

A NEW ERA IN LOCAL EDUCATION IS DAWNING

Great Hearts Arlington will open its doors in August, introducing a revolutionary educational opportunity



Great Hearts Arlington officials Katie Jarvis, Charlotte Garthune, Rosa Tovar-Guriel, Celisa Ibarra and Andrew Duinick await the August 2021 opening of their new school.

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Great Hearts Arlington, the newest addition to a revolutionary network of tuition-free, in person and online public schools dedicated to improving education nationwide, will open in August 2021 to grades Kindergarten-7th – and add a grade each year until it is a full K-12 campus.

Located at 6701 S. Cooper St., Great Hearts Arlington provides an honors level liberal arts curriculum in the tradition of the finest independent private schools. As such, we offer an outstanding opportunity for families who want the very best in a college preparatory institution.

A Great Hearts education prepares students to be more than just proficient test takers, but, rather, to become great-hearted leaders capable of success throughout their higher education and professional careers. We emphasize that in order for students to become great-hearted leaders they must share in a knowledge that is rooted in the

classical liberal arts tradition. The life of a Great Hearts Arlington scholar is one that is rich and varied and gives them the opportunity to build relationships with their peers outside of the classroom, contribute to their school community, and develop healthy habits and virtues like friendship, citizenship, and humility.

At Great Hearts, our primary tool of cultivating knowledge and virtue in our students is the Socratic Method. In this timeless teaching technique, the teacher uses questions and conversation to guide students from what they already know to what they do not yet know in all subjects. The development of the academic habit of logical inquiry feeds students' sense of wonder and creates life-long learners. In the end, our communal pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty inspires and shapes students into the best versions of themselves, setting in motion growth that will continue the rest of their lives.

Here are some testimonials from current Great Hearts parents ...

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT of the Great Hearts education is the pursuit of truth, beauty, and goodness. I see this in my children every day. It is actualized in their friendships, in their personal choices, and in their outward actions. The study of virtue – through literature, across history, and in classroom discussions – has shaped my children. Their ability to think critically about important things is directly attributable to the depth of instruction and models of virtue they receive every day. That is the key difference to a Great Hearts education, and the gift that it has been to our family.

The Nicholls Family, Great Hearts Irving

GREAT HEARTS HAS been an extraordinary experience for my daughter. The teachers and administration have been extremely supportive in her education and special needs for dyslexia. The classical curriculum is providing her an understanding across all subjects that she is able to use each day. This knowledge is a gift that she will hold onto for the rest of her life. We definitely made the right decision by enrolling her in this amazing school.

The Martin Family, Great Hearts Online

I AM A PARENT of a third grader at Great Hearts who began attending as a kindergartener. I have come to love the school more and more with each passing year. If you walk down one of our hallways, you will find students who are attentive to the words of their teachers and actively participating in discussions. It is an accelerated curriculum, but one that engages the whole person. Besides the core academics, poetry recitations (which you might be lucky enough to hear while driving in the car with them!), songs and music theory, virtue teachings, art and physical education abound. Because of Great Hearts, I have a child who loves to learn and attend school and looks forward to the beginning of each new week. Great Hearts is truly a great-hearted school and is exactly where we want to be!

The Rogers Family, Great Hearts Irving

WE WERE LOOKING for a school in which the minds and hearts of our children were cultivated in virtue, reinforcing what we teach at home. Our goal to provide our children with the finest education and a moral formation seemed difficult to achieve, unless we enrolled them in a private school. However, we learned about Great Hearts and its liberal arts curriculum, which includes cognitive, emotional, and moral education. Ever since our children started their education at Great Hearts, we have known that they are not only being well equipped with strong academic skills, but also, that they are becoming virtuous persons who will stand for truth, beauty, and goodness.

The Moreno Family, Great Hearts Irving

JUST SOME OF THE ASPECTS we love about Great Hearts are that they encourage movement and outdoor activities with two recesses a day for younger grades, while other elective classes often meet outside. My extremely active son's favorite special is P.E.! We were drawn to the curriculum at Great Hearts; our kindergartener understands the complex Spalding phonics method and it is incredible! Controversial topics are not taught by teachers, but instead encouraged to be taught at home by parents. We love that the scholars learn classical poems every week. My son likes to recite them with his 91-year-old great grandmother! Many Great Hearts parents had told me that they felt like their child was receiving a private school education without having to pay a high price. I wholeheartedly agree and have seen firsthand how Great Hearts

is intentional with everything they do as they strive to pursue truth, goodness and beauty throughout the school.

The Kalloway Family, Great Hearts Lakeside

OUR FAMILY WAS WATCHING Great Hearts from afar and hoping they would come to North Texas. My husband and I had always desired a classical education for our children, and we certainly desired a different kind of culture for them to be a part of with their schooling. We have pinched ourselves over these last six years in amazement at the richness this opportunity has provided our children. The teachers carefully select all materials with the intention of knowing that each story, each day with our students, is an opportunity to win their hearts for virtue. They are challenged and formed well in every way. Being a part of the Great Hearts Community has been one of the great blessings in our life.

The Pantin Family, Great Hearts Irving

THE REASON MY FAMILY chooses Great Hearts is the superior quality of education. Seven years ago, when we were looking for a school for our son, we looked at multiple public charter schools and Great Hearts stood above the rest. When my son entered kindergarten, we found that truth, beauty and goodness were more than words-they were embedded in all aspects of the curriculum. From learning phonograms, writing cursive, studying classical literature, engaging in seminars (group discussions), memorizing poetry, identifying and demonstrating virtues, to studying composers and great works of art, our family was in awe. The teachers are so committed to providing students with a high-quality education, that my children developed a strong love for learning. Because of Great Hearts, my children are confident scholars who can clearly express their thoughts and ideas with others, while always asking questions, learning and growing in truth, beauty and goodness.

The Nitschke Family, Great Hearts Western Hills



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WE LOVE HOW Great Hearts celebrates learning, and we appreciate how it fosters well-rounded young men and women through the study of art, music, Latin, sports and club offerings... all with loving discipline that emphasizes reconciliation and smart behavioral choices without shame. When we chose Great Hearts, we were already interested in a classical model of education for our

three boys. The curriculum and emphasis on cultivating virtue sounded too good to be true--especially as a tuition-free option! Our choice to send him could not have been more clear, and we have appreciated the rigor, accountability, and traditions established at our Great Hearts academy. The emphasis on virtues and on seeking "goodness, beauty and truth" is compatible with our family's faith and all that we are teaching at home. We are grateful for a trusted educational partner as we parent our sons.

The Smith Family, Great Hearts Northern Oaks

GREAT HEARTS IS A SPECIAL PLACE ... a school like no other. Our children have thrived academically since transferring to a Great Hearts academy. They speak to each other in Latin when they don't want their parents to understand them. When we travel, our children are able to match what they see to what they have learned in class and tell what they know. People are continually impressed with our children's knowledge about the world around them. Our family values are aligned with Great Hearts' emphasis on love and wonder in seeking goodness, beauty, and truth in what surrounds us ... and that is why we choose Great Hearts.

The Nguyen Family, Great Hearts Irving