

There are many milestones in a family's life, and one of the earliest and most important is when a child enters kindergarten. It is hard to believe that twelve years have passed since we began this journey with our daughters and Providence Height Alpha School (PHAS). Practically speaking, we set out looking for a good school that offered morning and afternoon daycare options since we are both working parents. Providence Heights Alpha offered both. What we didn't realize is that we were about to begin one of the most unique and rewarding experiences as a family. With our second child now reaching the last years in her educational journey at Providence Heights Alpha, we have never regretted the choice of a private, Catholic education for our girls. This choice has ensured that our children received an exceptionally well-rounded education in their formative years, but it also has made them better thinkers, writers, problem solvers, and empathetic young women.

From the early days of kindergarten to the more formative years of elementary school, we were impressed with the comprehensive curriculum delivered by caring, nurturing teachers. The ability for PHAS to provide small class groupings in core subjects enabled our daughters to receive personalized attention allowing them to develop confidence in their abilities, as well as resiliency when met with a challenge. As middle school began for our eldest daughter, we were immediately impressed with the rigorous academic expectations set in place by an experienced, cohesive group of teachers. An emphasis on STEM, creative problem solving, and writing, both formal and creative, was found across the curriculum. The middle school staff played an invaluable role as teachers, mentors, and faith-based guides for our daughter. She left Providence Heights Alpha completely prepared for the academic challenges of high school and has only continued to excel. The solid foundation PHAS set in place for her as a learner throughout every developmental stage gave her the tools to navigate high level, rigorous secondary classes. We see this positive transformation again occurring as our middle school daughter evolves into a confident, independent learner.

While academic excellence is expected in a private school setting, some of the most remarkable aspects of Providence Heights Alpha are intangible. PHAS is able to bring joy to its students, through creative, fun outlets that are incorporated into the day-to-day routine of a school schedule. For example, a trip to the school store, a silly Wacky Wednesday dress down theme, a teacher versus student basketball game, a visit with a younger student "buddy," or the anticipation of the privileges bestowed on the eighth grade make the school day enjoyable. Thanks to PHAS, our daughters have developed a love of learning in the context of a Christian values system that teaches respect, empathy, and an understanding of others and the broader world. Providence Heights Alpha has been instrumental part of our family for more than a decade. To families contemplating Providence Heights Alpha School for their children, our experience serves as affirmation that the decision to enroll will be the best choice for your family.