

## *Letter from the Head of School*

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Genesis Preparatory School, located on 14 wooded acres in New Port Richey, Florida. GPS, a member of Schiller International Schools, is a coed college preparatory school for American and international students grades 6 through 12. Having served Florida's West Coast since 1993, GPS has earned the reputation of being one of the finest independent schools in the area.

GPS offers a strong academic program for college bound students. In addition to an emphasis on English, mathematics, sciences, and social studies, we provide a variety of experiences in art, music, and drama. Foreign language instruction, digital technology, and physical education round out the curriculum. Students are encouraged to participate in our many extracurricular activities. Small class size and our faculty's wealth of talent and academic experience enable our students to receive the individual attention needed to reach their full potential.

At GPS we are committed to the development of the talents and unique qualities of each student in an atmosphere of respect and understanding. Our goal is to promote the excitement of learning and the growth of independent thinking skills. In addition to academic excellence, we emphasize traditional virtues such as honesty, good manners, and respect for others. Consideration of applicants is given equally, regardless of race, gender, creed, and national or ethnic origin. Admission is based on academic performance, test scores, teacher recommendations and personal interviews in which students must display the motivation to succeed in a challenging academic program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office at (727) 846-8407 or send an e-mail to [admissions@genesisprep.com](mailto:admissions@genesisprep.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Eveleth  
Head of School

## ***Mission Statement and Philosophy***

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Genesis Preparatory School is to provide excellence in a rigorous academic college preparatory program in a supportive environment, while preparing its students to live constructive and productive lives as they meet the unique challenges of a multi-cultural and economically diverse society.

### **Statement of Philosophy**

GPS strongly commits to providing academic, social, moral, physical, and aesthetic values in a safe and nurturing environment. We believe this environment will cultivate resourceful and independent students with leadership qualities and competitive spirit. We nurture the core values of honesty, trust, and respect for the dignity of others.

### **Specific Goals and Objectives**

- To provide a challenging and demanding college preparatory program.
- To provide a supportive environment.
- To adhere to the Honor Code of moral integrity and intellectual discipline.
- To develop the unique potential of each student so that self-esteem and confidence will produce community-minded citizens and civic responsibility.
- To encourage opportunities for students to realize their talents in physical development, teamwork, and the creative exploration of the Arts.
- To maintain an atmosphere that promotes awareness and respect for others and their differences.
- To expect excellence in all aspects of school life.
- To give equal consideration of applicants to Genesis Preparatory School regardless of race, gender, creed, and national or ethnic origin.

## ***Student Activities and Sports***

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GPS encourages students to be involved in school activities. Through participation, students develop a sense of community and pride in their school and learn valuable skills in leadership, planning, and cooperation. Team sports include football, basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, golf, cheerleading, and cross country running. In addition to athletics, students also participate in civic and service organizations like Student Council and Rotary Interact, as well as National Honor Society, Teen Court, National Spanish Honor Society, and other subject area clubs. Youth Leadership Pasco, State and National Congressional Page programs, Model United Nations, drama, chorus, hand bell choir, jazz band, drum line, art exhibits, and digital technology are some of the other activities in which our students may participate.

## ***Do You Know?***

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<b>Accreditation</b>	Genesis Preparatory Schools is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools ( <b>FCIS</b> ), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ( <b>SACS</b> ), and National Independent Private School Association ( <b>NIPSA</b> ).
<b>College Preparatory</b>	Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of college bound students, and challenges each one of them to realize his or her highest academic achievement. Many of our students have exhibited, competed, and placed at regional, state, and national levels due to their outstanding academic performance, talent, and discipline.
<b>Academics</b>	A large percentage of our seventh grade is identified each year for Duke University's TIP program. One hundred percent of our seniors are accepted to the college of their choice and ninety percent of them receive academic scholarships. Upper school students may take Honors courses, AP courses, and/or earn college credits through our Dual Enrollment opportunities. Our graduates continue to earn academic distinction as well as college scholarships for academic excellence.
<b>English</b>	Our extensive Language Arts program encompasses the needs of the college bound student. Public speaking, reading, research, and writing skills are paramount throughout the curriculum. Every year, parents are welcome to obtain a list of teachers' recommended books for summer and school year mandatory reading. The English Department also incorporates techniques and strategies for standardized testing (SAT-ACT).
<b>Science and Math</b>	Our state-of-the-art Jonas Science Center and Math Department offer a variety of Math and Science courses ranging from Physics and Chemistry to AP Biology and from Integrated Math to Calculus, Trigonometry, and Statistics.
<b>Music</b>	GPS provides class instruction in music theory and music appreciation and offers a hand bell choir, concert band, jazz ensemble, guitar, and drum line to all students.
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Drama, humanities, and a variety of art classes offer opportunities for competition and exhibitions throughout the year.
<b>Technology</b>	Computer literacy, keyboard skills, research tools, and digital technology are taught in grades 6 through 12 in our lab and through our laptop computer program. Wireless internet access is available campus-wide.
<b>Athletics</b>	Complete physical education programs offer exercise, health education, and intramural sports. Interscholastic team sports include football, basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, volleyball, cheerleading, and cross country running.
<b>Foreign Language</b>	Our successful Spanish immersion program includes grammar and sentence structure.
<b>International Studies</b>	GPS is proud of its international student body and the opportunities available to our American students through multicultural activities and social study courses.
<b>Extra-Curricular</b>	Student Council, Clubs and Competitions, Rotary Interact, National Honor Society, Teen Court, Youth Leadership Pasco, Model United Nations Conference, National Spanish Honor Society, athletics, and curriculum enhancing field trips are a few of the opportunities available to our students.

## ***Dress Code***

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### **GIRLS Monday – Thursday**

**YES**

**NO**

Neat, clean, well-groomed	Extreme hairstyles or hair colors, or hats
Slacks, capris, dresses with a collarbone neckline, dress skirts, or shorts.	<b>Faded, frayed, torn, short or tight clothes. No blue jeans.</b>
Well-fitted GPS polo shirt or dress collared blouses, <b>tucked in.</b>	Tops other than GPS polo shirts or dress collared blouses, <b>tucked in.</b>
Athletic shoes or dress sandals. Dress shoes if called for by administration.	Flip-flops or heels over 2 inches high (No stilettos, please)
Light make-up and minimal jewelry	Piercing other than ears, tattoos, heavy make-up

### **GIRLS Friday**

**YES**

**NO**

Neat, clean, well-groomed	Extreme hairstyles or hair colors, or hats
Slacks, capris, dresses with a collarbone neckline, skirts, shorts or <b>blue jeans.</b>	<b>Faded, frayed, torn, short or tight clothes.</b>
Well-fitted GPS Spirit T-shirt, GPS polo shirt or dress collared blouses, <b>tucked in.</b>	Non GPS polo/t-shirts or untucked dress blouses
Athletic shoes or sandals	Flip-flops or heels over 2 inches high (No stiletto heels)
Light make up and minimal jewelry	Piercing other than ears, tattoos, heavy make-up

- **Sunglasses are not to be worn on campus.**
- **Hats are only acceptable for outdoor P.E. activities.**
- **All clothing must not be too tight or too short.**
- **Polo shirts are not required to be tucked in.**
- **Collared dress blouses are required to be TUCKED IN.**
- **Skirts and dresses may not be shorter than 3” above knee cap.**
- **Dress code issues will be decided by Ms. Aedo and Mrs. Lees.**

**ANY STUDENT WHO RECEIVES A DRESS CODE VIOLATION WILL GO TO THE OFFICE FOR A CHANGE OF CLOTHING AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WEAR BLUE JEANS ON FRIDAY.**

## BOYS Monday – Thursday

YES

NO

Neat, clean, well-groomed	Extreme hairstyles or hair colors, or hats
Khakis, dress pants, or shorts	<b>Faded, frayed, or torn clothes.</b> <b>No blue jeans.</b>
Well-fitted GPS polo shirt or dress collared shirt, <b>tucked in.</b>	Tops other than GPS polo shirts or untucked dress shirts
Athletic shoes or sandals. Dress shoes if called for by administration.	Flip-flops
Minimal jewelry	Tattoos, earrings.

## BOYS Friday

YES

NO

Neat, clean, well-groomed	Extreme hairstyles, or hair colors, or hats
Dress pants, shorts, khakis, or <b>blue jeans.</b>	Faded, frayed, or torn clothes.
Well-fitted GPS Spirit T-shirt, GPS polo shirt or dress collared shirt, <b>tucked in.</b>	Non GPS polo/t-shirts or untucked collared dress shirts.
Athletic shoes or sandals	Flip-flops
Minimal jewelry	Tattoos, earrings.

- **Sunglasses are not to be worn on campus.**
- **Hats are only acceptable for outdoor P.E. activities.**
- **Boys’ pants must be well-fitted. (No underwear showing.)**
- **Polo shirts are not required to be tucked in.**
- **Collared dress shirts are required to be TUCKED IN.**
- **Boys’ hair must be styled so that it is short and off the ears.**
- **NO FACIAL HAIR IS PERMITTED. Boys must shave daily if needed.**
- **Dress code issues will be decided by Ms. Aedo and Mrs. Lees.**

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## ***General Information***

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Genesis Preparatory School is a member of Schiller International Schools.  
We offer a college preparatory curriculum for American and International students.

### **Graduation Requirements**

- A student must be in full-time attendance during the Senior year.
- He or She must take and pass all required subjects.
- These are the MINIMUM requirements needed for graduation. Many students will exceed the minimum number of credits needed during their course of study at GPS.

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Required Credits</b>
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Sciences and History	3
Foreign Language	2
Personal Fitness & Life Management	1
Physical Education/Team Sports	1
Fine Arts	2
Electives	4
<b>Total credits required (minimum)</b>	<b>24</b>

Dual-enrolled Coursework at PHCC & SPC is an option as long as the student maintains a 3.0 GPA, passes the College Placement Test, and receives a recommendation from a school administrator.

### **Grade Conversion chart**

Students taking Honors and AP courses are compensated for the additional work and difficulty of the course by having these grades weighted. The grade conversion chart is as follows:

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Regular Classes</b>	<b>Honors Classes</b>	<b>AP Classes</b>
A+	12	13.5	15
A	11	12.5	14
A-	10	11.5	13
B+	9	10.5	12
B	8	9.5	11
B-	7	8.5	10
C+	6	7.5	9
C	5	6.5	8
C-	4	5.5	7
	Any grade below a C- is considered a failing grade		
D+	3	4.5	6
D	2	3.5	5
D-	1	2.5	4
F	0	0.0	0

### **Honor Code**

**“I will maintain my self-respect and respect for others. I will not lie, cheat, or steal.”**

“Honor” has many meanings, and at Genesis Preparatory School we emphasize those that place value on individual responsibility and on the relationships between people. As a school community, we believe strongly in leading an honorable life, both on campus and off.

#### **By signing this code, the students agree**

- ✓ To uphold the high standards of honor for themselves, and for those around them.
- ✓ To strive for academic and personal honesty, agreeing not to steal (either material property or intellectual property) from others, not to lie in their dealing with others, and not to cheat.
- ✓ To treat others with dignity, courtesy, and honor.
- ✓ That violating the Honor Code may bring academic or disciplinary action ranging from detention to suspension or expulsion.

How a person behaves reflects what kind of person an individual is, and actions bring consequences, both intentional and unintentional. Acting honorably often brings rewards like being seen as trustworthy, ethical, and credible and being held in high esteem as a person with integrity and character. By extension, it is important to realize that individuals who act dishonorably, disrespectfully, or dishonestly may cause others to distrust or discredit them. Life is about making choices. When faced with a decision, everyone has the power to choose what is positive and honorable. Our hope is that GPS students will respect their power to choose and to influence others.

**Honor Roll Distinction**

Traditionally, independent schools award Honor Roll distinctions that are placed on the Upper School transcripts. These distinctions are based on a cumulative grade point average and are used primarily for college application procedures. Honor Roll privileges at GPS are still based upon the student achieving all A's for the A Honor Roll or A's and B's for the A/B Honor Roll certificates given at the end of each quarter.

**Parental Involvement: The Parent Support Group**

All parents and guardians of GPS students are members of the Parent Support Group, which exists to enhance the quality of activities on campus and to nurture a sense of community and support among GPS families. Parental involvement is an essential ingredient at GPS and is a necessary part of an independent school's operations. It allows the school to accomplish many goals that would otherwise be impossible without a dramatic increase in tuition.

Each family is expected to volunteer 20 hours per year of service time per student, which is coordinated through the front office. We realize that not every family will choose to volunteer time, so we offer the alternative of billing the family \$10.00 per hour (\$200.00).

Families of students who transfer to GPS during the second semester are expected to volunteer 10 hours of service time per student. We offer the alternative of billing the family at the same hourly rate.

There are opportunities to volunteer in a variety of ways involving projects that benefit the students and the school. Examples include working the concession stand during activities, workdays, shopping for supplies, fieldtrips, and a parent/student "fix-'em-up" day.

We encourage and welcome input and participation. Information is sent home at the beginning of the year to all parents. Parents should read this information carefully and respond promptly. Parents participate with advisors and students in planning and holding social activities for students at the class and school level.

The Head of School provides administrative support of the Parent Support Group.

**Web Site** [www.genesisprep.com](http://www.genesisprep.com)

Genesis Preparatory School has its own web site with up-to-date information on the school, programs, class assignments, grades, and after school athletic information.

# Genesis Preparatory School Application Form

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(Please use a separate form for each student.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Who has legal custody? \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving present school: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for choosing Genesis Preparatory School: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Genesis Preparatory School? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything noteworthy pertaining to student's health? \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Employment information:**

Mother's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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