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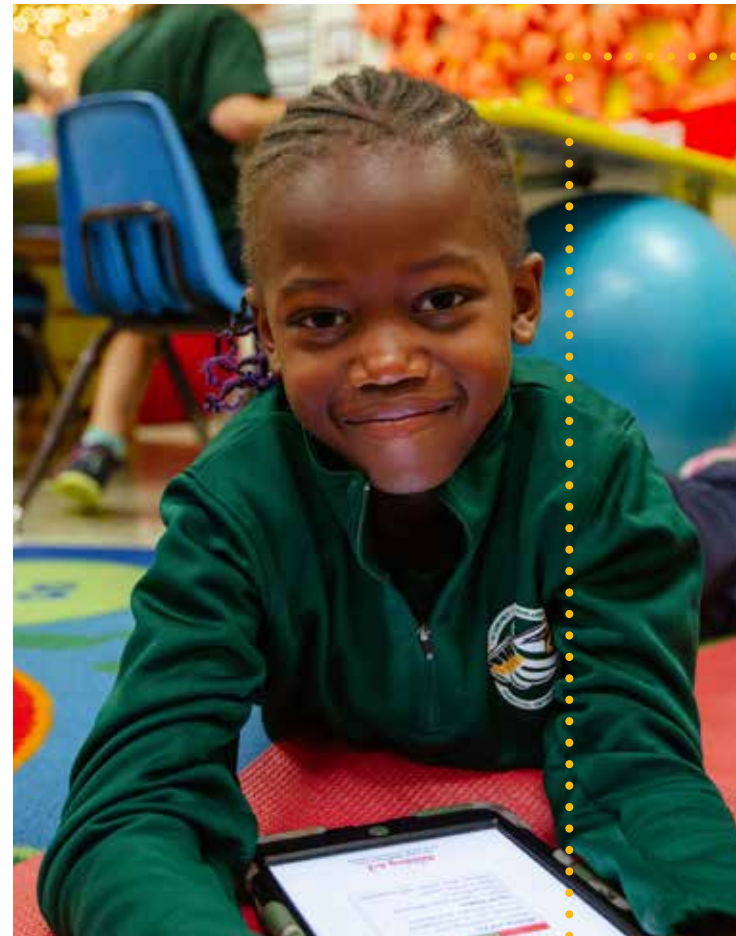


New Life Academy



WELCOME  
TO  
NEW LIFE  
ACADEMY

# The Path To Becoming



# Your Best Self.

During your K-12 years, you will develop habits, skills, characteristics, values, and beliefs—all which shape your worldview. Your relationships will have enormous influence in your life—impacting your attitudes and behaviors. Peers, coaches, and teachers can be a positive encouragement, help you navigate social pressures, build your confidence, and shape the person you will become. At New Life Academy, we want to help you develop the emotional and intellectual intelligence needed to be successful wherever you want to go.

*So who do you want to become?*







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THE TEACHERS, ACADEMICS, AND MY FRIENDS ARE MY FAVORITE PARTS OF NEW LIFE ACADEMY. I LOVE THAT I CAN GET HELP FROM MY TEACHERS AT ANY TIME. THEY RESPOND QUICKLY, THEY ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO WORK WITH ME, AND THEY MAKE LEARNING INTERESTING.”

—MAX, CLASS OF 2023





# A Great Place To

## Feel At Home.

Max knew when he first visited New Life Academy that this was where he wanted to be. While he may seem young, he aspires to go to Duke or Harvard. He was in search of a school and community where he would feel a sense of belonging and would have the support to reach his goals.

Max is involved in basketball and loves that his coach invests in him as a person. He finds the community welcoming, friendly, and it feels like home. He has formed connections with really good friends and looks forward to coming to school every day.







# A Community That Cares

Everyone wants to belong. It's a core need and it includes friendship, trust, support, genuine care, and love. This begins by being surrounded by teachers and coaches that care about you and know you personally. They understand your gifts and challenges, how you learn best, and they will give you the individual attention you deserve. This builds your confidence and your love for learning, and it ensures growth at every grade.

When you walk onto our campus you will feel the difference that a welcoming and friendly community makes. The nurturing relationships in our community are one of the best aspects of our school according to alumni, students, and parents.



