

POSITION PROFILE

HEAD OF SCHOOL

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE \cdot BATON ROUGE, LA 2020–21 SCHOOL YEAR



APPLICATION DEADLINE **JUNE 1, 2019**

FIRST ROUND INTERVIEWS **JULY 2019**

APPOINTMENT DATE **OCTOBER 15, 2019**

POSITION START DATE **JULY 1, 2020**

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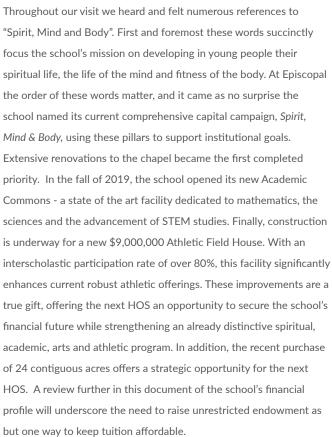
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Applications are requested by June 1, 2019 to ensure full consideration. Highly interested candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials well in advance of this deadline. The school desires to appoint the next Head of School by October 15, 2019, with a starting date of July 1, 2020.

Note: We strongly encourage all interested candidates to visit the school's website -episcopalbr.org, in addition to reviewing the information provided.



CONSULTANTS' NOTES

Bob Hallett and Ted Lingenheld of School Strategies & Solutions were on campus from January 14 -16, 2019 during which

in-depth interviews with all stakeholders were held. Our visit served to reinforce our initial impressions of a school, not only well run, but also ready to build upon a decade of physical and programmatic improvements under the seasoned eye of Hugh

> The school's Episcopal identity, Mardi Gras, Friday night football, the annual musical, and exotic cuisine are but a small part of the fabric found within this diverse and historic intersection of many cultures. The community looks to its next leader to be someone eager to be

> a full partner with other civic leaders, who has a vision and is willing

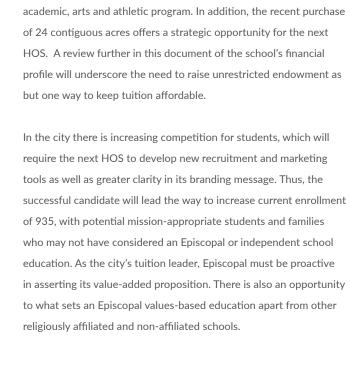
to commit for a tenure sufficient to execute that vision for the enhancement of, not only Episcopal, but Baton Rouge.

Student diversity stands at 24%, and the school expects to continue gains made in becoming more ethnically and racially diverse. With 61% of faculty holding advanced degrees, students are the beneficiaries of their commitment to academic and scholarly excellence as well as continued professional development. Episcopal has been among the top schools with the highest percentage of National Merit Scholars in Louisiana for the past several years.

The state capital, Baton Rouge, located on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, is unlike any small southern city. 80% of the population who live in Baton Rouge was born here. Recent census data puts the population of Greater Baton Rouge at 825,000. It is the second largest city in Louisiana. Traditions abound and are universally supported.

We believe Episcopal represents an unusually inviting leadership opportunity for a 21st Century school leader. The successful candidate should present an easily approachable and relational demeanor, a balance between work and life, a distributive leadership style and a passion for academic excellence.

Bob Hallett and Ted Lingenheld - School Strategies and Solutions



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WHO WE ARE

Standing on the fiftieth year threshold of providing the most comprehensive college preparatory education available for students in Baton Rouge, LA, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge is proud of its justifiably excellent reputation. Founded by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, today's school hews to tenets and Principles of Best Practice for Episcopal schools developed by The National Association of Episcopal Schools. "Spirit, Mind and Body" comes alive in the positive interactions between and among faculty and students, fortunate enough to attend this exemplar of the best independent schools can offer the community they serve.

MORE THAN A REPUTATION...

If you're from the Baton Rouge community, or just arrived, you've likely heard of us. Maybe you've heard that we are the best private school in Baton Rouge or an "elite" Independent day school or "expensive?" Maybe you've talked to one of our parents and are excited to learn more about our school? Maybe you've heard about our strong academic reputation and want to know more? You've heard that we're the "best" school in town, but you're not quite sure what that means...

