Each day brings...
Confident, well-rounded children are the best learners and the most prepared to navigate an ever-changing world.

A Wilson education combines classic and innovative teaching methods within a caring environment, giving students the strong academic foundation they need to succeed in school and in life.

Your child will be known, nurtured and challenged each day at The Wilson School.

“...a world of opportunity

My favorite part about Wilson is that the teachers really take time to focus on each student and help them succeed.”

– Hallie, Class of 2016
Exceptional Educators

Passionate about their expertise, Wilson educators are leaders in their fields, receiving professional recognition, developing their own curriculum and regularly speaking at conferences.

Wilson spends twice the national average on professional development for its educators, demonstrating a unique commitment to excellence.

“...I appreciate the multi-disciplinary teaching approaches, the attention given to each student, the international perspectives, and the number of male teachers.

My sons are graduating Wilson with organizational and writing skills that will carry them through the most competitive secondary schools.”

-- Amanda C., Current Wilson Parent
Integrated Learning

Teachers work collaboratively across subject matter and grade levels to enhance curricular content with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM).

Through hands-on, project-based activities, students at Wilson are uniquely prepared to retain and apply their knowledge.

CODING

Instruction in computational thinking begins in 2nd grade with simple commands and involves game design by 6th grade.
Personalized Learning
Small group instruction is designed to meet individual needs and stretch students to their fullest potential.

Each Wilson student feels known and valued as an individual. In return, he or she more fully participates in the classroom and has a greater sense of self-worth.

Classic + Innovative
Wilson offers a strong liberal arts program that values core subjects in addition to the fine and performing arts, language instruction, integrated technology, movement, mindfulness practice, fitness and sports.
A Model for Success

Wilson has a team teaching model in which two full-time teachers in each classroom have autonomy and accountability for their own curriculum.

Students benefit directly from a cohesive faculty and administration who meet weekly to plan and coordinate the best possible Wilson experience.
Academic Excellence

Class of 2018 Median Percentile Scores on the ERB* Comprehensive Testing Program

- National Norms
- Independent School Norms
- Wilson School Norms

* Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

Average Percentile Score by Median Wilson Students in All Subject Areas

96%
Successful LEARNERS

Our students love to learn. They master essential skills, face challenges, gain academic confidence and self-assurance, think independently, become voracious readers, and stay curious in their passion for learning.

Did You Know?

Wilson students score in the top 5 percent in essay writing (independent school norms for Writing Assessment Program).
A Chance to Lead
Student Council officership and community service projects are just a few of the many leadership opportunities.

A Step Ahead
By the time students graduate from sixth grade, they are at an average of two grade levels ahead of their peers at other schools in core subject areas.

A Place to Shine
All students participate in school performances, singing and speaking in front of an audience every year of their Wilson experience.
It’s About CHOICES
We guide students and their families through the secondary school process where they have their pick of top choice schools to attend.

Did You Know?
Public speaking is a hallmark of a Wilson education. By the time they complete sixth grade, students are writing and reciting their own graduation speech in front of an audience of more than 200 people.
Students share what they learn with the entire school. Here, a fourth grade student takes a first grade student on a virtual tour of St. Louis in the “St. Louis Landmarks Project.”
Flexible Thinking
Preparing students for success in an ever-changing world means providing an atmosphere that fosters collaborative problem-solving, adaptability and flexible thinking.

Whether they are debating a point in social studies or constructing a Rube Goldberg Machine together in science, Wilson students learn how to explore, accept and challenge ideas and even make mistakes with confidence and respect for one another.

Did You Know?
Wilson’s music reading and writing instruction, which begins in first grade, culminates in sixth grade students composing and sharing their own original music through an online platform.
EACH DAY BRINGS...

MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Strong Relationships
Children at Wilson develop strong, lifelong friendships with their peers and teachers. The Buddy Program, in which early childhood students are paired with upper school students for weekly activities, reinforces the sense of the Wilson community as an extended family.

