



The Leelanau School Head of School Opportunity Statement

The Leelanau School seeks an experienced educational leader who will embrace the school's mission and can create and implement plans for a successful future.



Mission Statement:

The Leelanau School ignites a passion for learning in a boarding school where students thrive by engaging academically and by celebrating everyone's unique learning styles in a culture of acceptance, leading to successful and meaningful lives in college and beyond.

The Leelanau School was founded in 1929 in Glen Arbor, Michigan by Skipper and Cora Beals and Major and Helen Huey. Leelanau is known for its project-based, experiential learning strategies for bright, college bound students. These hands-on learning strategies are ideal for students with ADHD or executive function challenges and for students who want to build their confidence, learning skills and awareness. Well ahead of its time, The Leelanau School has stayed true to the philosophy for the past 88 years that “doing a lesson” greatly enhances learning. The Leelanau School's wooded 42-acre campus sits on the shore of Lake Michigan and is adjacent to National Park lands providing exceptional support for Leelanau's approach to student engagement and learning through curricular, co-curricular and recreational activities.



Educational Philosophy:

The Leelanau School uses multi-sensory, experiential, and strength-based methodologies that make rigorous academics attainable. Students gain awareness of their personal learning styles, build skills and strategies to maximize their learning potential and grow into confident, independent young adults. Supportive relationships are formed to establish trust and create a safe environment where students can take educational risks.



Unique Educational Program:

- Strong core programs in mathematics, science, language, literature and composition are taught by master's level teachers.
- A wide range of music, theater, and visual arts gives students performance opportunities as well as a chance for creative expression.
- The five-week immersive Winter Term gives students an opportunity to explore topics in depth, such as Food Is Love, Winter Ecology, Winter Sports, Music Composition, and the British Monarchy.
- Students have educational travel opportunities to Guatemala, the Caribbean, Europe and other locales.



Academic Support:

The school's Learning Commons is designed so that each student can experience appropriate grade-level support that is truly collaborative. Daily tutorials help Leelanau students with content mastery and learning specialists work with the classroom teachers and residential faculty to educate the whole student.





Student Life & Wellness:

- Students live in comfortable and spacious dorms on a quiet, wooded campus.
- Leelanau's talented culinary staff are dedicated to nutrition and sustainability.
- Our own campus greenhouse and gardens provide fresh produce for our dining hall year-round.
- All students participate daily in a wide range of activities tailored to their interests, such as bicycling, hiking, snow sports, field sports, running, weight training and tennis.
- Wellness, nutrition, healthy behaviors, and physical activity are integrated into daily lessons.
- Exploratory trips and "Council" (group meetings) are designed so students learn the importance of community.

College Placement:

The college application process begins as early as freshman year, or upon arrival. 100% of our students are accepted into colleges and universities, as our college advisor works closely with students to identify the best fitting schools. Post-secondary institutions accepting our students over the past few years have included Kalamazoo College, Northern Michigan University, Colorado State University, Grand Valley State University, Aquinas College, Oakland University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, University of Minnesota, University of Illinois, George Mason University, Denison University, DePaul University, Bowling Green State University and The University of Edinburgh.



Community Values:

Stewardship, Leadership, Awareness, Integrity, Resilience, Courage and Interconnectedness



Leelanau at a Glance

2016-17

Admissions & Financial Aid:

Enrollment: 52

Enrollment Capacity: 60

Financial Aid: \$591,075 awarded annually

Student Body:

60% Male

40% Female

58% from Midwest USA

38% from All Other States

4% International Students

Faculty & Staff:

Faculty: 13 Teaching Faculty and 8 Residential
Faculty (71% with advanced degrees)

Staff: 15

Affiliations:

Accreditation: Independent Schools Association of
the Central States (ISACS)

Member: Association of Independent Michigan
Schools (AIMS)

Member: National Association of Independent
Schools (NAIS)



Leadership / Board of Trustees:

Ms. Carolyn Helmlinger, Chair

Mr. James Spica, Vice Chair

Mr. John Hyatt, Treasurer

Dr. Mary Beth Hardwicke, Secretary

Ms. Joan Conway

Ms. Megan Darlington

Mr. Bruce Hood, Faculty Rep

Ms. Elizabeth Parker, Parent Rep



Academics & Program:

Average Class Size: 10 Students

Dress Code: Casual

Summer Program: No

Post Graduate Year: No

Rolling Admissions: Yes

Advanced Placement Classes: No

Competitive Sports: No

Finance:

Operating Budget: \$4 million

Endowment: \$1.05 million

Tuition: \$30,675 to \$61,350 (day student
to 7-day boarder)

Annual average fundraising goal: \$500,000

Campus & Location:

- Located in Leelanau County, Michigan
- Glen Arbor, Michigan, 35 minutes from Traverse City
- 42 wooded acres bordering Lake Michigan and the Crystal River
- Surrounded by Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (voted by *Good Morning America* as the most beautiful place in America)
- Crystal River runs through campus
- Adjacent to The Homestead Resort and Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail