

The Oak Grove Experience

How would you describe the character of Oak Grove Lutheran School? Are there words and phrases that capture the spirit of the school, words which reflect the school's unique identity and define "the Oak Grove experience"?

These were some of the questions behind the goal to draft the shared values of Oak Grove Lutheran School. Shared values, much like a mission statement, are meant to be timeless in their reflection of the organization's character and culture. When Oak Grove is shining brightest, when we are at our best, the atmosphere and culture that carries us to those heights should be most clearly seen through the shared values.

The goal to identify those values which set Oak Grove apart drove brainstorming sessions in the last year with various groups across the Oak Grove community. The results of that effort are the statements of six shared values believed to reflect Oak Grove most clearly.

Oak Grove's shared values are:



Relationships:

We thrive on personal relationships and strong role models, care for each person as a child of God, and together reflect a spirit of accountability, trust and respect. [John 13: 34-35](#); [Galatians 5:14](#); [Galatians 6:9](#)



Community: We grow as a community that welcomes new people and ideas, supports each other as members of our family, and continually renews our legacy as part of God's unfolding plan.

[Colossians 2: 6-7](#); [Hebrews 10:24-25](#)



Character: We challenge each other to be people of strong character, well-grounded morally and ethically, and confidently

live out God's call to show honesty and integrity in all that we say and do. [Ephesians 1: 17-19](#); [1 Timothy 4:12](#); [1 Peter 4:11](#)



Courage and Curiosity:

We encourage courageous exploration and development of our God-given gifts, driven by a curiosity to discover and experience broad and unique opportunities, and commit ourselves to life-long learning and growth. [2 Timothy 1: 6-7](#); [2 Timothy 2:15](#); [Hebrews 3:6](#)



Faith and Reason:

We embrace the intersection of faith and reason through rigorous pursuit of knowledge and understanding while seeking to know and trust in God's creative power, His revealing word, and His saving grace. [Romans 12:2](#); [Hebrews 6:12](#); [Hebrews 11:1](#)



Service and Leadership:

We transform ourselves and the world around us by loving and serving our neighbors, showing compassion and empathy to all, and being leaders who imitate Christ in our thoughts, words, and actions. [Mark 9:35](#); [Mark 10: 42-45](#); [Philippians 2: 3-8](#); [Hebrews 6:10](#)