



Strategic Plan

Wildwood is brave, curious, challenging, and relevant.

Wildwood's learning environment reflects the way the world is changing. Students are challenged every day to ask questions, take risks, get in over their heads, and then creatively find their way out. More than being college ready, Wildwood students graduate as confident, empathetic, and resourceful thinkers with the ability to make an impact. This is the brave difference.

Wildwood believes in six basic principles in our approach to K-12 education.

Guiding Principles

- We encourage explorers
- We cultivate experts
- We model character
- We champion originality
- We create self-starters
- We foster community

Wildwood's progressive pedagogy places students at the center of their learning and is distinguished by emphases on project-based learning, collaboration, community involvement, intellectual rigor and creativity, interdisciplinary classes, Life Skills, Habits of Mind and Heart, multicultural programming, narrative assessments, professional internships, and Advisory. By helping students discover the ways bravery sets the course for successes big and small, Wildwood teaches students the critical skills they need to transform themselves, their communities, and the world.

To further this mission and position the school to serve students in continually improving ways, the Board of Trustees has detailed the following aspirations for the school in the coming years:

Strategic Aspirations

- I. To inspire by exemplifying the best in K-12 education
- II. To excel by immersing students in experiential learning
- III. To influence by nurturing a culture of positive change
- IV. To enlighten by expanding cultural competencies
- V. To thrive by securing the future of our community

I. Wildwood School will define the leading edge of K-12 best practices in education for a generation of students rooted in the 21st century.

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- Program innovations will be driven by current research and reflect the changing face of college and work cultures.
- Physical and social/emotional health will be at the forefront of all decisions affecting student life.
- Technology will be embraced as a tool that informs and enhances the process and product of student work.
- Active communication with colleges and universities will ensure that Wildwood programs anticipate the evolution of higher education and that these institutions understand the uncommon elements of a Wildwood education.
- Wildwood's Outreach Center will provide education, mentoring, and tools for teachers and school leaders in publicly and independently funded K-12 schools throughout the world.

II. Wildwood School's project-based program will provide students with authentic opportunities to solve real problems.

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- The best of trans-disciplinary curriculum and project-based learning will help students understand how their work connects to the real world.
- Expanding partnerships with outside organizations will deepen students' understanding of how what they learn connects to the contributions they will make and work they will do throughout their lives.
- Students will develop as practitioners—artists, historians, linguists, mathematicians, scientists, and writers—by applying their content knowledge and skills in disciplined and meaningful ways.
- Program structures will require that students master concepts, delving into areas of interest or capability in extraordinary and authentic ways.

III. Wildwood School will foster in students an understanding of the power of their potential and the opportunity to be a force of positive change throughout their lives.

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- The curriculum will expose students K-12 to the issues of social justice, human nature, and the search for truth.
- Life Skills and Habits of Mind and Heart will play a central role in developing students' character, confidence, and self-motivation.
- Community Involvement, Internships, exposure to real world problem-solving will provide increasing opportunities for connection, collaboration, and engagement.

- IV. Wildwood School's program will develop students' ability to navigate, adapt, and lead in an increasingly multicultural society, honoring the perspectives and experiences of others.**

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- Multicultural programming will strengthen its focus on reflection and understanding of students' own multicultural identities while fostering a profound respect for the identities of others.
- Wildwood will focus on increasing the diversity of the student body.
- Through the curriculum, students will develop versatility and resiliency as they cultivate relationships in school, their communities, and the world.

- V. Wildwood School will raise and allocate resources that ensure the vibrancy of the program and the financial health of the school for the future of its community.**

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- Continued focus on annual fund, endowment, major gifts, and capital gifts will marry donor intentions with strategic educational and institutional goals.
- Wildwood will build an anchor campus designed to serve as a model school of the future and serve as a catalyst to propel current and future programming.