## The NLA Classroom

**11:1**

Student-Teacher Ratio

**18-24**

Average Class Size

**100%**

Licensed Teachers & Aides

**30%**

Teachers with Advanced Degrees

**90%**

Retention Rate of Teachers

**100%**

Committed to Personalized Growth



“NEW LIFE HAS BEEN FANTASTIC IN PREPARING ME FOR MY FUTURE. I’VE SEEN HOW MY TEACHERS HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON ME. I HAVE GROWN IN MY CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE. IT IS A VERY TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY. I HAVE EXPERIENCED DEPTH OF FRIENDSHIPS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD EXPERIENCE.”

—GRACE KILLEEN, CLASS OF 2018





## Sparkling a Positive Shift In Our School Culture

Concerned with the state of students today, we intentionally create ways to provide support and margin in your day. Our hybrid schedule includes FLEX time for you to connect with teachers and friends. During community group time, your advisor will help you navigate age-appropriate topics and equip you with skills to manage emotions, make responsible choices, and embrace a growth mindset. This will help you experience greater empathy towards others and help you break free from social pressures so that you can have a positive impact on others. Our focus on social-emotional learning and leadership skills will help you succeed in and out of school. All of this sparks a positive shift in our school culture and creates a physically, spiritually, and emotionally safe place to be.

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THIS COMMUNITY IS SPECIAL  
IN THE WAY THAT THE STUDENTS  
CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER. IT’S  
ALL VERY SUPPORTIVE, IT’S  
STRONG, IT’S ENCOURAGING.  
I AM SO IMPRESSED WITH  
THESE STUDENTS. IT’S A JOY  
TO WORK WITH THEM; THEY  
ARE LIFE GIVING”  
  
—JANETTE BACH, DRAMA DIRECTOR

# Being a Student Today

17,000

hours spent in school between kindergarten and high school graduation. This doesn’t include extra time in sports and extracurriculars.

55.9%

Percentage of children, ages 6-17, who report having a television, computer, or similar device in their bedroom. SOURCE: National Survey of Children’s Health

91%

of Gen Z report they use social media, with 51% saying they use it almost constantly. SOURCE: “Meet Generation Z: The Social Generation”

10,000

messages consumed by the average teen through social media, tv, Spotify, Netflix, and smartphone apps. By adolescence, students are on their phone equivalent to a full-time job. SOURCE: “Stressed Out”, Dr. Tim Elmore

72%

of students say they are distracted by social media, and 41% report that social media makes them feel sad, anxious or depressed. SOURCE: “Meet Generation Z: The Social Generation”

OVER 33%

of teens report stress-related symptoms including anger and irritability or feeling tired, anxious, or nervous, and more than 25% report feeling overwhelmed, neglecting responsibilities, having negative thoughts, and changing sleep habits. SOURCE: APA, 2013

94%

of students describe their life as overwhelming. SOURCE: “Stressed Out”, Dr. Tim Elmore

ALMOST  
3 MILLION

teens ages 12-17 have had a stress-related episode of severe depression in the last year. SOURCE: Time, “Why the Kids are Not Alright”

“Teens today have the same level of anxiety as psychiatric patients from the 1950s.” —Dr. Robert Leahy

Caring relationships with teachers  
contributes to a sense of belonging, which  
builds positive self-esteem, lowers rates of  
anxiety and depression, and improves  
social and academic outcomes.

SOURCE: Hamre & Pianta, 2001



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—JULIA, CLASS OF 2019





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## Stand Strong.

Julia has found that Chapel and Bible classes have really helped her grow in her faith. The Christian environment has offered her the support and perspective she needs to get through the struggles in life. Because she truly understands what Christ did for her on the cross, she feels equipped to face bigger challenges and stand up for what she believes once she steps out into the world.







## Fueling Faith

We believe you are poised to make a significant and tangible impact for Christ. It is our commitment to prepare each student for a Christian life of purpose, service, and leadership in every field. Chapel and retreats provide our students opportunities to strengthen their personal faith.

We know that in a culture with shifting values, it isn't always easy to stand firm and resist social pressures. At New Life, faith and learning are intertwined so that our students learn what and why they believe, and how to respond to social issues according to a Christian perspective.

