



MEASURING EXCELLENCE:

Facts at a Glance

Wilson Offers:

- Outstanding academic education
 - 8:1 student-teacher ratio
 - Cultivation of each child's strengths and unique qualities
 - Spacious, airy, sun-filled classrooms
 - Classrooms outfitted with audio enhancement systems to improve quality of instructional sound
 - Classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards
 - Average teaching experience of 20 years; average experience at Wilson 13 years; majority of faculty and staff hold advanced degrees
 - Wonderful library and total collection of 31,000 books, periodicals, magazines, and software
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Head of School

Thad Falkner

School Hours

8:15am to 3:25 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:15am to 2:25 pm Wednesday

Grades

Pre-Kindergarten (Age 3) through Grade 6

Lunch

A catered lunch option is available.

Enrollment

- 194 students: **Boys: 95 Girls: 99**
- 15% international students
- 27% students of color
- Students come from 40 different zip codes, including Illinois and far western suburbs of St. Louis.

Accreditations & Affiliations

- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- AdvancED
- Independent Schools of St. Louis (ISSL)
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
- Missouri Council for the Advancement of Private Education (MOCAPE)
- Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

Extended Day

Morning: 7:15-8:10 a.m. (no charge)

Afternoon: 3:30-6:30 p.m. (fees charged)

Vacation Care: Full program from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Camp

8 weeks

- Enrichment programs
- Changing fun themes
- Swimming

Junior Camp: Age 3 – Entering Grade 3

Senior Camp: Entering Grade 4 – Entering Grade 6

Parents' Association

The Wilson Parents' Association is a vital component of school life. Parents volunteer their time in the classrooms, serve on a myriad of parent committees and work together to build a deeper sense of community within a school that prides itself on a feeling of family.

School Traditions

- Fall Festival
- Fifth & Sixth Grade Musical
- Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day
- Visiting Author
- May Day
- School Picnic
- Talent Show
- Sixth Grade Graduation
- Speaker Series
- Thistle Auction

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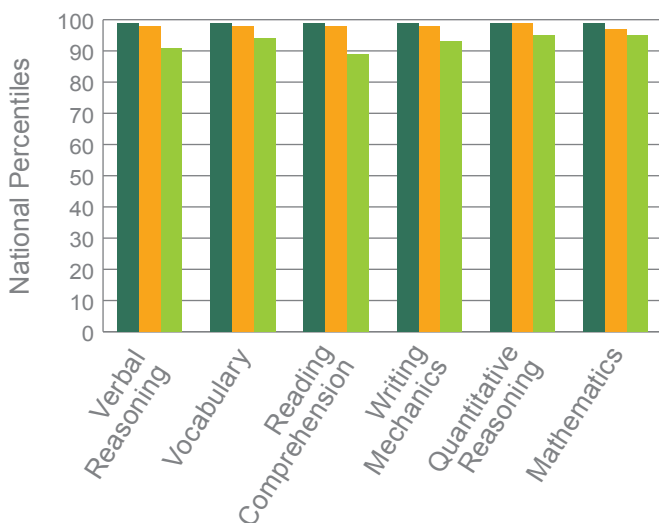
Academic Achievements

One of Wilson’s hallmarks is an outstanding academic education. Success is demonstrated through data, such as standardized test scores, and shows through in the traits that embody Wilson students. Our children master essential skills, develop problem-solving abilities, face challenges, gain academic confidence and self-assurance, think independently, become voracious readers, and stay curious as learners. It is the ‘Wilson Way’ for our students to be supported every step of their educational journey.

Scores from the Comprehensive Testing Program by Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

10-year averages of test scores for The Wilson School Sixth Grade Students show those who ranked at the 90th, 75th and 50th percentiles achieved nationally at the following percentiles:

Wilson Percentiles: ■ 90th ■ 75th ■ 50th



Students in the class of 2011 were accepted to the following schools:

- Academy of the Visitation
- Crossroads College Preparatory School
- John Burroughs School
- Mary Institute/St. Louis Country Day
- Saint Louis Priory School
- Thomas Jefferson School
- Westminster Christian Academy
- Whitfield School

Partial List of College Admissions

- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carleton College
- Clemson University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Davidson College
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- DePauw University
- Drake University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Grinnell College
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- Kenyon College
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence University
- Loyola University
- Marquette University
- Miami University-Ohio
- Milikin University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Pitzer College
- Princeton University
- Regis University
- Rhodes College
- Saint Louis University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Stanford University
- Stephens College
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Truman State University
- Tufts University
- University of California - Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Delaware
- University of Illinois
- University of Miami-Florida
- University of Michigan
- University of Missouri
- University of Montana
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of Southern California
- University of the South
- University of Virginia
- Valparaiso University
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University
- Webster University
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan College
- West Point U.S. Military Academy
- Yale University

Recent Achievements of Wilson Alumni

- Presidential Scholars
- National Merit Scholars
- National Merit Semi-Finalists
- National Merit Letters of Commendation
- National Achievement Awards for Outstanding Black Students
- Missouri “Bright Flight” Scholarships from the Missouri General Assembly
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athletes

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MEASURING EXCELLENCE:

Mission-Centered Accomplishments

Our Mission

To prepare students for success in an ever-changing world, our exceptional educators combine classic and innovative methods within a warm, nurturing environment.

