

Why Choose Immanuel?

Below, you will find information about:

- (6) distinct benefits to students at Immanuel
 - Our Parent Teacher League and other parent involvements
 - Academics and the education experience
 - Athletics & Student Service
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Six Distinct Benefits to Students:

1) **Lead in High School:**

Our graduates achieve at a higher level in high school than many of their peers, their years at Immanuel equipping them with the Christian values, foundational knowledge, critical thinking skills, self-discipline and personal confidence to thrive both as students and as leaders within their high school communities.

2) **Experience The Christian School:**

Even as we are vigorously making known the love of Christ from the very first moment our doors open for the beginning of the school day until the last child is picked up at the end of the school day, our faculty are continually researching, evaluating and applying teaching innovations and new classroom technologies that will enhance your son or daughter's level of participation, interaction with fellow students, and individual achievement.

3) **Live Learning:**

Our faculty – some of whom graduated from Immanuel themselves, and many of whom have entrusted Immanuel with their own children's education – are as skilled as they are passionate, leveraging their God-given talents to teach, mentor, guide and ultimately inspire each child to *live* learning, to embrace the pursuit of new knowledge, empowering an average student to be good, a good student to be great, and a great student to be exceptional.

4) **Receive the Attention You Deserve:**

We will love your son or daughter as if they are our own, ensuring they always receive the individual focus and continuous encouragement they deserve, whether that means adapting our teaching approach to your child's personal learning style or spending additional one-on-one time with them before or after school.

5) **Learn More Here from Sports to Choir to Drama to Robotics:**

Immanuel provides your child with daily opportunities to discover new things about themselves – things your child won't find in a textbook – such as a talent they didn't know they possessed, a newfound interest they never dreamed of exploring, or even just a piece of music that simply makes their heart beat faster.

6) **Build Your Confidence:**

Immanuel graduates are confident in themselves and in their Christian values, which means that months or even years from now, when they are inevitably faced with a difficult personal decision of real consequence, your son or daughter will have the character and courage to make the right decision.

Parent Involvement

Immanuel Lutheran School has an active and productive Parent Teacher League. The P.T.L. sponsors many programs and events throughout the school year. Its mission is to *enrich the academic and social life within the school community* by enthusiastically promoting fundraising events and fellowship activities.

The league's various fundraisers have allowed it to contribute to the school's infrastructure in many visible ways and the activities it promotes serve to develop a relationship between educators and parents to secure the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education – all for the benefit of the children.

There are many annual events and programs:

- New Family Wine and Cheese Night
- Santa's Shop"Grandparents' Day
- Trunk or Treat
- Children's Advent Services
- parade entries
- Golf outing
- Flower Sale
- Walk A Thon
- Mother/Son Night
- Daddy/Daughter Night.

Academics and the Education Experience

Academics:

Since its founding in 1875, Immanuel Lutheran School has built a reputation for academic excellence. In cooperation with Immanuel Lutheran Church and community families, students enrolled here discover and develop their God-given academic, physical and spiritual gifts. For the Record, Students educated in private K-8 schools:

- Score higher on standardized achievement tests
- Start high school in advanced level courses
- Continue on to attend college in greater numbers

Better Education Experience:

- Spanish language skills taught in all grades
- Advanced math and Spanish courses that translate into High School credits
- Competitive and inclusive athletic programs for 5th - 8th grades
- A full curriculum of the arts including drama, a variety of music classes and varied experiences
- After school programs including, Snapology, chess and art
- Full day Kindergarten and 5-Day Pre-K prep classes
- A value focused approach to teaching combining Biblical principles with academic excellence

PLACEMENT IN MATH GROUPS

This program is designed for students in Grades 1-8 who are at least one year above grade level in Math. These students would advance to the Math level above their current grade level. (For example, a 5th grade student who meets the criteria would be in 6th grade Math.) Working with area high schools has allowed some of our students to take advanced math courses at the high school during the first period of the day.

Guidelines for student placement in math may include:

1. A recommendation from your child's current or past year's math teacher which is based on readiness, maturity level, work ethic, self-motivation and preparedness.
2. Percentile rank from Math MAP testing.
3. Scores from the Orleans-Hanna Algebra Prognosis Test
4. Scores from the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test
5. Scores from the Mathematics Diagnostic and Placement Test

PLACEMENT IN READING GROUPS

This program is designed for students in Grades 3-8. Each Department (Intermediate – grades 3, 4, and 5; Middle School – grades 6, 7, and 8) will have reading at the same time each day thus allowing for the students to be grouped by ability to help meet individual needs in reading.

Guidelines for student placement in reading is selected using the following guidelines:

1. A recommendation from your child's current or past year's reading teacher which is based on readiness, maturity level, work ethic, self-motivation and preparedness.
2. Percentile rank from Reading MAP testing.
3. Your child's RIT score from Reading MAP testing
4. Ability to maintain grades.

Athletic Information

The Athletic Director at Immanuel Lutheran School is Mr. David Lapp. You can contact Mr. Lapp at dlapp@immanuelcl.org.

The sports program at Immanuel Lutheran School is an important part of our total educational program. Immanuel is a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran Athletic Conference which consists of 8 area parochial schools.

We feel that the sports program is an extension of the training we provide in our school. While we play to win, we place a strong emphasis on Christian witness and developing the skills and talents that the Lord has provided to each individual. We invite parents and families to regularly attend athletic games. Help by cheering your Immanuel Lutheran Panther teams along!

Student Services

- Hot Lunch Program
- Library

- Mobile Therapy Centers
- Student Council
- National Junior Honor Society
- Band
- Voice Choirs
- Bell Choirs
- Athletics
- Snapology
- Chess Club
- Spring Musical
- Chapel Services weekly