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Inspiring students to impact God's world International Resource

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Oak Grove Lutheran School

South Campus

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Elementary School 2720 32nd Avenue South

Fargo, North Dakota 58103 Phone: 701.893.3073

North Campus

Middle School High School

124 North Terrace Fargo, North Dakota 58102 Phone: 701.373.7100

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Learn more and apply at www.oakgrovelutheran.com

WELCOME TO OAK GROVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Mission Statement

The mission of Oak Grove Lutheran School is to express God's love by nurturing students for academic achievement, lifelong Christian commitment and loving service throughout the world.

Vision Statement

Inspiring students to impact God's world.



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.

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



Ownership and Accreditation

Oak Grove Lutheran School is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is incorporated under the laws of North Dakota, and its administration is under the control of the Board of Regents, which is elected by the corporation. Oak Grove Lutheran School is classified by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction as a fully-accredited school. The school has been a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools continuously since 1926. This regional accreditation is the highest attainable by secondary schools.

Memberships

- Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools
- State Association of Non-Public Schools
- Evangelical Lutheran Education Association
- Council for American Private Education
- North Dakota High School Activities Association
- Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce

Campuses

Located at 124 North Terrace, Oak Grove's North Campus sits amidst a beautiful 5.35 acre park along the Red River in Fargo, North Dakota. The North Campus serves students in middle school and high school and features five major buildings including a new science center. Oak Grove's South Campus has two connected facilities - The Kjos Early Learning Center for preschool and pre-k, and the Oak Grove Elementary School building located at 2720 32nd Avenue South in Fargo. The South Campus facilities are the ideal environment for educating children from age 3 through grade 5.

Quick Facts

- Our North Campus was established in 1906
- Our South Campus was established in 2005
- Small class sizes; low student-teacher ratio
- · Nurturing environment integrates faith and values into the learning experience
- · Students consistently score higher on local, state and national achievement tests
- College preparatory program
- · Academic programming includes Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-credit courses
- · Nearly all Oak Grove graduates pursue degrees in higher education
- All students participate in community service opportunities
- Many Oak Grove families receive financial aid



Academic Leadership

The academic leadership team at Oak Grove includes the High School and Middle School Principals at our North Campus and the Elementary School Principal at our South Campus.



DR. JEAN SANDO High School Principal jean.sando@oakgrovelutheran.com



ALLISON CASPERS Middle School Principal allison.caspers@oakgrovelutheran.com

"Oak Grove Lutheran School is a family of God devoted to working together in our pursuit of knowledge and understanding. We collaborate to develop our full potential in all we do, both in school and out. We offer opportunities to grow and discover through rigorous academics, faith experiences and service opportunities, all while being supported by caring adults."



JOSH KADING

Vice President Academic Affairs, Elementary Principal josh.kading@oakgrovelutheran.com

"At Oak Grove Elementary School, we live out our motto to learn well, be loving Christians, and serve others. Our teachers strive to provide our students with an excellent academic experience, but more than that, we take pride in helping our students gain an understanding in what it means to live out our faith. Oak Grove Elementary provides a community environment that nurtures a child through the most formative years of their life."

Academic Program

Oak Grove is widely recognized for the strength and quality of our academic programs at all grade levels and has been recognized as the number one private school in the state by Niche.com since 2018.

Oak Grove Kjos Early Learning Center is designed to provide developmental and educational activities specific to your child's individual needs. Our program facilitates each child's learning in all developmental areas including cognitive, social, and emotional, physical, language and literacy, and spiritual. As a team, our teachers focus on highly effective instruction and the social-emotional development of your child.

In the **Oak Grove Elementary School** program your child will experience what it means to be part of a school family. The educational experience at Oak Grove Elementary nurtures the whole child and extends beyond the academic arena. Students' experiences inside and outside of the classroom will allow them to become curious learners and develop lifelong skills and attitudes of learning, service, leadership, and strong self-esteem through faith-based teaching.

