



EXPLORE THE CHAPIN ADVANTAGE

Pre-K Early Explorers Program

The education of children between the ages of three and five begins with providing a secure environment, including teachers, with a keen understanding of child development and a belief that every child is unique. Children who arrive at kindergarten prepared to learn perform better throughout school and our Pre-K Explorers Program provides our youngest students with **ample opportunities to ignite their passion for learning.**

CLASSROOMS

Purposefully arranged to provide children with routine experiences in small group and larger group activities and help with growing independence. Teachers promote and maintain a warm and positive classroom experience for children to explore, develop self-confidence, and gain enthusiasm for making friendships and learning. The daily routine and activities promote thoughtful interactions to foster engagement, ask questions, make connections, and support social, emotional, physical, and academic growth.

CO-CURRICULARS

Pre-K teachers work closely with co-curricular teachers to continue a developmentally appropriate and thematic approach to each subject. Student experience World Language (both Mandarin and Spanish), Music, Art, Library, Technology, and Physical Education classes.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Participating in field trips extend our classroom learning to the real world, allowing students to learn by doing and make connections. Our students' educational journeys take them down the Lehigh River, into the Poconos, to Historic Old City Philadelphia, Princeton University, and Ellis Island in support of what they are learning on campus.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before school starts, children have access to cozy spaces like our "book nook" if they enjoy a slower start to their day or there are a variety of toys and materials available to them for exploration and play. Our After School Program offers extensions of our classroom themes and projects, as well as options for making and sharing a healthy snack. It also allows children more opportunities to make friendships between classes as our Explorers classes are joined by some kindergarten students.

Benefits of a Pre-K through Eighth Grade School and The Chapin Advantage

Why do families continue to choose Chapin School Princeton, a Pre-K through eighth grade school? The research is telling us what we always knew. Kids feel safer, have a “greater sense of belonging” and are better prepared academically when they attend a school without a high school (Kamenetz).

Our curriculum is designed specifically to meet the education and developmental needs of students in Pre-K through eighth grade and prepare students for high school - and beyond. Chapin students are scientists, writers, researchers, photographers, coders, and so much more. They are performers on stage in front of their peers. They are creative visual artists and inspiring musicians. They are captains and team players on the athletic field. They are active members of their communities and global citizens. **They are the leaders of tomorrow.**

BUILDING A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Pre-K through Grade 8 are the most formative years for children. We intentionally design age-appropriate and hands-on learning programs for our students so they can reach their potential. Additionally, the continuity of teachers, classmates, traditions, and activities provides us with insightful knowledge of children’s unique learning styles and personalities. The security that comes with this stability gives students more freedom to focus on strengthening their own self-awareness and self-esteem.

LETTING CHILDREN BE CHILDREN

Our culture and community provide a safe and healthy learning environment in which our students grow without growing up too fast. They experience relevant activities and events without the social influence and pressure of older high school students. We ensure each student is supported throughout their Chapin journey so they can have a confident transition to secondary school.

BECOMING LEADERS

Our students have ample opportunities to get involved in the Chapin community and hone their leadership skills. Students in our lower grades look up to our middle schoolers as role models and our middle school students don’t feel like they get lost in the middle as they might in a K through 12 school. Students and teachers of all grades take part in our Family Group Program and come together for many activities. Through Student Council, academic teams, starring roles in school musicals, team captainships, and presenting at Morning Meeting, students are more than prepared to take on new challenges in high school.

CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS A RIGHT IS A TEAM EFFORT

Eighth graders being involved in the high school decision process, along with the support of parents and Chapin, stimulates their passion for learning and better prepares them for their high school experience. Students have learned how to advocate for themselves and by eighth grade, have a better sense of their strengths, talents, and interests and what type of school setting meets their needs. We guide families throughout the secondary school process so children can find a high school that will allow them to thrive.

CREATING AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY

The close-knit Chapin community leads to lifelong friendships and connections that can guide graduates throughout their lives. Students have an increased sense of belonging and strong teacher-to-student relationships. Parents also reap the benefits and have ample opportunities to get involved and share in their children’s successes. Chapin School Princeton can feel like a second home to families, and we strive to create an inclusive and diverse community of engaged learners, parents, and teachers.