

Evansville Day School Answers 12 Questions

(& these answers may surprise you)



EVANSVILLE DAY SCHOOL

Independent. Bold. Rewarding.

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

~ William Butler Yeats

Let's start by saying, 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 a personal, experiential, and balanced journey that enables students to achieve their highest academic goals along with success that extends well beyond the classroom. EDS prepares students not for the next level of math or Spanish or to take a standardized test, but for the challenges and opportunities awaiting them in college and in life.

Now that you've had time to consider the questions you must ask when exploring educational opportunities, we would like to share Evansville Day School's answers to these 12 questions; and the answers may surprise you.

Question 1: For what is the Evansville Day School known?

All schools have certain things in common: students, classrooms, teachers, graduation requirements, and extracurricular activities. That is where the similarities end. Mission, values, programs, and culture are all different, often distinctly so, from school to school. Some schools are known for their sports teams; others for test scores, campus amenities, religious affiliation, or size.

Imagine a school experience that balances Evansville Day School's 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 with one another. We often summarize this in the fact that we don't have locks on the lockers and our computer labs are always open.

As our logo and tagline express, Evansville Day School is independent, bold, and rewarding. What does this mean for your family?

INDEPENDENT (adj.): free from the control of others, self-reliant and self-governing.

As the only independent school in the region, Day School is free to design unique programs and experiences focused on what each student learns and, more importantly, what he or she becomes. Our priorities include small class sizes, student-teacher relationships, and forward-thinking curriculum and experiences for our students. We are largely free from statewide standardized tests or religious affiliations and we find our successes in college admission results, our unmatched reputation in the community, and an emphasis on the skills that are critical to our students' ongoing success. Visit the Day School [website](#) for more information.

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 Evansville Day School’s mission, vision, values, and culture?

Evansville Day School’s mission is 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 in exchange for tuition?

All private schools are an investment for families wanting the best possible education for their children. As with any other investment, an investment in education is accompanied by the expectation that outcome represents the long-term value. In other words, what’s the bang for your buck? The value proposition of Evansville Day School includes class size, facilities, technology, and special programs. Even more importantly, the value proposition for Day School families is the outcomes such as 100% placement for college-bound students and preparation for life beyond college through the fostering of critical thinking and problem solving skills.. Evansville Day School’s value proposition is represented in the experiences and specific outcomes such as:

- Over 80% of graduates attend their first choice college
- Graduates receive an average of over \$200,000 each in college scholarships
- 8:1 student-teacher ratio
- Individual college counseling customized to meet the goals and needs of every student and family
- “Senior Capstone Project” matching students with a local company or organization for a weeklong shadow experience before the student gives a formal presentation to faculty, parents, peers, and alumni
- Mandatory College Counseling Course during 11th Grade
- 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 to fit students’ individual needs

Question 4: Is it affordable?

In short, 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 and 30% of our students receive tuition assistance and/or scholarships. Through options such as the Flexible Tuition 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 benefits of excellent preparation for a lifetime of learning.

Question 5: How does the school prepare students for the future (including college and career)?

The best schools of today are those focused on the realities of tomorrow. The skills students need to succeed as productive members of society have dramatically shifted. Gone are the days of rote memorization and teaching to the test. Student-centered schools like Evansville Day School offer learning opportunities that happen outside the classroom through hands-on experience, working in community with others, and emphasizing collaboration, critical thinking, resilience, and communication.

At Day School this looks like a balance between project-based learning and group work in traditional, challenging academic courses with experiences outside of the classroom. 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 very challenging. While many schools, including Day School, have support structures in place, in reality 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 each individual student, assessing areas of strength and challenge while collaborating in crafting a plan for success.

Every Upper School student is assigned an advisor who monitors academic progress, coordinates with teachers, communicates with parents, and advocates for their advisee in many ways. Teachers and advisors often sacrifice lunch hours and meet with students before and after school to provide one-on-one attention. Much time and effort is put into the planning and scheduling of each student's classes to maximize his/her time at Evansville Day School and provide a roadmap to academic achievement that is both manageable and challenging. Small class sizes and block scheduling allow for a more personalized experience that encourages collaboration and mirrors the studying skills necessary for success well beyond high school.

Question 7: What academic 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 and while it is easier to measure rote memorization and performance on standardized tests we will continue to value what our students are becoming more than just what they are learning.

Question 8: What opportunities are available for students beyond academics?

Extracurricular activities are critical to the development of leadership, collaboration, and responsibility. The student experience is greatly impacted by what happens during lunch and after school. Similar to the “business person’s lunch,” extracurricular activities are often where a lot of real-world skills are cultivated and where students build their lifetime memories. Evansville Day School has vibrant [co-curricular programs](#) including no-cut athletics ([Click here for more information](#)), National Honor Society, Key Club, International Club, Robotics, Academic SuperBowl, Student Council, Chess, Environmental Science, Yearbook, Cheer, Dance, Bowling, Choir, Instrumental Music, Mentoring, and Tutoring. Not only are these opportunities part of the balanced Day School experience but they produce well-rounded students ready to embrace college and, more importantly, life.

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 chances to exercise and 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 will 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 of mind, body and human spirit.”

Question 10: How does the school celebrate individuality and cultural differences?

Our students have an incredible benefit in that 29% of the student body self identifies as multicultural. Beyond ethnicity we also 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 that 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 academics, leaders and collaborators, all working together in the pursuit of excellence.

Question 11: Are you greeted and assisted by friendly staff, faculty, and students as you explore the school?

Oftentimes in the educational setting, the concept of parents and students as customers of the school is too often 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. In fact we have branded our Parents in Partnership initiative, which features a variety of ways we engage families and bring them into the life of the school. Evansville Day School is a very welcoming environment with a community atmosphere, which is why we often hear, "There is just something special about this place."

Questions 12: Are teachers actively engaged with their students and students with one another?

The foundation of a great school is great teachers, and Day School has the best. Our faculty come here because of the independence they have to develop innovative curriculum and form close relationships with students. This aspect is so crucial to student success because it builds a culture of trust, respect, safety, effective communication, and confidence throughout the school. 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 at other schools. Active engagement is in the DNA of our program and it shows in the quality of the students.

Valuing collaboration begins at Day School as early as age 3. Students learn to recognize the opinions of others, come to a consensus, and sacrifice their own ideals for the good of the group.

The best way to discover if a school is a good fit is to visit campus, speak with faculty, staff, and current parents, and to have your questions answered. Evansville Day School welcomes potential students and parents for a personalized visit. Like so many families have said to us before, we know when you are here you will feel the difference that has made us the region's educational leader since 1946.

When you are ready to discover why Evansville Day School is the best educational experience in the tri-state, contact our Admission office.

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