

### **1. WHAT IS HILL POINTE'S MISSION?**

The mission of The Hill Pointe School is to promote academic excellence grounded in the classics and in virtues. We seek to nurture moral citizens and thoughtful leaders.

### **2. WHAT ARE HILL POINTE'S VIRTUES?**

Excellence - I deliver my personal best.

Courage - I take action even in the face of difficulty.

Gratitude - I express appreciation for what I have received.

Humility - I serve others before myself.

Respect - I see the dignity of others.

Honesty - I am truthful.

Wonder - I am curious, amazed and reverent.

### **3. WHAT IS CLASSICAL EDUCATION?**

Classical education upholds a standard of excellence and has proven itself over the course of time. Hill Pointe's high standards and research-based curriculum will provide students with a traditional education that will challenge them to excel in learning and character development. At Hill Pointe, high academic achievement, personal discipline, moral character and responsibility will be consistently reinforced through the study of subjects in the classical tradition. Students will graduate from Hill Pointe as highly literate and ethical citizens who are well-prepared to advance into any life endeavor and inspire others. Hill Pointe's robust academic program and training in the virtues will be supported by a well-regulated campus that fosters positive relationships between students, parents and teachers. Students will learn language and literature, history, geography, government, math, the sciences, music and the visual arts in a coherent and orderly program. This program will span from the rudiments of basic literacy and math skills to higher orders of thought and expression. Students will also benefit from Socratic instructional techniques and training in study skill that further foster learning and character development.

### **4. HOW WILL HILL POINTE BE DIFFERENT THAN MY LOCAL TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL?**

At Hill Pointe, high academic achievement, personal discipline, moral character, responsibility and community values, will be consistently reinforced through the student of subjects in the classical tradition. The emphasis of our research-based and proven curriculum is on the core disciplines of math, science, history, language arts and foreign languages. Our curriculum is relevant to all students, regardless of their current position on their path to knowledge. Beyond curriculum, all students at Hill Pointe will be trained in study skills, such as time management, organization and note taking, which are essential for building a foundation for further academic pursuits. Extracurricular options comparable to area schools will complement the curriculum. Our team will be intentional in meeting the needs of each student, which will lead to above-average academic achievement. Hill Pointe will provide increased capacity for demonstrated demand.

### **5. WHERE WILL YOU BE LOCATED?**

The Hill Pointe School will be located in the Grosse Pointe area and will offer a unique contribution to the closely connected communities.

### **6. HOW WILL HILL POINTE SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?**

As a Michigan public school academy, Hill Pointe will be held to the same standards as every public school in Michigan. Even though a classical curriculum is rigorous, Hill Pointe will work to meet the needs of the individual students that attend each day.

Hill Pointe will use a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) to meet the instructional needs of the students. If a student qualifies for additional programs and/or services, the special education team at Hill Pointe would develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Hill Pointe will develop programming that is appropriate to meet the individual needs of the student.

### **7. HOW WILL HILL POINTE BE FUNDED?**

The Hill Pointe School will be a public charter school funded by the Michigan Department of Education. The funding will be the same as traditional public schools.

### **8. WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS?**

Once the enrollment process is open, applicants will be able to find the application via the school website. Once the application has been submitted, applicants will be contacted by school personnel to provide additional information for enrollment. Due to limited space, each student must enroll each year. Preference will be given to currently enrolled students and siblings of enrolled students. When the maximum enrollment for a classroom has been reached, applicants shall be placed on a waiting list and admitted on the basis of a lottery system developed by the school administrator in accordance with the charter contract.

### **9. IS THERE A PART-TIME OPTION FOR HOMESCHOOLERS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR FOCUS ON WRITING OR ANOTHER TOPIC?**

The Michigan Department of Education has a procedure for allowing this option and we can address this with parents when they enroll. However, the student will not have the benefit of experiencing a classical school culture and learning the virtues. We recommend that parents enroll for the full-day.

### **10. I SEE THAT HILL POINTE WILL START AS A K-5 SCHOOL. WHEN WILL YOU BE ADDING GRADES?**

At full capacity, Hill Pointe will serve a population of K-12 students. Hill Pointe will build conservatively toward a full K-12 model. In the fall of 2023, Hill Pointe will open with grades K-5 and add a grade per year through grade 12. The founding members embrace the philosophy of building culture and community from the ground up, and desires to solidify the academic foundation in the early years before adding middle and secondary grades.

### **11. CAN I APPLY TO BECOME A TEACHER OR A STAFF MEMBER?**

If someone is interested in a position or has questions about the application process, they are more than welcome to email their resume to Beth Spaman, Chief Human Resources Officer at Choice Schools Associates at [bethspaman@choiceschools.com](mailto:bethspaman@choiceschools.com).