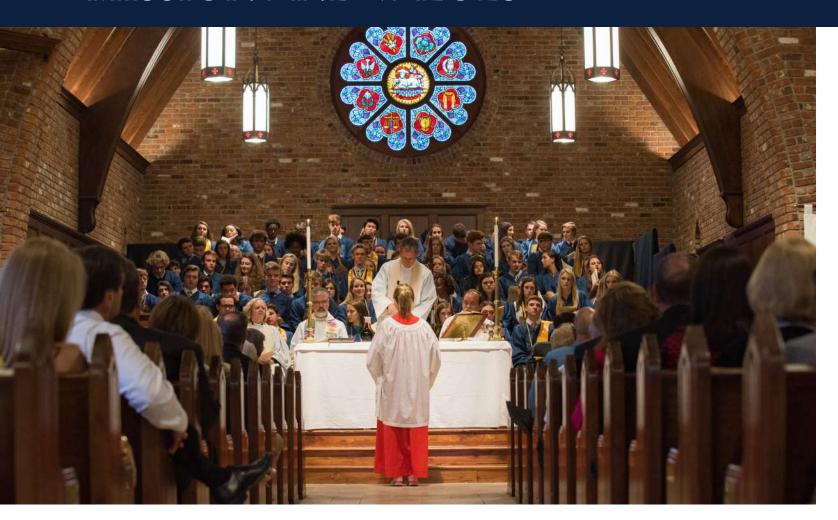
LEADING THE WAY.

We are Episcopal and we exist to prepare our students for lives of purpose. It's a long, beautiful journey and you, the parent, are our partners every step of the way. We believe that educating the "whole child" isn't just a buzzword. We live out our mission by offering strong, balanced programs in academics, arts, athletics, and spirituality, that allow our students to find their passions and give back to the world.





MISSION AND VALUES



CORE VALUES

The core values of the School are those things which are believed to be of abiding importance in the life of the School. These have been important in its history, in its current life, and should not change in the foreseeable future. The school endeavors to be a national example of excellence in an Episcopal educational community.

As an Episcopal institution inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the School cherishes spiritual growth centered on the Holy Eucharist. While celebrating a religious environment in which many faith traditions exist, the School's daily life of prayer and its sacred observances provide a foundation for the growth of each spiritually maturing person.

In its aspiration to educational excellence, Episcopal understands the importance of a premier faculty that is committed to the development of the whole child and dedicated to helping all our students meet the challenge of high standards in academics, the arts, and athletics. Enthusiastic, nurturing teachers are passionate about being themselves, a community of learners.

The strong sense of community that marks Episcopal is reflected in the cooperative effort of teachers, staff, students, parents, alumni, and friends working together to create an environment that supports the development of children. It also reaches beyond itself to the larger civic life of our city, the nation, and the world.

HISTORY AND GOVERNANCE

Episcopal has grown substantially since it was founded in 1965. Beginning with fewer than 25 seventh grade students on the school's original campus at St. James Church in downtown Baton Rouge, the School now has an enrollment exceeding 930 students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. In 1968 the school moved to its current location, graduating in 1970 its first senior class and in 1990 the Lower School was established followed by the addition of PK-4 and PK-3 in 2014. Episcopal now stands on approximately a 74-acre campus with twelve top quality buildings and extensive athletic facilities.

MASTER PLAN/VISION

The school's last Strategic Plan 2015–2019 concludes on December 31, 2019, creating an opportunity for the next HOS to assist the board in articulating a vision for the school as he or she works with the board to design a Master Plan of the existing campus and the recently purchased adjacent property. In addition the school has conducted a security audit and plans to carefully consider recommendations of an ad hoc committee of the board tasked with looking at all related issues to campus security.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- The board of trustees consists of no less than 20 and no more than 30 trustees, with at least two-thirds of elected trustees adult communicants in The Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Louisiana
- Consultants were most impressed by the Board's understanding and application of NAIS and NAES Principles of Best Practice.
- The Executive Board of The Diocese annually elects
 trustees upon nomination by the Bishop for a three-year
 term, with no trustee serving more than two consecutive
 terms. In practice new members are vetted by the
 school's Trustees Committee for presentation to
 the Bishop

