

Flint Hill School, Oakton, VA



The School

- Small K-12 Independent College Preparatory School in Fairfax County

Mission *Our commitment is to develop in a caring community an individual who seeks excellence and embraces the "Driving Spirit" of Flint Hill School.*

The School

- Full Inclusion model much like that at WHS
- Senior Project
- Heavy emphasis on
 - Character Development (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Compassion).
 - Teacher-student relationships
 - The Arts
 - Athletics
 - ***Differentiated Instruction***

Differentiated Instruction

As a result of differentiated instruction, Flint Hill School students:

- reach their highest potential.
- experience the school day in a way that enhances their **curiosity** and **creativity**.
- view themselves as important individuals who have ideas and actions of value to contribute to the community.
- become more engaged, eager learners who are self-motivated and self-directed.
- develop a strong sense of self and ability to perform in a way that builds success and contributes to positive self-esteem.

The How...

- Heavy emphasis on formative assessment
- Enduring effort on the part of the teacher to understand what individual students need to learn more effectively, and an effort to provide learning options that are a good fit for each learner whenever possible.
- Flexible grouping in classroom activities
- Commitment to diversity (PD, clubs/organizations, curriculum)

Lowlights

- Differentiated Instruction is supposed to meet the needs of a diverse group of learners. Easy to claim success with it when:
 - the student body is hand-picked through a rigorous admissions process that guarantees a level of academic capability.
 - Leveled courses (AP, honors, and etc.)
- Heavy emphasis on “selective college” acceptances and not much else.
- Tuition is 27K (only 13% receiving financial aid)