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About Us

ANNIE WRIGHT UPPER SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Annie Wright Schools launched a new program for high school boys in fall 2017. Predicated on the exceptional academic program of Annie Wright's Upper School for Girls, the Upper School for Boys draws on Annie Wright's rich traditions of single gender education while providing inquiry-based and innovative programs.

The Upper School for Boys revives part of the vision of Annie Wright Schools founders Charles B. Wright and Bishop John Adams Paddock, who opened a brother school to Annie Wright Seminary in 1886. The Great Depression of 1892 caused many boys to leave school to go to work, and the school was forced to close that year. One hundred and twenty-five years later, in 2017, Annie Wright Schools brought back a brother high school, launching with 16 boys in Grade 9 in rented space downtown. Since then the program has more than tripled in size, with students now in Grades 9, 10 and 11. Next year, 2020-2021, will be the first with students in all four grades, and the student population will eventually grow to 120.

Mission

Founded in Tacoma, Washington, in 1884, Annie Wright Schools serve students from age three through high school. Annie Wright Lower and Middle Schools offer co-ed programs in Preschool through Grade 8, while separate Upper Schools for boys and girls offer day and boarding options in Grades 9 through 12.

THE ALL-BOYS EXPERIENCE

Our student-centered mission puts strong relationships with teachers and best practices in inquiry-based learning at the heart of all we do from Preschool to Grade 12. Within this culture, teachers also recognize that boys and girls often learn differently, and they celebrate boys' unique strengths and learning styles. Incorporating a range of pedagogical best practices that can appeal to different kinds of learners, teachers in the Upper School for Boys expect the success of each student and teach toward that expectation. Learn more about how we teach boys at www.aw.org/boys.



... WITH CO-ED OPPORTUNITIES

While class time and leadership opportunities are for boys only, there are plenty of opportunities for co-ed experiences as well. Social events, elective arts activities, and a handful of other activities to name a few.

COORDINATE EDUCATION

The Upper School for Boys and the Upper School for Girls at Annie Wright Schools combine a single-gender environment with opportunities for shared activities and social interactions. Our coordinate Upper Schools enable girls and boys to study in a single-gender academic setting each school day, then participate after the academic day in coeducational arts activities or single-gender activities, dependent on student choice. Activities are non-graded, optional elective opportunities allowing students to engage more fully in selected areas of passion or interest. Upper School students of both schools at Annie Wright participate in scheduled social activities together outside of class hours, in the dorms and on weekends.

ACADEMICS

Annie Wright Upper School for Boys prepares students extraordinarily well for college, offering small classes, independent-minded peers and an exceptional faculty. Our challenging curriculum appeals to motivated students with a variety of passions and learning styles, with experts trained to address individual needs. Most importantly, we prepare boys for a lifetime of learning, instilling in them a genuine curiosity and the courage to ask questions, seek creative answers and meet the challenges of a rapidly-changing, complex and culturally-diverse world. Annie Wright's Upper School has offered the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme since 2009. Widely considered the world's most rigorous high school curriculum, IB emphasizes student inquiry, intellectual risk-taking and international mindedness. All boys in Grades 11 and 12 take IB courses; each boy, together with his family and teachers, decides individually whether or not to pursue the full IB Diploma.

IB GETS MORE COLLEGE KUDOS

Colleges and universities are increasingly recognizing the rigor and superior standard of an International Baccalaureate education. In May 2019, a law passed requiring all public universities in Washington to give college credit to students who earn at least a 4 out of 7 on each of their IB exams. This means that IB Diploma holders can earn a year's worth of credits. Many public and private colleges and universities nationally and internationally also grant credit for IB exams, recognizing the exceptional rigor of these courses.

THE COLLEGE PROCESS

Our experienced college counseling team matches each student's academic and emotional needs with appropriate and realistic college choices and offers parents and students advising for the entire college admission process. Beginning with Grade 9, students participate in yearly college planning activities that prepare them for the journey. Students transition to their next life chapter with a clearer sense of who they are and what they hope to achieve.

