



10 things to know

about Agnes Irwin

Selecting a school is one of the most important decisions you will make. We're proud to share 10 things you should know about The Agnes Irwin School, and how we produce empowered girls and inspiring women.

Empowering Girls Since 1869



The **Agnes Irwin** School

1 We know girls.

We are not just a school *with* girls, we are a school *for* girls — and have been educating them for over 150 years. Everything our students experience is rooted in research about what is best for girls: how they learn, how their brains develop, and what their social and emotional needs are.

Only at Agnes Irwin will you find our Center for the Advancement of Girls, which brings current girl-centered research into our classrooms, develops leadership programs and partnerships with the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova School of Business that extend the classroom experience, and collaborates with faculty on pedagogies designed to ignite curiosity and creativity in our students.

2

Our girls are known.

Small class sizes allow our teachers to know each and every AIS girl — there's no “getting lost in the crowd” here! Our faculty inspire each student to face challenges with confidence and find the joy in discovering her best self. Teachers, counselors, learning support specialists, coaches, and advisors encourage each girl to explore and pursue new passions inside and outside of the classroom.



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We prepare girls for a co-ed world.

All-girls' schools prepare fearless leaders who succeed in a co-ed workforce. At AIS, each girl is exposed to a learning environment that encourages her to lead, become unafraid to use her voice, be willing to take a calculated risk, and set high expectations for herself through real-world experiences such as starting a business in Economics class, presenting independent study findings at Villanova's Research Symposium, or learning to market work through our Artist as Entrepreneur class.

Upper schoolers participate in our Business 101 conference with Villanova School of Business on the Agnes Irwin campus.

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Rigorous academics and a nurturing environment go hand-in-hand.

We believe that challenging academics and a supportive environment are not mutually exclusive. Our curriculum provides immersive, real-world experiences that challenge students while our expert faculty help students navigate the successes and failures that are inherent in the learning process. Our students build resilience and self-reliance along the way and are supported by their fellow Owls, who lift each other up and celebrate accomplishments together.

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Every Agnes Irwin girl is unique.

We honor the individuality of every student who proudly wears the Agnes Irwin uniform, and value her unique core identity. Our school fosters an environment that represents many backgrounds — and celebrates the diversity of experience, thought, and ideas of every member of our community. Our girls engage in respectful dialogue regarding their views on politics, environmental sustainability, gender equality, race relations, religious freedom, and community service, to name a few.

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Agnes Irwin girls take the lead.

We know every girl can lead — that's why our girls learn to see themselves as leaders from the first day of PreK through graduation. Our Lower School's Leadership Toolkit® explores traits including reflective thinking, problem solving, and independent mindedness, and our fourth graders participate in a capstone leadership project. Middle schoolers participate in our How to Lead curriculum, and Upper School student-athletes engage in our custom AthLEADs program.



One of nine traits in our proprietary Lower School Leadership Toolkit® is Responsibility.

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We are a community of learners.

Our faculty and staff create a vibrant learning environment where girls — and their families — flourish. Our teacher-scholars exemplify the intellectual exploration, fearlessness, and creativity that we expect from students. Our teachers are lawyers, historians, actors, playwrights, engineers, artists, and members of the military who are catalysts of innovation. And as partners in the education of our students, we provide exclusive parent programming opportunities throughout the year, inviting experts and thought leaders with a wide range of perspectives to share insights in raising confident and successful girls.



Delegates attend the Student Diversity Leadership Conference annually.



Attorney and history department chair Wigs Frank has taught at AIS for more than 40 years.



Students, parents, and teachers learn about confidence from BBC Anchor and author Katty Kay.

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Once an Owl, always an Owl.

Agnes Irwin graduates continue their education at selective colleges and universities across the country and around the world, and go on to become leaders in medicine, finance, fashion, performing arts, and technology, to name just a few. Our alumnae engage with current students as mentors in our AIS Allied program, through our Alumnae Lunch Series, and through our Alumnae Association.



Students, faculty, and alumnae alike sport their blue and gold and cheer on our teams each year at AIS/EA Day.



The day doesn't end at 3 p.m.! The fun continues after school with 14 varsity sports, more than 50 clubs, and engaging after school programming for busy Lower School families.

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Getting to school is easy!

Our girls hail from 88 zip codes — from Collegeville to Philadelphia — and travel to AIS via bus, train, van service, and car. With 20 school districts providing free bus transportation, a free shuttle from the Villanova stops for the Paoli/Thorndale and Norristown High Speed Lines, and a private van service for students residing in Collegeville and Philadelphia, coming to school in Rosemont has never been more convenient!



In Robotics Club, fourth graders further their STEM skills, culminating in a friendly competition each spring.

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An Agnes Irwin education may not be out of reach.

We strive to make Agnes Irwin affordable for our families. Sometimes, families need a small amount of assistance to afford tuition; other times, more significant assistance is required. With over \$4.6M in tuition assistance awarded in the 2020-21 school year, an Agnes Irwin education may not be out of reach for bright, talented girls who will thrive in our rigorous academic program.



Members of Upper School's Dance Motion group choreograph and perform dances in a variety of styles.





Agnes Irwin Fast Facts

6:1

student faculty
ratio

28%

of student body
identifies as
students of color

88

number of zip codes
represented
by student body
in 2020-2021



580

students in
2019-2020



22

Upper School
art classes to
choose from

5

faculty
hold J.D.s

17.5

average teaching
tenure at AIS

\$4.6

million in tuition
assistance awarded
in 2020-2021

33%

of students
receive need-based
tuition assistance

85%

of faculty
hold advanced
degrees



100%

of the Class of 2020
was accepted
to college in early
acceptance round

98%

of 2020 graduates
attending one of their
top college choices

50

AIS graduates
currently attending
an Ivy League school

#2

in the nation for
Varsity Squash

50+

clubs, boards,
and organizations
to choose from



20%

of the Class of 2020
recruited to play
their primary
sport in college



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