Oak Grove Middle School students experience a nurturing environment where it is safe to explore academics, faith, and service, and what those will mean for the rest of their lives. We understand that middle school is not always an easy stage of life, so we strive to intentionally build relationships and a sense of belonging for all students. Our teachers provide academic excellence in the classroom through a variety of teaching methods and rigorous coursework. Daily chapel and Christian Studies classes give students the freedom to learn about Christianity and develop their own personal faith. Students have great opportunities to get involved in extracurricular activities ranging from the arts and athletics to academic contests. Service to others is an important part of the Oak Grove experience. Our entire middle school community works to give back and live out their faith through meaningful projects and activities.

Oak Grove High School will equip students for lifelong learning and loving service throughout the world. Our teachers build classroom experiences to create knowledgeable, capable scholars. Our Christian Studies classes offer opportunity to learn about the Christian faith, develop a personal faith identity, and nurture a foundation in faith. Our students have the unique opportunity to put their faith into action through mission work with organizations locally and around the world. We offer a multitude of extracurricular activities from which to choose including a full slate of options in fine arts, athletics, service and leadership clubs, and academic teams. At Oak Grove, our graduates will move on to the next steps of their lives equipped with not only a solid academic foundation, but with personal integrity, leadership skills, and a servant's heart.

Our High School academic program requires 24 credits for graduation (4 English, 3 Mathematics, 3 Science, 3¹/₂ Social Sciences, 1 Physical Education, ¹/₂ Religion per year, ¹/₂ Health, ¹/₂ Computer, ¹/₂ Finance, plus electives). Oak Grove offers a wide variety of classes including a full menu of options for Dual Credit and Advanced Placement. Full course descriptions for middle school and high school classes are available at oakgrovelutheran.com/academics.

Co-Curricular Activities

Athletics

Football, grades 9-12 Football, grades 4-8 Girls Basketball, grades 5-12 Girls Volleyball, grades 5-12 Boys Basketball, grades 5-12 Girls Softball, ages 8-16 Boys Baseball, grades 7-12 Boys and Girls Hockey, Grades 4-8 Boys and Girls Cross Country/Track, grades K-6 Boys and Girls Track, grades 7-12 Boys and Girls Golf, grades 7-12 Grover Youth Basketball, grades 3-6 girls, 3-8 boys Boys and Girls Trapshooting, grades 6-12 Boys and Girls Angling, grades 6-12 Fargo Youth Baseball, ages 5-15 Boys and Girls Soccer, ages 3-14 JO Volleyball, grades 5-11

Co-ops with Shanley

Boys and Girls Tennis, grades 7-12 Girls Soccer, grades 7-12 Boys Soccer, grades 9-12 Girls Softball, grades 7-12 Girls Swimming & Diving, grades 7-12 Boys and Girls Cross Country, grades 7-12

Co-ops with Fargo Public Schools

Girls Gymnastics, grades 9-12 (Fargo North-South/Davies) Girls Hockey, grades 9-12 (Fargo North-South/Davies) Boys Swimming, grades 7-12 (Fargo South) Boys Wrestling, grades 9-12 (Fargo North, Fargo South, Davies) Boys Hockey, grades 9-12 (Fargo South)

Fine Arts

Concert Choir, grades 11-12 (auditioned) Chapel Choir, grades 9-12 Carolers, grades 9-12 (auditioned) Madrigal Singers Middle School Choir, grades 6-8 Grover Choir Squad, grades 4-5 Grover Chimes, grades 4-5 Concert Band, grades 6-12 Brass Ensemble, grades 9-12 Percussion Ensemble, grades 9-12 Theatre Arts, grades K-12 Debate Club, grades 7-12

Organizations

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, grades 9-12 Key Club, grades 9-12 Philanthropy and Youth, grades 9-12 Student Council, grades 6-12 Board Game Club, grades 6-12 Bible Study Groups, grades 6-12 Yearbook, grades 5-12 Boy Scouts, K-5 Girl Scouts, K-5

Travel Opportunities

- Mission Trip, grades 9-12
- Travel Studies/English Humanities trip, grades 9-12
- Concert Choir tour, grades 9-12
- Band tour, grades 9-12