COLLEGE WEEK

19 BOYS. 5 DAYS.

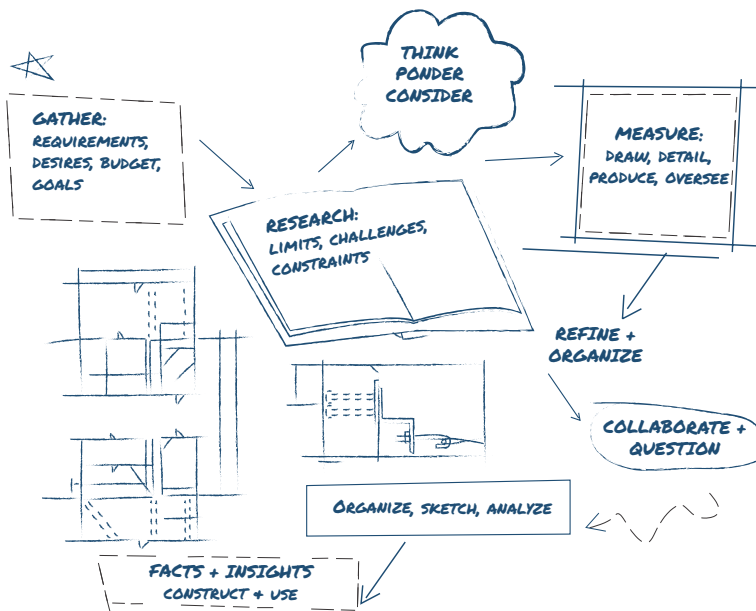
3 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. 0 HOMEWORK.

One highlight of the college process includes a full week of no classes and no homework, where seniors engage with our college counselors, university deans and directors, and Annie Wright faculty in order to complete three applications by the early November 1 deadline. Students report less stress and more enjoyment of the college process because they have dedicated time to devote to their applications.

DESIGN *EXPLORE. DEVELOP. CREATE.*

One of the first spaces students encounter in the new Upper School for Boys academic building is the IdeaLab, a design and maker space available to the entire school. The location of the lab speaks to the importance Annie Wright places on bringing creative ideas to life. Arts and elective courses in Grades 9 and 10 in the Upper School for Boys center around concepts of creative and relevant design—and each year offers new opportunities for boys to see their creative ideas take physical or virtual shape with an emphasis on serving a community greater than themselves.

In 2019-2020, Grade 9 boys will build a greenhouse almost entirely out of recycled materials; Grade 10 students prepare for graduation service requirements in a course called Creative Outreach, a yearlong investigation to identify, discover and deepen personal passions, providing practical opportunities to find where student talents (collectively and individually) can serve community need. Each class of boys works with teachers to develop new ways to exercise creativity and learn practical skills in the process.



Campus Highlights





BRAND NEW FACILITIES

a new state-of-the-art academic building for the Upper School for Boys opened in fall 2019



DORMS

where our boarding students & faculty live & learn



DINING HALL

tasty meals in the company of friends, faculty & dorm parents



THE ATRIUM

the perfect spot to study or relax between classes



BAMFORD COMMONS

outdoor space for reflecting & hanging out



KEMPER GYM

play basketball & cheer on the Gators



KEMPER THEATER

plays, speakers & more happen here



LIBRARY & LEARNING COMMONS

books & nooks make this the ideal space to read, study & collaborate



JAMES MEMORIAL FIELD

all-weather turf field for kicking the ball & playing ultimate



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LIVE & LEARN @ ANNIE WRIGHT

Our boarding program offers boys from around the state, country and world the chance to live, learn and form friendships that last a lifetime.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Our campus is nestled in the North End neighborhood of Tacoma, Washington, overlooking the Puget Sound. Annie Wright is close to shops, restaurants, museums, and national parks (including the majestic Mount Rainier). We are a short 30-minute drive to the airport and 45 minutes south of Seattle.

FEEL RIGHT AT HOME

The rooms in our recently renovated dorm are unique, comfortable and spacious. Students enjoy shared lounges and study spaces around the dorm. Its location right in our main building makes access to the dining hall, classrooms, library, gym and other campus facilities as easy as walking down the hall. FLIK Independent School Dining provides our meals with an eye toward nourishing, delicious food made from local ingredients. Additionally, the Upper School for Boys includes a satellite downtown suite of classrooms, allowing classes to take advantage of all that downtown Tacoma has to offer for field trips and extended learning opportunities.