Community Partnerships
Wilson enjoys relationships with the Saint Louis Zoo, the Washington University Writing Center, Missouri Historical Society and Forest Park.

Globalism
Global competency is taught through language instruction as well as celebration of and exposure to different cultures, backgrounds and ways of thinking in and outside of the classroom.

Character Development
Wilson offers a deliberate program that allows students to grow into the person they want to become. The school’s motto, “Make Your Mark a Good One” permeates activities, assemblies and curriculum. Students learn how to become caring, compassionate and valued citizens.

Family Diversity
One out of every four students at Wilson has at least one parent born outside the United States. Wilson’s diverse student body offers students the opportunity to learn about people from various backgrounds and cultures.
Starting at age three, students at Wilson study French, taught by a subject-area specialist. In the upper grades, fourth through sixth, students also learn Latin.
Beyond the Books

One of the first schools in the area to adopt the mindfulness practice, Wilson helps students learn attention to task, productivity, mind/body relationship and strategies for successful conflict resolution and stress management.

A Healthy Balance

Wilson provides a deliberate balance between student-choice, teacher-guided and teacher-led learning. Field trips, in and around the region, enhance the learning experience in every grade.

Upper grade overnight trips build independence and prepare students for secondary school and beyond. The sixth grade travels to Memphis and Little Rock in an in-depth study of the Civil Rights Movement.
The Wilson School is not just a school, it’s a community. My child feels safe and cared for at school. She knows all of the teachers and staff and they know all of the children.”

--Shelley P., Current Wilson Parent
Curious
The Wilson School graduate is curious, asks questions, thinks critically, makes meaning of his or her world, and genuinely enjoys learning. The graduate has discovered his or her own academic potential in an advanced curriculum and feels comfortable taking risks to continue to grow in learning.

Poised and Confident
The Wilson School graduate demonstrates poise, confidence, and responsibility for his or her personal and physical well-being. He or she is mindful of him/herself and the surrounding world.

Creative and Collaborative
The Wilson School graduate is comfortable in a creative, collaborative environment where he or she can apply a rich variety of artistic, musical, linguistic, dramatic and technological experiences. He or she has the confidence and humility to make mistakes and presents him/herself with a sense of humor.

Open Minded and Kind
The Wilson School graduate embraces multiple perspectives, seeks truth, and leads with kindness. He or she holds in high regard the value and breadth of differences, a willingness to see common threads that run through all our lives, and a strong sense of personal identity.

Ready for the World
The Wilson School graduate consistently demonstrates empathy, helpfulness, and good citizenship. A graduate lives the school motto, Make Your Mark a Good One, in daily interactions with peers, family and the community.
Come see for yourself the world of opportunity at The Wilson School.

Learn more, schedule a tour, apply: wilsonschool.com

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Enrichment programs that incorporate fun educational themes, as well as swimming and outdoor activities, are offered for eight weeks each summer. 35% of students receive tuition assistance. Wilson spends more than 2x the national average on professional development. Wilson's student to teacher ratio is 7:1. Average experience of a Wilson teacher is 22 years, which exceeds the national average by 5 years. Students from Wilson attend the following secondary schools: John Burroughs, MICDS, Whitfield, Crossroads, Visitation, Chaminade, St. Louis Priory, Villa Duchesne, Thomas Jefferson, Westminster Christian. *listed in order of % of graduates attending. School Motto: Make Your Mark a Good One! Founded 1913. Coed PK-6th. 170 students. School Hours: M-T, W 8:15am–3:25pm. Th-F 8:15am–2:25pm. Early care begins at 7:15am. After care ends at 6:00pm. 25% of Wilson students have one or both parents born outside the U.S. representing 20 countries. 25% of Wilson students have one or both parents born outside the U.S. representing 20 countries. wilsonschool.com 400 De Mun Ave. | Clayton, MO 63105 | 314.725.4999