

OAK HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
Strategic Planning Survey

This survey is an important component in the creation of a new Strategic Plan for Oak Hall Episcopal School. The information that you provide will help us prioritize challenges to make our school the best it can be and to recognize opportunities for future growth in key areas. Please check all appropriate blanks and respond candidly to the questions. Your responses and comments are appreciated. **The deadline for returning this survey is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th.**

1. Check all that apply: I am a...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Hall Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumnus/Alumna | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member |

2. If you are a current or past parent, indicate the number of years that you have been associated with the school with children enrolled, including this school year. For example, if this is your first year here, write 1.

_____ years

3. Check the grades/classes in which your child/children is/are currently enrolled.

EC3 EC4 K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

4. Please indicate your zip code. _____

5. What other school options did you consider before enrolling your child(ren) at Oak Hall?

Public Other Private School Home school

6. Please indicate your family's religious affiliation, if applicable.

Episcopalian Catholic Baptist Lutheran Methodist
 Presbyterian Church of Christ Jewish Muslim Hindu
 Non-denominational None Other _____

7. Rate your impression of the Oak Hall's Mission Statement and School Philosophy.

1 (lowest) 2 3 4 5 (highest)

8. Rate your overall experience with our school.

1 (lowest) 2 3 4 5 (highest)

9. What are the three strongest attributes of the school?

10. Do you volunteer for the school?

Yes No, because I am unsure what I could do No, because of my schedule

(If you would like information about your opportunities to volunteer, please call 226-2341)

11. What is our school known for in the Ardmore community? [Check up to three items.]

- Strong academics
- Nurturing environment
- Security: safe environment
- Small class size
- Effective teachers and/or administration
- Affordable
- Welcomes all children
- Other: _____
- Addresses individual learning needs
- Strict discipline
- Attractive campus and facilities
- Religious affiliation and program
- Parent relations and participation
- Too expensive
- Mainly for affluent children

12. As an Episcopal school, Oak Hall strives to introduce children to God’s love, to support their spiritual development, and to involve them in age-appropriate experiences which help them become compassionate and caring individuals. What programs do you feel are most helpful for you as a parent? [Check all that apply.]

- spiritual development in children
- the chapel experiences at school
- how children of all faiths are welcomed into our school
- community service projects

13. How did you originally learn about the school? [Check all that apply.]

- Friend or neighbor
- Through the church
- Newspaper
- School’s website
- Am a former student (or related to one)
- Other _____

14. Which best describes why you chose this school? [Check all that apply.]

its reputation in the community convenient location good match for my child
 affordable program excellence school environment religious aspect

15. In order to keep tuition increases as low as possible, the school depends on the proceeds of fundraisers. This school:

has a reasonable number of fundraising events has too many fundraising events

16. How would you rate each of the following on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “not important at all”, 3 being “neutral”, and 5 being “extremely important.”

high academics
 commitment to Oak Hall’s mission and philosophy
 commitment to a socially and racially diverse student population
 well-maintained and safe facilities
 resources to offer financial assistance
 strong community service program
 strong arts and music programs
 affiliation with the Episcopal church
 physical appearance of the campus
 extracurricular activities/athletics
 foreign language program
 extended day program
 religion as part of the curriculum
 curriculum components addressing a wide range of learners (gifted; learning disabled; speech impaired etc)

17. How likely are you to enroll your child in OHES through the 8th grade?

very likely enroll
 might enroll
 would not enroll

18. What factors would influence this decision? [Prioritize your answers from 1 (least influential) to 5 (most influential).]

the academic program extracurricular offerings (sports, theater, music, etc.)
 tuition and fees the facility the student’s preference of school

19. What forms of communication do you find most useful AND prefer? [Prioritize your answers from 1 (least preferred) to 5 (most preferred).]

- School newsletter Teacher notes in backpack
- School website Email Phone calls USPS Mail

20 As we look to the future of OHES, we must also build a financial plan. Please rate how important each of these areas is to you on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “not at all”, 3 being “neutral”, and 5 being “extremely important.”

- A. Endowment fund (the purpose is to promote long-term growth of the school)
- B. Increase teacher compensation and benefits to assist in attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers
- C. Maintaining an updated technology program
- D. Expansion/updating of facility and grounds

21. Please indicate the manner in which you would prefer to support the school financially.

- Volunteering
- Yearly donations/pledges/annual fund
- Planned giving (estate planning)
- Major gifts (capital campaign)

22. What are the major challenges/issues related to the school’s future of which you believe the Board of Trustees and school leadership should give special consideration?

23. Has the school been responsive when you have communicated a concern?

- Yes Usually No

24. What would improve communications between the school and your family?

25. The Board of Trustees, SAES consultants and school leadership will review all the information you have provided and prepare a plan for Oak Hall Episcopal School's future. We will address the concerns you share so we can strengthen our programs, support our faculty and staff, and be of service to our families. We also want to continue those things that are great about OHES. Tell us what you love about this school!

26. Any last comments? _____

Name (optional) _____

Thank you for your time.
Please mail or return this survey to the school no later than Wednesday, March 10th, 2010.