Providing our students:

- an outstanding academic education
- an awareness of their creative abilities
- an understanding of their social responsibilities
- a respect for and value of differences in people and points of view
- a sense of responsibility for their personal and physical well-being

Academic

- Annual participation by Senior Kindergarten through sixth grade students in the Greater St. Louis Science Fair
- Fourth through sixth grade students compete in the National Mythology Exam with most scoring between 90-100%
- Teams of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders participate in the Elementary Student Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Every year Wilson sends students to the state finals.
- On the Missouri Mathematics League Test, the Wilson School sixth-grade team historically places among the top teams.
- Sixth grade students play The Stock Market Game, allowing them to learn and practice real-life economic and financial concepts. Students conduct online research, read news updates and talk to experts in the field.
- Fifth- and sixth-graders participate annually in the Math Olympiad, frequently placing in the top 10% of the nation.

- The Fifth and Sixth Grades participate in the Gifted Resource Council's Equations and LinguSHTIKS Tournaments which require math and grammar skills respectively. Teams and individuals often receive top honors.
- In the statewide Celebrate America Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the American Immigration Law Foundation, Wilson students have placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the state. Two students have been national winners.

Creative Abilities

- Student work has been published in the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*.
- Fifth Grade students read original poetry for family and friends at an annual Poetry Coffeehouse.
- Many students participate in our annual Talent Show. Acts include singing, playing musical instruments, dancing, gymnastics and the occasional stand-up comedy routine.
- The Wilson/Forsyth Instrumental Band has delighted audiences with performances throughout the years.

- All students in Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade submit pieces to our literary magazine, *The Thistle Magazine*.
- Wilson School has two choirs: all second and third grade students participate in Junior Choir while all fifth and sixth grade students are in Senior Choir. Both choirs perform throughout the year at school assemblies and on special occasions.
- Fourth grade students perform in a Drum Ensemble which includes a wide range of percussion instruments.
- Every classroom participates in school-wide assemblies to share projects, accomplishments and performances centered on our annual theme. Our school theme centers on an aspect of character education. This year's school theme is fairness.
- Students work hands-on with recognized authors and artists individually and in small groups.
- Wilson has relationships with a variety of local cultural institutions that enhance and support our creative arts curriculum.

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Mission-Centered Accomplishments



Social Responsibilities

- Student Council has donated thousands of dollars to various local and national charitable organizations; collected used inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones to recycle; and sponsored assemblies for the Wilson community.
- Conducting many community service activities as an institution, The Wilson School:
 - Offers a professional development program for local preschool directors and teachers
 - Hosts a Speaker Series open to the public featuring recognized authors, educators and parenting experts
 - Supports student teachers and practicum students through partnerships with local universities
 - Donates two to three thousand books per year to local public elementary schools
- As individuals, many members of the Wilson faculty and staff give significantly of their personal time to the community, serving in an array of service organizations and working within many of the churches and nonprofit groups in the area.
- Wilson has a school motto, "Make Your Mark a Good One" which we endeavor to follow within the classroom, school community and beyond.
- All fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders participate in a Buddy Program with our early childhood students. They have weekly scheduled time to work, learn and play together.

Differences in People and Points of View

- Over 17% of Wilson School families are multilingual.
- Approximately 28% of families benefit from Scholarship and Tuition Assistance.
- Wilson families come from 31 zip codes in the Greater St. Louis Area.
- Many assemblies showcase performers from a variety of cultures.
- Early childhood classes devote time to learning about different family goals, traditions and celebrations that make everyone unique.
- Classrooms study authors, artists, mathematicians and scientists from cultures within the United States and around the world.
- Wilson students have attended several naturalization ceremonies.
- In our Foreign Language program, French and Latin, students garner an appreciation for tradition, cuisine and history. Students talk about and research a variety of French speaking cultures from St. Genevieve, Missouri to Paris, France. In Latin, students study ancient civilizations and their impact on modern day society, including reenactments of historic events.
- During units of study, such as *Wagons West* or *The Puritan Court*, students are given the opportunity to examine different points of view.

Personal and Physical Well-Being

- Students complete the exercises and training required to receive the National and Presidential Fitness Awards. Many students are recognized for their efforts.
- Sixth-graders climb Alpine Tower, a challenge course designed to prepare them for middle school by encouraging risk-taking, enhancing self-esteem, promoting trust in others, and developing their communication skills and problem-solving abilities.
- Many students participate in Wilson's Team Sports Program for soccer, basketball, baseball and softball.
- Students in Senior Kindergarten through sixth grade participate in the Read, Right, and Run Marathon. Throughout the year, the students run a total of 26 miles, complete 26 good deeds and read 26 books. The program culminates with a run in Forest Park during the spring.
- Girls in third through sixth grade can participate in Girls on the Run. The program focuses on building self-esteem and improving emotional and physical health through running. The season concludes with a 5K run in Forest Park.
- Healthy eating habits are developed in the Early Childhood grades through units on nutrition, classroom snacks and learning to make healthy choices.
- Students learn the importance of one's personal well-being through the growth of self-efficacy and leadership skills, building strong relationships and a positive attitude.