Board of Trustees and School Leadership

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

- The Head of School is responsible for all personnel and school operations, and reports directly to the Board
- The school's organizational chart reveals a complex structure which features an Administrative Council composed of the Head of School, all three division heads, the Dean for Academics and Senior Chaplain. Additional members include: the Directors of Admissions, Advancement, Marketing and Communication, Athletics, the Chief Financial Officer, and Dean of Students

Head of School Corner

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ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Our visit offered clear evidence that Episcopal provides a top-tier academic program with impressive student outcomes and outstanding college placement. Teachers see themselves and are widely regarded as highly focused on and committed to the School, innovative and student-centered. The new Academic Commons offers spacious, visually inspiring and well-equipped gathering and learning spaces. This is a college-level resource for science, math, robotics and project-based learning programs.



OVERVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

LOWER SCHOOL

A letter from **Bridget Henderson**, Lower School Head

MIDDLE SCHOOL

A letter from Lucy Smith, Middle School Head

UPPER SCHOOL

A letter from Tom Forti, Upper School Head



COLLEGE COUNSELING AND PROFILE

The college placement list provides ringing testimony to the academic preparation students enjoy. For the Class of 2018, 94 seniors with an average GPA of 3.74 applied to 546 colleges. 30% of those applications went to "Most Competitive Colleges" as rated by Barron's Guide to Colleges. Another 44% of applications went to "Highly Competitive Colleges" or "Most Competitive Colleges."

As a college preparatory school both in curriculum and philosophy, Episcopal has a comprehensive college counseling curriculum that engages students every year beginning in eighth grade. The curriculum is designed to guide students with age appropriate topics to discover personal strengths, values, and passions. This self-awareness allows students to ultimately discover the best college to help them achieve their goals and dreams.

The college counseling staff helps students understand how different aspects of their lives shape the college search process and inform their final college decision. As the only independent school in Louisiana with three full-time college counselors, Episcopal provides unparalleled access to individualized college guidance for students and families. The dedicated counselors use many tools to guide students including:

- Personality inventories
- Career surveys
- Online search tools
- One-on-one counseling
- Small group sessions
- Monthly presentations for families
- Naviance: a comprehensive online college and career exploration tool

Episcopal graduates matriculate at schools that offer them the best fit along the criteria they established in their search – schools where they are happy to live, comfortably challenged, and poised to succeed.

Learn More about COLLEGE COUNSELING

81%

of seniors applied to a Louisiana public university

77%

of seniors applied to an Out-of-State University

30%

of seniors applied to Tulane University in New Orleans

33%

of applicants to "Most Competitive" colleges were accepted.

16%

of the class matriculated at a "Most Competitive" college

529

of applicants to "Highly Competitive" or higher colleges were accepted.

26%

of the class matriculated at a "Highly Competitive" or higher college

53%

applied to Early Action and enrolled at that institution. 22 states were represented in college applications.

34%

of students matriculated at LSU

3.2%
of students matriculated

54% of students matriculated

ACADEMIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ARTS AND ATHLETICS

We hold the Arts and Athletic programs at Episcopal in high esteem compared with many other fine day schools with which consultants have worked. The high standards, experience and energy of each program's leaders, and their teachers and coaches are exceptionally impressive. As well, the facilities that support these programs are extraordinary. The arts programs are supported by a 450-seat professional theater and a large black box theater; a fully-equipped dance studio with a sprung hardwood floor; ample practice and ensemble spaces for choral and instrumental music; studios for painting and drawing, pottery, photography, and sculpture. The new Field House will be open for the 2019-20 school year. Outstanding practice and playing fields, along with a tennis center and two other gymnasiums complement the outdoor spaces.

Learn more about ARTS and ATHLETICS

CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING

The National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) believes that one of the principal qualities of an Episcopal school, is that we work for social justice through community service and service learning programs. Episcopal's spiritual leaders bring students yearlong service learning experiences directed at the needs of our greater community, infusing classrooms with service learning projects and collaborating with teachers across disciplines.

