YEARS!

TUITION & FEES

STUDENT FEE

An annual \$300 student fee is charged per student to cover the costs associated with school supplies, testing, and single-day field trips.

ATHLETIC FEE

A fee of \$75 is charged per sport per student to cover the cost of uniforms, equipment, and expenses.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance in the form of grants for tuition may be offered based on available funding for qualifying students. Families in need of financial assistance should contact the school business office for additional information. HDS is also an approved recipient of NC opportunities and disabilities grants.

APPLICATION FEE

A fee of \$75 is charged with a student's initial application to HDS. This fee covers the admissions testing process.

Hickory Day School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. Because HDS is not an appropriate placement for every child, the admissions process is selective.

2020-2021 TUITION

- Kindergarten - \$8,100
- 1st/2nd/3rd - \$9,100
- 4th/5th - \$9,600
- 6th/7th/8th - \$10,400

WE OFFER A SIBLING DISCOUNT OF 10% FOR THE YOUNGEST SIBLING(S) OF EACH FAMILY.

TUITION PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hickory Day School hosts multiple community events throughout the school year, so families have the opportunity to be involved!



- Ice Cream Social
- Fall Fest
- Semi-Annual Book Fairs
- Annual Auction
- Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day
- PYP Showcase
- Two Annual Productions

PTA Officers

Co-President: Courtney George

Co-President: Kristin Huffman

Treasurer: Angel Starnes

Secretary: Megan Carfagno

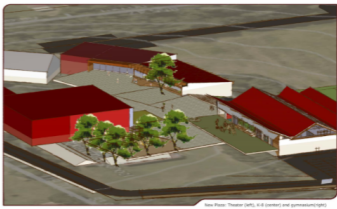
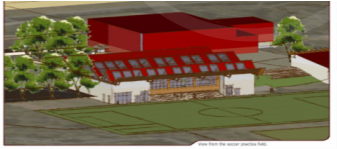


GET INVOLVED!

BUILDING FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



OUR FUTURE



HICKORY DAY SCHOOL
2535 21st Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413

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As our student body and community continue to grow, we aim to improve this incredibly unique campus within our 16-acres of land.

- PLAYGROUND
- GYM & ATHLETIC COMPLEX
- CLASSROOM BUILDINGS
- MAKERSPACE/MULTIPURPOSE BUILDINGS INCLUDING A THEATER/AUDITORIUM

Before



PHASE 1
**PLAYGROUND
UPGRADE**

SUMMER 2018

PHASE 2

**GYM &
ATHLETIC
COMPLEX**

After



PHASE 3
**CLASSROOM
BUILDINGS**

PHASE 4
**MAKERSPACE/
MULTIPURPOSE
BUILDING**

Schedule a tour today!

HICKORY DAY SCHOOL



131

2019-2020 Enrollment

29

Faculty and Staff members

K-8

SERVING
KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH 8TH
GRADE



HDS is the only International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program and the only SAIS accredited school in the greater Hickory area.

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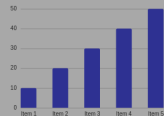
Athletic teams were added in the 2018-2019 school year including soccer, cross country, archery, basketball, and tennis

Over
90%
of all eligible HDS
students qualify for
DUKE TIP

HDS offers afterschool
extracurriculars:
chess, art club, book
club, choir, and
more!



HDS administers the CTP standardized test each year. The HDS average is consistently above other independent and suburban school averages in the nation.



Tuition rates are approximately

50%
less than
independent
schools in
nearby areas



HDS students participate in six co-curricular classes (Latin, performing arts, Spanish, technology, visual arts, and wellness) multiple times each week.

- We encourage curiosity and learn through inquiry.
- We foster self-awareness and global citizenship.
- We celebrate cultures, perspectives, and languages.
- We engage our students in a world-class education.
- Hickory Day School students develop the skills to become confident, lifelong learners.
- Hickory Day School students reflect on their learning to make informed, healthy and successful choices.
- Hickory Day School students value their school community.

Learn more at
www.hickorydayschool.org
or call 828-256-9492