VALUE OF AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL EDUCATION

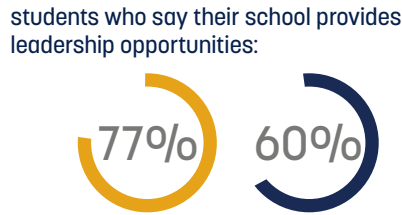
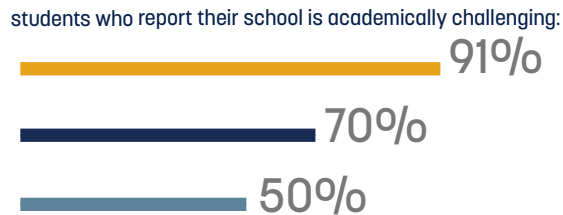
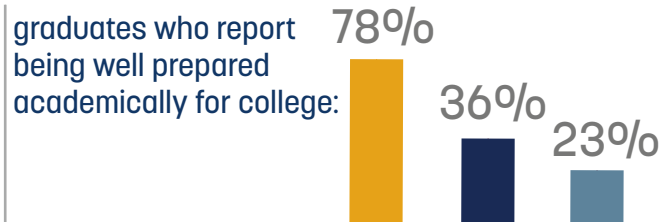


Dr. Richard J. Light of Harvard University recently published a report about the benefits of an independent school education. He describes how independent school graduates differ significantly from their counterparts.

Independent school graduates are:

- » Likely to have a broader world view
- » Better in writing preparedness, especially with research papers
- » More likely to seek out advice from a faculty member
- » More likely to have better time management skills

THE TRUTH ABOUT BOARDING SCHOOL



Statistics provided by The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) www.boardingschools.com

TRADITION **MEETS** INNOVATION

Founded in 1884, tradition and innovation have been intrinsically bound throughout Annie Wright's history. Innovation was at the heart of the pioneering spirit that established Annie Wright as a school to educate girls when Washington was not yet a state, and traditions, some more than 100 years old, are integral to the culture and identity of Annie Wright today. While we hold tradition near and dear to our heart, we also continue to honor our pioneering roots through encouraging risk-taking, implementing innovative programming and offering what is known as the gold standard of education—the IB Diploma Programme.

CARRYING ON TRADITIONS & CREATING NEW ONES

Incoming students have a unique opportunity to carry on and build upon Annie Wright traditions. The first classes of boys are already shaping the next chapter of Annie Wright history. Traditions established to date include a unique tie ceremony in which returning students present monogrammed ties to new students; a formal entrance ceremony on the first day of classes, our 9th grade ping pong lounge, a story passed down from class to class about the need to listen carefully, and a lot of snacks.



ATHLETICS

The Upper School for Boys athletics program addresses physical fitness, team play and good sportsmanship. Our faculty and coaches identify and support each boy's individual aptitude and skills, whether he is an elite athlete or has never played a team sport. Opportunities both in and out of school will specifically address the athletic goals of each individual. Our physical education program is designed to create movement opportunities during the academic day as well as to help boys discover opportunities for lifetime fitness. Credits may be earned in a variety of ways. We offer a full plate of after-school athletics options in state-of-the-art facilities and top-tier coaches. In the fall, boys can participate in sailing, run cross country or play on the tennis team. Basketball is offered in the winter, and in the spring, options include fencing, golf, and track & field.



LATE STARTS OFFERS TIME FOR SLEEP OR EXERCISE

Annie Wright Schools offers late start for Upper School students four mornings per week. The goals of this schedule change, based on research into adolescent health, are to increase opportunities for sleep and exercise.

After polling Upper School families, Annie Wright administrators found overwhelming support for the late start schedule, which will delay the academic day from an 8:00 am to a 9:15 am start. Students who play after-school sports may sleep in or use the first hour of the day for a study hall. Students who choose not to play after-school sports start the day at 8:00 am, choosing from a range of options for group or personal workouts. Students have access to campus gyms, weight room, spin room, dance studio and swimming pool.



ARTS

We believe ALL of our students can and must create—and we offer a range of opportunities for every student to practice, analyze, imagine, design and perform. Optional arts activities include chorus, orchestra, theatre, theatre tech, woodworking and visual arts and provide an opportunity to learn and collaborate with Upper School girls.

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CONTACT US

To learn more about Annie Wright Upper School for Boys and the admission process or to schedule a campus tour, contact Laura Bales '85, Upper School Admissions Director, at 253.284.8601 or laura_bales@aw.org.

I can't wait to meet you!
-Laura Bales '85
Upper School Admissions Director



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SCHOLAR SEARCH

Scholar Search, held annually in February, provides you the opportunity to get to know Annie Wright Schools, our two Upper School programs (one for boys and one for girls), and for us to learn about you, too. Best of all, this is the only time in the year that we award merit scholarships to attend the Upper Schools at AWS, and attendance at Scholar Search means you're eligible for these awards.