Character Inside and Outside of the Classroom—A Signature Approach



At Principia School, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door—it extends into every corner of campus and out into the world. Signature Programs are designed to help students grow through hands-on, meaningful experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence, shape character, and inspire purpose.

Starting in Lower School and continuing through Upper School, students step into the very places they're learning about. Travel at all levels does more than create memories—it teaches lasting life lessons, deepens connection to curriculum, and cultivates a greater understanding of the world. Whether traveling to far-away places like South Africa or stepping beyond campus to support the local community, rich travel and field trips bring learning to life.



Going beyond traditional business education, an entrepreneurial approach to learning offers unique opportunities to ignite curiosity and creativity. Beginning in Lower School, students practice creativity and leadership by developing business ideas and pitching them to peers and local leaders. In Upper School, they dive deeper, learning about marketing, finance, and business law. A highlight for many is "The Business Game," a Shark Tank–style experience that brings classroom learning to life.

In early May each year, Principia hosts a free public event called BioBlitz. As a nationally recognized Green Ribbon School, we focus on ways to respect and care for our planet. BioBlitz is a community-wide event that brings scientists from the St. Louis Zoo and Missouri Department of Conservation together with students and the community to explore the rich biodiversity on our 360-acre campus, turning our grounds into a living classroom.





For those who love to design, build, and problem-solve, our IDEA Labs offer two high-tech maker spaces where students explore STEM through coding, robotics, and creative projects. And outside, you can find extensive trails, a beehive, chicken coop, gardens, and a Challenge Course—complete with ropes, a climbing wall, and team-building stations.

Through these signature programs, our students don't just learn about the world—they step into it, contribute to it, and discover their unique purpose along the way.

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