

JOYFUL LEARNING.

Imagine the possibilities...



CURIOSITY

When a student's natural curiosity is given breathing room, it can change the world. When a gifted teacher gently cultivates that curiosity, learning becomes a joyful experience. In a young mind, joy nourishes an inner voice, a confidence, a special connectedness with an entire community of fellow students and teachers.

Curious Grauer students Learn by Discovery®. And when all is said and done, what they learn is how to create the world they want to live in. We've seen the endless possibilities firsthand for over three decades.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The Grauer School is a continuously evolving product of inspiration, courage, and commitment. Dr. Stuart Grauer founded the school in 1991 with a singular purpose: to give teens a voice. He and long-time faculty members built Grauer on an unshakeable belief: The world is a classroom far beyond our campus walls. Teenagers will excel when the environment nurtures inquisitiveness, self-advocacy, hands-on learning, and compassion.

Teenagers will also excel when they love coming to school. Our program gives students access to academic classes, clubs, sports, and enrichment activities. And no student is restricted to a single area of interest. Many play sports, become part of the robotics team, create art, and perform on stage.

This philosophy has fueled Grauer since 1991. The principles are broad, deep, and forward-looking enough to be our constant anchor. But they are also far-reaching enough to inspire new ideas and state-of-the-art teaching innovations for our ever-changing culture.

> “OUR SON’S SENSE OF SELF IS BLOSSOMING AT GRAUER. FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE’S ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY AT EASE... EXPLORING, REFLECTING, TAKING PRIDE. ~ PARENT





FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTIONS

The quality of our students' relationships determines the quality of their lives. Parents know it. Teachers know it. Research shows it.

Our teachers place the highest premium on authentic, face-to-face dialogue. They have the aptitude and make the time to listen, support, and guide their students. These conversations can range from academics to social, emotional, and aspirational interests. Most often, the talks are occasioned by moments of uncertainty or mastery; confusion or newfound clarity; anxiety and self-doubt or joyful exploration.

To support this value, we were among the first secondary schools to establish a student phone check-in policy during the day. Already we are seeing a campus-wide increase in all kinds of genuine conversation.

In many ways, face-to-face interactions are at the heart of our success.

MASTERY LEARNING

Young minds tend to light up at Grauer. Academic mastery isn't a dreaded burden because we value *the learning process itself* more than cast-iron perfection. We stress reason over rote, dialogue over drilling. Our students' hearts and hands are as involved as their brains.

With a 7:1 student-to-teacher ratio, no one gets left behind. Our teachers provide the in-depth, compassionate attention their students need to master academic content before moving to a next level. In the process, students' strengths and learning styles are always respected. The result? Grauer students are more engaged, get higher grades, and feel safer and more comfortable in who they are than kids at larger schools.

This learning process pays off decisively. Our most recent class of graduates was offered over $5 million in merit-based scholarships. Those seniors have been accepted to 90% of their top two college choices. Just imagine the possibilities.

> "AT GRAUER MY TEACHERS HELPED ME DISCOVER THAT I NO LONGER NEEDED TO BE A FOLLOWER. AND THAT WAS THE MOST FREEING FEELING IN THE WORLD. ~ RECENT ALUMNUS





EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Our students master a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that is UC-approved. And they do it while exploring the world. They have traveled with their teachers over a million miles to diverse physical and cultural communities. Invariably they come home more informed and compassionate.

Nature is a vital part of our expeditionary program. In the great outdoors, students are reacquainted with all five senses and their own resourcefulness. On expeditions, they study science, leadership, geography, ecological stewardship, health and fitness, art, and much more. These experiences also forge a deeper connection with classmates and teachers.

Grauer kids consistently graduate with impressive academic achievements. But more important, they're prepared to face the world with purpose, courage, balance, and conviction.

> "I CAN ENJOY THE CHALLENGE, I CAN EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF EARTH THROUGH A NEW LENS, AND I CAN DISCOVER NEW PASSIONS AND REDISCOVER FORGOTTEN ONES. ~ GRADUATING STUDENT

LIVING THE SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES

Intellectual Curiosity, Resourcefulness, Perseverance, Accountability, Self-advocacy, and Compassion. These six core values are Grauer's beating heart. Each adheres to every aspect of our curriculum: We evaluate the degree to which students are developing these core values just as we assess their mastery of academic content.

One of our methods asks students to participate in national studies on a wide range of teaching techniques and impacts. Grauer input is then compared to other independent schools. The results—often stunningly positive for us—augment our teachers' evaluation of their students.

We offer over 160 individual classes and over 30 clubs. Our faculty encourage every student to freely explore them... from academics to sports, science and engineering (STEM), the arts, community service, expeditions, gardening and beyond. In every activity, our living values are embedded in every student's experience.

Our alumni regularly claim their academic studies helped build their knowledge... and their "values education" helped build their character.





A VISIT IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

We invite you and your family to explore The Grauer School for yourselves. Start at **grauerschool.com** to review our curriculum, robust extracurricular activities, and athletic programs. Have a look at the impressive list of colleges to which our students have been accepted and awarded substantial scholarships over the last few years. Our list includes, not only top-tier universities and colleges, but expeditionary learning schools, arts conservatories, and a wonderful range of other advanced education programs. Consistent with our foremost objectives, we help our students achieve their goals whatever they may be.

See what our alumni and parent associations are up to. Read Dr. Grauer's blog for insight into our approach. Subscribe to our newsletter. Sign up for a Discover Grauer Day Admissions Tour, or just give us a call.

Then step onto our welcoming campus. It won't take you long to discover the possibilities. A tour will help you decide if Grauer is a good fit for your family. Our students, faculty, and families are eager to show you firsthand the unparalleled power of joyful learning.

> "THE GRAUER SCHOOL IS AN INCUBATOR FOR IMAGINATIVE, INDEPENDENT, ETHICALLY CONSCIOUS MINDS. IT KNOWS THE ART OF ENCHANTING STUDENTS WITH THE JOYS OF LEARNING. ~ **BOARD MEMBER**

EXPLORE NATURE. JOIN A CLUB. STAND UP FOR YOUR BELIEFS. GARDEN. BUILD A ROBOT. WRITE A SONG. LAUGH JOYFULLY. LEARN BY DISCOVERY®.



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