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# Evansville Day School Answers 12 Questions

(& they just may surprise you!)



*Independent. Bold. Rewarding.  
Discover Why.*

**“Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.”**

**~ William Butler Yeats**

You will know an Evansville Day School student when you meet one. They are confident, curious, and collaborative. This is not by accident. Evansville Day School is an incredible journey enabling students to achieve their highest academic goals aligned to attributes we identify in the Portrait of a Graduate. Day School prepares students for the challenges and opportunities awaiting them in college and in life rather than the next level of math or Spanish or to take a standardized test.

We invite you to Discover Why as we answer 12 questions you must consider when evaluating a school. The answers may just surprise you!

## PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



## QUESTION 1: WHAT MAKES THE SCHOOL SPECIAL?

Passion and vision for an independent educational experience were the seeds of Day School's humble beginnings in the Episcopal Church on Southeast First Street in 1946. By 1968, the campus on North Green River Road was established. While the facilities and locations have undergone many transitions, the mission and core values remain constant. This community is committed to a student-centered education preparing the global leaders of tomorrow.

Imagine a school experience that balances an unrivaled reputation as a challenging, academically elite college preparatory program with a family atmosphere reflected in the safety students feel and the relationships they form with their teachers and peers.

Evansville Day School is independent, bold, and rewarding. What does that mean for your family?

- **INDEPENDENT:** Day School is free to design unique programs and experiences focused on what each student learns and, more importantly, what he or she becomes.



- **BOLD:** Our focus is creating balanced, resilient, globally minded, entrepreneurial learners. As a result, our students excel academically while developing the “futureproof” skills they need to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- **REWARDING:** In addition to 100% college placement, each graduating senior earns, on average, \$250,000 in scholarship money. A Day School student also benefits from a ground-breaking, challenging curriculum and an alumni network made up of local and global leaders.

## QUESTION 2: WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S MISSION, VISION, VALUES, AND CULTURE?

### OUR MISSION:



To partner with parents in offering “a student-centered, college-preparatory program supported by a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that encourages each student to strive for excellence in mind, body, and human spirit.”

### OUR CORE VALUES INCLUDE:

- Excellence—the pursuit of high quality, merit, and virtue;
- Responsibility—the attribute of being individually accountable, reliable, and trustworthy;
- Integrity—the discipline to adhere to a code of moral, honorable, and ethical standards;
- Respect—the positive and supportive consideration for oneself and others;
- Personal Discipline—the initiative to establish and achieve personal goals that demonstrate favorable character and conduct;
- Compassion—the willingness to be empathetic and understanding of others.



### BEYOND CURRICULAR GOALS, EVANSVILLE DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN TO:

- Respect themselves and others, and celebrate differences of faith, race, and culture;
- Develop responsibility, integrity, dependability, and self-control;
- Value the importance of taking responsibility for and developing balance in their own personal well-being;
- Develop good citizenship through community service;
- Value academic excellence and lifelong learning.

## QUESTION 3: HOW DOES THE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE IT PROVIDES?



All private schools are an investment for families wanting the best possible education for their children. Understandably, families want to know “what’s the bang for my buck?” The value proposition of Evansville Day School includes small class sizes, facilities, technology, and special programs; however, that is only part of the story. Even more importantly are the outcomes and opportunities including:

- **100% four-year college placement**
- **Over 80% of graduates attend their first choice college**
- **80% saying they are prepared for college (according to ISACS survey results)**
- **Graduates receive an average of over \$200,000 each in college scholarships**
- **Individual college counseling customized to meet the goals and needs of every student and family**

- **Global languages starting in Jr. Pre-K**
- **Creative and dramatic arts from Jr. Pre-K through grade 12**
- **Intersession program functions as an intensive, experiential learning class**
- **Customized curriculum featuring over 75 academic offerings plus Advanced Placement, Hybrid Learning Consortium, CAP, Independent Study and University Courses.**



## QUESTION 4: IS IT AFFORDABLE?

**YES!** Evansville Day School costs what you can afford. While our tuition presents a significant investment for many families it is among the lowest of any independent school in the Midwest. Over 30% of our students receive tuition assistance and/or scholarships. Through options such as the Flexible Tuition Program, and participation in the School Choice voucher program, our goal is to make Day School affordable for every mission-appropriate student who wants to attend the premier educational experience in the region.

