

### HELPING STUDENTS BECOME THEIR BEST SELVES

Known, valued, supported, challenged. It is both critically important and reinforced every day in dozens of ways. From small class sizes to low student:teacher ratios to the Buddy Program to the Compass team, Prairie's foundation lies in its commitment to ensuring every student is known, valued, supported, and challenged.

With students ranging in age from three to eighteen, this takes shape in many different ways. Whether it means helping an Early School student learn to share, or guiding a Senior in selecting a capstone project, Prairie's faculty is dedicated to guiding every student on campus to become their best self.

### Prairie's Compass Team

Supports the diverse, school-related needs of all children. The team's expert educators work with advanced students as well as those in need of extra academic help. The Compass team consists of the following positions:

Learning Specialist (Early School – 6th) Learning Specialist (7th – 12th) ELL Teacher EF Skills/Research
Wilson Reading
Specialists
O.T. Fine Motor Skill
Development

Speech/Language Therapist School Psychologist Registered Nurse Therapy Dog

Compass also has teachers specializing in math, art, music, language, and general academic support.



### **Advisory Program**

To help students navigate the Middle and Upper School years as comfortably and confidently as possible, every student is assigned a faculty advisor who serves as the primary liasion between school and home.

### **Buddy Program**

Designing "Thank You" cards. Building vehicles. Reading stories. These are just a few of the activities Prairie School Buddies do together. Students are matched up across Primary, Middle, and Upper School, and these relationships benefit everyone. Older students encourage mentees to think about the world in different, exciting ways; inevitably, younger kids look forward to when they'll be the ones offering advice.

# more ways we support students

## STUDENT LEARNING PLANS (SLPS) Primary School

While most schools teach to the curriculum, Prairie teaches to the individual child. Need help with English? Need to move ahead in math? With a 4:1 teacher:student ratio, along with an Educational Assistant in every room, every PS student is on their own learning path to ensure optimal growth.

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES Middle School

In order to impart leadership and selfadvocacy skills, all Middle School students are responsible for assessing individual strenghts and weaknesses as they lead their own conferences between student, parents, and teachers.

# STRATEGY SHARES Middle and Upper School

Classroom teachers in all divisions meet regularly with each other, as well as members of Compass, to discuss any students who might need specialized attention.

### Experience Prairie For Yourself

Witness the passion, creativity, and energy permeating our school: call or visit us online to schedule the visit that will change your child's life.

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