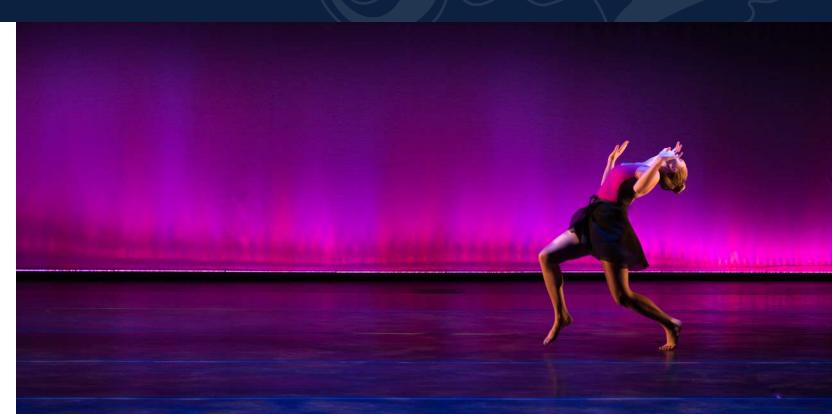
Learn more about SERVICE LEARNING

STUDENT VESTRY

A vestry committee in an Episcopal church is made up of members of that parish, who work with the clergy to give shape to the life of that community. They are there as leaders of the church to represent and speak to the condition, ideas, needs of the larger group. At Episcopal we have vestries as well—a Middle School Student Vestry and an Upper School Student Vestry.

Learn more about STUDENT VESTRY











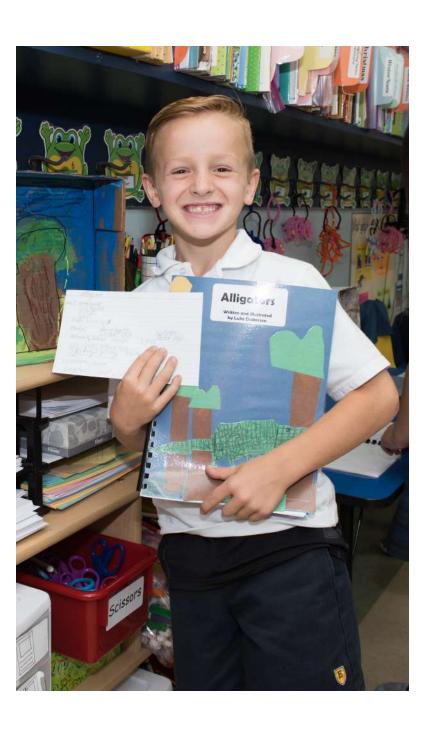


RECENT AND CURRENT ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

Following our visit, the Academic Dean provided this list that we share below to offer prospective candidates a glimpse into the dynamic academic life of the school at all levels.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

- Developed a program in which Upper School students can earn distinctions in various academic areas
- Purpose is to recognize students who excel in different areas and to encourage students to follow their own individual interests and passions
- Includes Distinctions in Art, English, Math, Social Studies, Religious Studies, Science, and World Languages, in addition to two previously established research-focused academic programs: Thesis and ESTAAR
 - o Thesis is a two-year course of study open to selected students, offering a forum of ideas that focus on service learning, character and global issues. The culminating thesis is presented to a faculty committee, submitted to professional presentation publications, and shared with the entire student and faculty body.
 - o ESTAAR is a two-year independent science research program in which selected students learn the skills to perform high-level research and are placed in local university or research institute labs. Students write papers based on their research, which may be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals, and present their work at local symposia and to the entire student and faculty body.





UPPER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE

 Developed a schedule to provide more meaningful class time, the flexibility to develop projects, and to reduce student and faculty stress

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING AND STUDIO-MODEL LEARNING

- Developing and evolving our project-based learning methodologies in the US, MS, and LS
- Studio model approach emphasizes real-world applications and empathy, the iterative process, and student choice
- Professional development opportunities for faculty in all three divisions have provided opportunities for training in best practice for Project Based Learning.



RECENT AND CURRENT ACADEMIC INITIATIVES



FORMATION OF THE GLOBAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAM

- Review included studies of programs at other schools, including St. Andrews' in Jackson, MS and Laurel School in Shaker Heights, OH
- Combined Social Studies and World Language departments
- Emphasis on helping students understand history, art, culture, etc. from both a global and local perspective in existing courses and in new "global studies" courses
- Developed better vertical alignment in language courses

that includes proficiency testing

- Expanded French language studies into the Lower School
- Recognizes the cultural importance of French in Louisiana
- Provides opportunity for LS students to learn and compare both the French and Spanish languages, which reinforces understanding language skill development in French, Spanish and English

Episcopal School is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools.