## Why Strengthening Faith Matters

**70-75%**

of Christian youth leave the church after high school.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center, 2018

**ONLY 35%**

return to their faith at some point in their life.

SOURCE: Lifeway Research, 2007

Yet teens also believe that *faith* is what provides answers to finding *meaning in life*.

SOURCE: Barna Research Report, 2018

*Number one reason for leaving the faith is intellectual skepticism and inability to defend their beliefs.*

Teens aren't taught logic, truth, and a Christian worldview and struggle to express what and why they believe when presented with cultural messages.

SOURCE: Dr. Frank Turek

**New Life Academy is intentional on Biblical integration so that students are inspired to strengthen their faith and are equipped to explain and communicate their beliefs.**







Juniors have the opportunity to serve youth in Mexico or Minneapolis through local and international mission trips



Junior Mexico Mission Trip



Students donate items and serve at the Hope Academy Christmas Store

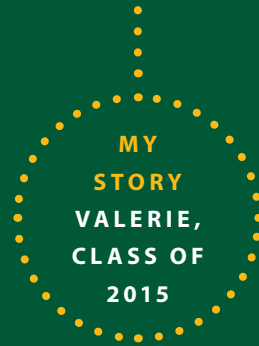


NLA students ring bells for Salvation Army

## Promoting Action Locally and Globally

Faith is most concrete when it is put into action. It's our desire to engage your mind and heart to overflow into an active life of Christian service. We aren't just trying to get you to do good things, but rather help you understand that love is a commitment to the well-being of others. You'll begin to think beyond yourself and focus on how you can make a difference to a hurting world. Community service hours, mission trips, and Project Serve all provide opportunities for you to love the world around you in tangible ways, because when you serve others, everyone changes.





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I REALLY LIKED THE CULTURE AT NEW LIFE ACADEMY BECAUSE I FELT CARED ABOUT EVERY DAY. EVERYONE WAS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN HOW I WAS DOING, WHETHER THAT WAS ACADEMICALLY OR ATHLETICALLY. I MISS THE TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY AT NEW LIFE.”

—VALERIE, CLASS OF 2015



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## Get Ready For Life.

Valerie was able to take advanced level courses in high school, which prepared her for college-level academics. She credits New Life Academy's excellent teachers and quality instruction for developing her understanding and interest in math and engineering. Through her college internships, she realized that hands-on learning and the ability to apply knowledge is the most important for a real job. She learned being able to identify problems, research solutions, and present and communicate ideas is what fuels business innovation and growth. New Life Academy is focused on a learning environment that puts students in those situations early in high school. This cultivates critical thinking, problem solving, and the ability to communicate ideas. Valerie graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2018 and immediately went into the workforce as a Chemical Engineer for Ecolab.







# A Learning Environment That Ignites Creativity

Starting in Kindergarten, our hands-on and engaging learning environment encourages creativity, discovery, and exploration. At every grade, you'll discover that learning isn't just about absorbing knowledge. It's about putting what you know into action, asking the right questions, and coming up with answers you never thought possible. New Life Academy's curriculum incorporates project-based learning, STEAM, 15% Innovation Portfolio, and entrepreneurship that connects real-world situations to the classroom. We believe it's our responsibility to teach you how to be curious, to think critically, and how to solve problems.

There's a stage, field, court, or club waiting for you



Sports Teams Across 16 Sports



Choirs

## Academic Excellence & Enrichment



110

Courses & Electives in Upper School



19

Honors & College-level Courses



Multi-day learning excursions take schooling out of the classroom



ACT scores above state average, with the 75th Percentile scoring between

28-35



100%

Graduation Rate



98%

Attend College or University Directly After High School

to discover your talents and pursue your passions.



Academic, Enrichment & Entrepreneurial Clubs



Theater Performances a Year



Where  
Will  
You Go

# From Here?

Advancing technology is changing the world in new ways every day. So how do we prepare you for a job market we can't even imagine? It goes beyond focusing on just a test score. It combines knowledge with emotional intelligence and soft skills needed to be successful. Our Academic and College Counselors will help you design the path to achieve your goals, aspirations, and dreams. When it's time to leave New Life Academy, you will be ready to make a difference in the world.

*Great Christian leaders are needed everywhere.  
We believe you can be one of them.*

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Journey

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