Regardless of the tuition a family invests, the value of an Evansville Day School education has been proven throughout our long history, including 100% college placement to virtually all of America's most selective colleges and incredible merit scholarships earned by our graduates. Day School students receive the value-added benefit of excellent preparation for a lifetime of learning.

# FLEXIBLE TUITION PROGRAM

*You can afford the Day School experience.*



### WHAT IS FTP?

The Flexible Tuition Program (FTP) reflects Evansville Day School's commitment to fostering a school community that values diversity and accessibility. Affordability is not an obstacle for mission-appropriate students.

FTP awards are based on financial need. All applications are held in the strictest confidence.

To see if you qualify for the flexible tuition program, visit [evansvilledayschool.org](http://evansvilledayschool.org) and click on the Admissions tab.

## QUESTION 5: HOW DOES THE SCHOOL PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE?



The best schools of today are those focused on preparation for tomorrow. The skills students need to succeed as productive members of society have dramatically shifted.

Student-centered schools offer learning opportunities that extend beyond rote memorization and teaching to the test. Learning happens outside the classroom through hands-on experience and emphasizes collaboration, critical thinking, innovation, and communication.

At Day School this looks like a balance between experiential learning and rigorous academics. This is an outstanding learning environment where world-class instruction meets practical application and a student life experience that trusts students and encourages them to take a leadership role in the school and in the community.



## QUESTION 6: WHAT SUPPORT IS THERE TO HELP STUDENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING AND/OR NEED ENRICHMENT?



Students who excel in math may struggle in history. Those who cruise through biology may find global languages challenging. The most important partner in helping individual students is the teacher. Day School's success in meeting the needs of each student is a result of compassionate,

student-centered educators who focus on individual student needs, assessing areas of strength and challenge while collaborating in crafting a plan for success.

Upper School students are assigned an advisor who monitors academic progress, coordinates with teachers, communicates with parents, and advocates for their advisee. Teachers and advisors often sacrifice lunch hours and meet with students before and after school. Class schedules are designed to maximize time and provide a road-map to academic achievement. Small class sizes and block scheduling allow for a more personalized experience and mirrors the study skills necessary for success.



Another resource for students is the Center for Academic Success (CAS), where comprehensive academic support and enrichment, and co-curricular advising, is available for all students. Through a blend of peer and professional tutoring, group sessions, and personal coaching, the goal of CAS is to ensure each student reaches his or her full potential.

## QUESTION 7: WHAT OUTCOMES ARE MEASURED AND VALUED?



When you think about “why” Evansville Day School, we believe it is about the outcomes. Traditionally our school has been known for college preparation, reflected in the long-standing record of 100% four-year placement of Day School graduates at

America’s most selective institutions. We are proud that many top colleges and universities plan their area visitation schedules around the availability of Evansville Day School students because admission offices respect Day School and our graduates.

College recruiters mention the high-caliber of our graduates, particularly in the areas of critical thinking, problem solving, innovation and lifelong learning, which are exactly the skills the best companies seek when evaluating potential new hires. This type of feedback is crucial as we chart an exciting future for Day School. It may be easier to measure rote memorization and performance on standardized tests; however, we continue to value what our students are becoming more than just what they are learning.



### ALUMS SAY IT BEST!

*“The faculty at Evansville Day School taught me to believe I could do anything I wanted to do. I was urged to take chances, not just in a few classes, but by every teacher in every subject.”*

~William Snyder 1977  
Three-time Pulitzer Prize  
winning author

## QUESTION 8: WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS BEYOND ACADEMICS?



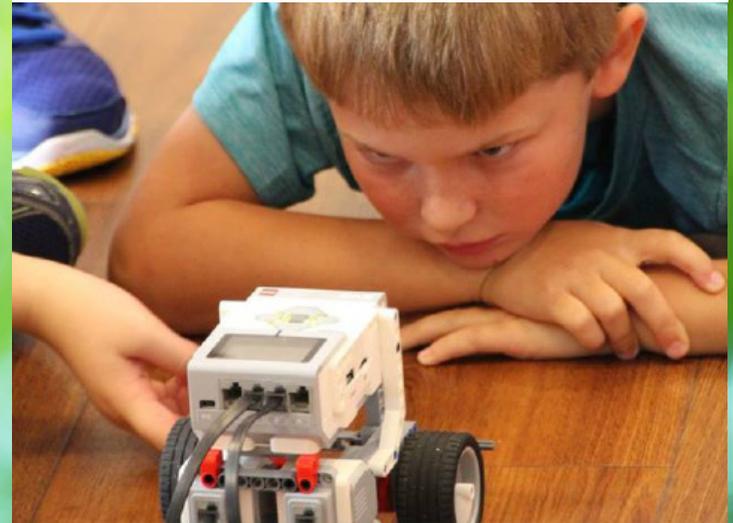
Extracurricular activities are critical to the development of leadership, collaboration, and responsibility. Extracurricular activities are where the real-world skills are cultivated and where students build lifelong memories.

### THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

No-cut athletics	National Honor Society
Key Club	International Club
Robotics	Future Problem Solvers
Academic Super Bowl	Student Council
Chess	Environmental Science
Yearbook	Cheer
Dance	Bowling
Choir & Instrumental	Archery
Mentoring & Tutoring	Performing Arts

These opportunities provide a balanced Day School experience while producing well-rounded students ready to embrace college and life.

Day School is committed to extracurriculars as an important part of each student's educational outcomes, as evidenced by the Head of School Jarin Jaffee's TedX talk on the subject.



## QUESTION 9: HOW DO CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FIT WITH THE SCHOOL'S MISSION AND GOALS?



Students who elect to participate in activities outside the classroom benefit from smaller groups, meaning more interaction, more opportunities to actively contribute, and better chance to hone leadership skills. Through participation in the Chess Club and Builder's Club, students learn to apply logical reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving skills in order to be successful. Key Club and community activities such as Race for the Cure provide students with community participation and teach the benefits of belonging to something for the benefit of others.

The Athletic Department embraces the philosophy that each student who wishes to may not only belong to, but actively participate in whichever sport(s) he/she chooses – no tryouts, no cuts.

The lessons learned within these experiences aligns with the overall mission of Evansville Day School  
**“TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN MIND, BODY AND HUMAN SPIRIT.”**



## QUESTION 10: HOW DOES THE SCHOOL CELEBRATE INDIVIDUALITY AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES?



29% of the student body self identifies as multicultural. Beyond ethnicity we embrace and encourage students with great talent, exceptional intellect, unique backgrounds, and distinctive lifestyles. We celebrate diversity because it is part of who we are and our graduates have told us learning and socializing with classmates from a range of cultures and backgrounds helped prepare them for the world around them. We believe in the power of an environment that naturally encourages each individual to pursue his/her goals, dreams, and passions. By fostering respect and acceptance, Day School is well-positioned to provide an atmosphere in which each student will thrive. Athletes and scholars, leaders and collaborators, all working together in the pursuit of excellence.

**"I love that my kids are in a diverse community with children of all international makeups."**

**~Chris Traylor '84  
Board President  
Father of Gwyn, class of 2023,  
Marshall, class of 2025,  
Sydney, class of 2027,  
and Courtney, class of 2031.**



## QUESTION 11: ARE YOU GREETED AND ASSISTED BY FRIENDLY STAFF, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS AS YOU EXPLORE THE SCHOOL?

Too often the concept of parents and students as customers of the school is lost or ignored. A visit to the Evansville Day School campus is the best way to experience the caring, friendly, student-centered atmosphere. Faculty care deeply for students, genuinely like each other, and understand how critical the partnership with parents really is. Our Parents in Partnership initiative features a variety of ways to engage families and bring them into the life of the school. Evansville Day School is a welcoming environment with a community atmosphere, which is why we often hear,

**“There is just something special about this place.”**



## QUESTION 12: ARE TEACHERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH STUDENTS, AND STUDENTS WITH ONE ANOTHER?



The foundation of a great school is great teachers. Day School has faculty who value the independence they have to develop innovative curriculum and form relationships with students. These relationships are crucial to student success by building a culture of trust, respect, safety, effective communication, and confidence .

As families tour a school they should look for one-on-one interaction between students and teachers, teachers who are actively involved in the education process, and students collaborating with one another.

Come to Day School any day, any time, and you will see an interactive style of teaching unlike anything you find elsewhere. Active engagement is in the DNA of our program and shows in the quality of the students.

Valuing collaboration begins in Jr. Pre-K. Students learn to recognize the opinions of others and come to a consensus. Through experiences such as Camp Carson and the 8th Grade Retreat, students evaluate themselves and develop valuable leadership skills.

The best way to discover if a school is a good fit is to visit campus, speak with faculty and current parents, and have your questions answered. Evansville Day School welcomes potential families for a personalized visit. We know when you are here you will Discover Why we have been the region's educational leader since 1946.



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