It holds memberships in NAIS, SAIS, NACAC, SACAC and the Assn. of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

ART PROGRAM REVIEW

- Studying art programs at aspirational schools
- Reviewing course offerings and course progressions in LS, MS, and US
- Exploring options for summer programming

REVIEWING VERTICAL ALIGNMENT FOR CONTENT AND SKILLS

- Reviewing the vertical alignment in Lower School through Upper School
- Current alignment focuses on skills more than content in some content areas

FACULTY

68 Female facul



27
Male faculty

95

Full time faculty (Above 70% is considered FTE)

58 (61%)

Faculty with advanced degrees

8 years

Average length of service to Episcopal

14 years

Average total teaching experience

5

Faculty with </=5 years at ESBR total teaching experience: 20

19

Faculty with 6-10 years at ESBR total teaching experience: 19

Faculty with 11-15 years at ESBR total teaching experience: 24

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Faculty with 16-20 years at ESBR total teaching experience: 11

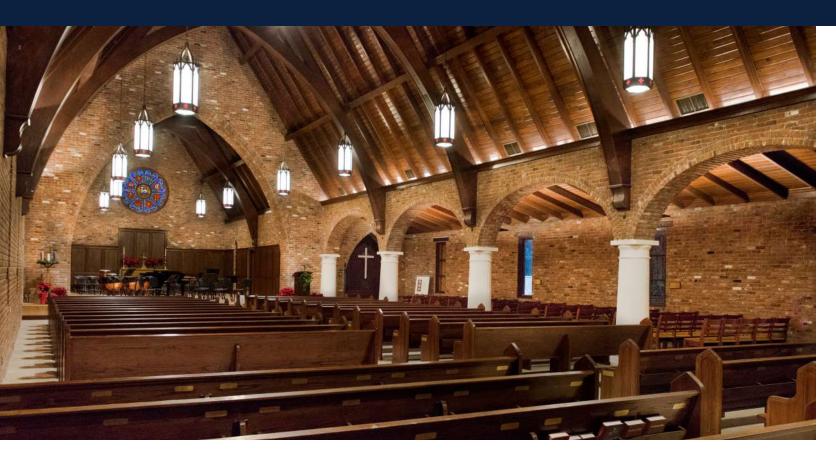
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Faculty with >20 years at ESBR total teaching experience: 21

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SPIRITUAL LIFE



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL CHAPEL

The core of our Episcopal identity is expressed every day when our students come together to explore and strengthen their spirituality in worship that is sensitive to the diversity of religious identities represented by the students and faculty, while remaining faithful to the Christian foundations and Episcopal practice and tradition.

Learn more about CHAPEL

Learn more about EPISCOPAL IDENTITY

THE EPISCOPAL HONOR CODE

At the heart of life at Episcopal is the Episcopal Code that is signed by all administrators, faculty and Upper School students and is included as a part of the school enrollment contract. Each signature represents a personal commitment to live by and to uphold this code. The code is crucial for the maintenance of a healthy and trusting community at the school. All three divisions support the understanding of and adherence to the code in age-appropriate ways.