- Christian Studies Retreat, grades 9-12
- CloseUp/Washington DC, grades 9-12
- Washington DC, grades 7-8

Daily Schedule

Oak Grove High School and Middle School: Classes begin at 8:30am. Students participate in daily chapel, with special extended chapels held throughout the school year. The regular school day ends at 3:30pm. The master schedule can be found at oakgrovelutheran.com/academics. **Block Schedule:** The middle school and high school utilize block scheduling which incorporates 90 minute classes to enhance learning opportunities for students. Students have four periods on Maroon days and four periods on White days. On occasion, special events may alter the Maroon and White schedules.

Oak Grove Elementary School: Classes begin at 8:25am and end at 3:05pm for grades K-5, 8:20am to 2:50pm for pre-K and 8:20am to 11:00am for preschool. Weekly chapel is held on Tuesdays.

Transportation - Shuttle Service

Oak Grove provides transportation between the North and South campuses both before and after school. Students can opt to ride in the morning, afternoon or both. Details regarding our current schedule and rates can be found at oakgrovelutheran.com/shuttle.

Dress Code

The Oak Grove Lutheran Elementary School operates under a uniform dress code policy. For the full uniform dress code policy, see the Elementary Student Handbook available on our website at oakgrovelutheran.com/handbooks.

Oak Grove Lutheran School's middle and high school does not operate under a uniform dress code policy; however, a dress code policy is in place. Good personal appearance is conducive to a positive learning environment and a strong positive school culture, reflective of adopted school values. For the full dress code policy, see the North Campus Student Handbook available on our website at oakgrovelutheran.com/handbooks.

Admissions Policy

Based on the application and interview process, a student will be considered for admission to Oak Grove Lutheran School. We have open enrollment while space is available. Applicants must be in grades 9-12.

Please submit the following in English/US funds:

- 1. Application Form
- 2. Application Fee
- 3. Certified translated Academic Records and required forms
- 4. Evidence of English Proficiency
- 5. Affidavit of Support

The applicant's file will be reviewed by the International Admissions Office when the necessary documentation is received. Approval is based upon the fulfillment of required resources and the interview with the International Coordinator.

For detailed information, follow the link: <u>https://www.oakgrovelutheran.com/international/</u>

Oak Grove Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.



OAK GROVE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM RATES 2024.2025

RESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

Tuition	\$12,085.00
Tech Fee	\$500.00
International Fee	\$4,750.00
Host Family Stipend	\$8,000.00
Lunch	\$800.00
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$250.00

Total \$26,385.00

The 250.00 non-refundable application fee must be included with the admissions application form.

**The expenses and fees must be paid in full by August 1st. Payment is to be made in U.S. currency in the form of a bank draft or wire transfer. Wire transfer information will be included with the acceptance papers.

Students who enroll in Oak Grove Lutheran School are committed to attending for a minimum of one academic year. Students who withdraw or transfer before this time will not be granted any refund of fees. If a student is asked by the Administration to withdraw from Oak Grove Lutheran School, all fees for the school-year are non-refundable. In the event the student visa is denied, any tuition or residence fees already paid will be refunded. The application fee is non-refundable in any case.

THE PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR TUITION & FEES IS AUGUST 1ST.

"My goal is to enrich the lives of each international student by encouraging academic success, building relationships, and growing in cultural awareness. I strive to make each student's experience one they will use to build their future and shape generations."

~ Kristi Kegel, International Coordinator

The international program at Oak Grove is unique to the metro area. Oak Grove welcomes students from around the world to grow in education, learn about different cultures, and share experiences while enriching the lives of other students.

International students receive academic credit and may go on to attend an American university. Our students gain valuable global connections and insights by building relationships with students from all over the world.





International students are intentionally engaged in cultural experiences, community-building trips and fun events throughout the year.

A group of our international students visit the beautiful city of Duluth, Minnesota



















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Nondiscriminatory Policy: Oak Grove Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin or gender to all the rights, privileges and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. This school is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students.