Learn more about HONOR CODE & HONOR COUNCIL







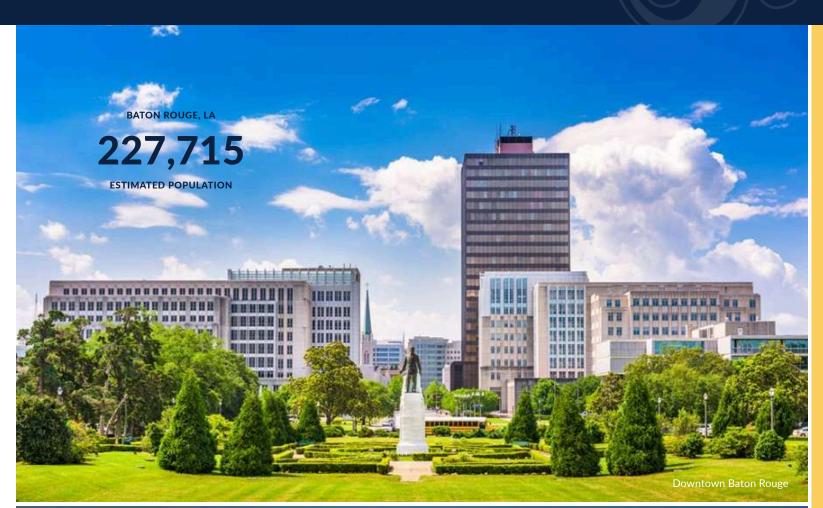
BATON ROUGE, LA

Baton Rouge is Louisiana's "Capital City" and the hub of all things Louisiana. With a prime, central location—just an hour away from New Orleans and Lafayette—Baton Rouge is the perfect city to explore the eclectic culture of this amazing state. Nicknamed the "Red Stick," Baton Rouge houses over 300 years of history, much of which can be tasted in our delectable food, seen in our distinct architecture and learned through our unique culture.

As its capital city, Baton Rouge is the political hub of Louisiana. It is the second-largest city in the state, with an estimated population of 227,715 in 2016. The metropolitan area surrounding the city, known as Greater Baton Rouge, is also the second-largest in Louisiana, with a population of 830,480 people as of 2015. The urban area has around 594,309 inhabitants.

Baton Rouge is a major industrial, petrochemical, medical, research, motion picture, and growing technology center of the American South. It is the location of Louisiana State University, the LSU System's flagship university and the largest institution of higher education in the state. It is also the location of Southern University, the flagship institution of the Southern University System, the only historically black college system in the nation. The Port of Greater Baton Rouge is the 10th-largest in the United States in terms of tonnage shipped, and is the farthest upstream Mississippi River port capable of handling Panamax ships.







General City Information

Wikipedia/History of Baton Rouge

Facebook/City of Baton Rouge

Facebook/Visit Baton Rouge

Real Estate (Baton Rouge)

Homes.com

Realtor.com

Trulia.com

Zillow.com

Tourism

City of Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge Travel Guide

Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce

Things to do in Baton Rouge

Visit Baton Rouge

Best Restaurants in Baton Rouge

Schools

2019 Best Private Schools in Baton Rouge

Louisiana Association of Independent Schools (I AIS)

Louisiana State University (LSU)



PARENTS' GUILD AND SQUIRES

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS

THE PARENTS' GUILD

The Parents' Guild is an all-volunteer organization that exists to provide a means of communication between the School and parents, to provide opportunities for family education, to make a positive impact on the social life of the School, and to provide a means for parents to assist the School in various services, activities and projects.

Learn more about THE PARENTS' GUILD

THE SQUIRES

The Squires is an organization that promotes the development of a comprehensive program of athletics at Episcopal. Parents and friends of all Episcopal students are eligible to purchase membership. The Squires raise additional funds to be used for the encouragement, promotion, and development of a comprehensive program of athletics. The Squires have no authority regarding the operation of the School. Sources of revenue for the Squires are primarily membership fees. An elected board meets regularly during the School year.

Learn more about THE SQUIRES



ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2018–19 year is 935 students (315 Lower/240 Middle/380 Upper). *Note that Middle School is grades 6–8*.

Of the above number of students, 129 enrolled for the current year. The grades with the highest new enrollment were 6^{th} (26 new students), PK3 (17 new students, 9^{th} and PK4 (14 new students), and K (12 new students).

Retention

Retention has hovered between 94–95% for the past four years. Student attrition by grade level ranged from 2 (1st and 12th grades) to 8 (2nd grade) students in the past admissions year. Attrition has ranged from 47–52 students for the past four years.

Learn more about ADMISSION

DEVELOPMENT

- Currently the school is engaged in a three-pronged capital campaign of \$20 Million, Spirit * Mind * Body, with cash and pledges to date in excess of \$14,000,000
- **Spirit:** The chapel was renovated first at a cost of \$1.6 million
- Mind: The Academic Commons, a \$9.4 million dollar project, opened in August 2018 adding 27,000 square feet of modern, innovative classroom space dedicated principally to STEM and entrepreneurial offerings
- Renovations to provide a Lower and Middle School Innovative Learning Center will begin soon.

- Body: Construction began
 in November 2018 on the 25,000
 square foot Athletic Field House
 expected to open
 in the Fall of 2019
- As of Fall 2018, the school had two Leadership gifts of \$3,000,000 providing a solid foundation for this, the largest fundraising effort in the school's 50-year history
- Additionally the school's annual fund, The eFund, goal for FY19 is \$710,000
- Trustee giving is at 100% and was matched by faculty and staff at 100% by August 2018

FINANCE

- As of June 2018 the school had total endowed assets of \$11.935.254
- Total school assets are \$37,384,270
- The board of trustees operates in a fiscally responsible manner by annually approving a balanced operating budget. For the FY19 academic year revenue are projected to be \$20,282,891 vs. expenses of \$20,237,490
- Financial aid is \$2,767,675 and represents 12.6% of revenue
- School employees are immediately vested in a tax-deferred annuity plan.
 The School contributes 5% of salary on behalf of all full-time employees and will match the amount contributed by employees up to an additional 4% of salary

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEXT HEAD OF SCHOOL



HEAD OF SCHOOL POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Secure the school's financial future; work toward a sustainable financial model
- Consistently articulate the school's mission, both internally and externally
- Enhance and promote Episcopal values, as outlined by NAES
- Create a new master plan in concert with all stakeholders
- Continue to attract, enthusiastically support and retain a superior faculty



PERSONAL QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Demonstrates integrity and inspires trust
- A compassionate "Servant Leader", who is respectful of all points of view, and who supports the development of the whole child – spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and artistically
- A teacher and "school person", familiar with the nuances of independent education and understands the work of the faculty
- A skilled communicator whose style is balanced, logical and reflective
- A distributive leader who exercises wisdom and clear judgment when making decisions
- Skilled in leading a dedicated administrative team
- A visionary who embraces community traditions while forging new programs
- A leader who understands the school's important relationship within greater Baton Rouge and Louisiana State University, among other educational institutions.
- Authentic, personable, genuine, humble, good listener, compassionate, empathetic, and has a good sense of humor
- Highly relational personality by nature; "the human touch"; a story teller; a student-centered leader









PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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- At least five years prior of leadership and/or teaching experience as Head of School, Assistant Head; division head or comparable administrative experience in an independent school or in higher education
- Fiscal management experience is desirable
- Minimum of a Master's degree in an academic discipline or administrative leadership
- A communicant within the Episcopal faith is desirable but not required
- Demonstrated ability to work with a board of trustees



CHALLENGES AND GOALS

CHALLENGES FACING THE NEXT HEAD OF SCHOOL

- Ensure there are adequate financial resources to maintain and improve current programs and adequately fund capital needs
- Complete the current capital campaign
- Prioritize building the value of the endowment as a means to reduce reliance on tuition dollars for future sustainability
- Focus energy on enrollment management, marketing and a unified branding campaign
- Differentiate the school through a clear "value-added proposition"
- Delegate program development to ensure vertical curricular integration among all school divisions
- Review all administrative structures as a consideration for a "distributive leadership" model
- Strengthen the school's sense of community, paying particular attention to graduates
- Continue to assist and educate the Trustees Committee of the board in seeking new members





THE SEARCH PROCESS



A complete application will include the following information for the Search Committee:

- Cover letter expressing interest in this position and explaining why the candidate believes his/her qualifications match those sought by Episcopal School of Baton Rouge as presented in this Position Profile
- 2. Current resume (include email address)
- 3. List of at least five references with current phone numbers and email addresses. References should encompass the present position and most recent previous position
- 4. Statement of educational or leadership philosophy

The application process includes the following steps:

- Send your materials as a single document BY EMAIL
 ONLY attached as a single PDF document to both Ted
 Lingenheld and Bob Hallett (see addresses below)
- 2. When adding subsequent materials to your file, such as reference letters, please email them to the same two addresses
- 3. Your application will be acknowledged to your email address
- 4. **School Strategies and Solutions** will notify you of your status after your materials are complete and have been reviewed by the Search Committee
- 5. Questions not answered above should be directed to either the email addresses or phone numbers shown



JUNE 1, 2019

Application Deadline

FIRST ROUND INTERVIEWS

First Round Interviews begin in July

OCTOBER 15, 2019

Target Date for Appointment of Head

JULY 1, 2020

Position Start Date

Nominations for this position and questions from candidates should be directed to BOTH:

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