

# HOLY GHOST PREP

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## Sense of Community

“Gatherings come in all shapes and sizes, from sitting with five friends at lunch to cheering on the soccer team at the championship game with a thousand people. What is amazing is how everyone comes together – friends, classmates, alumni and parents. Everyone just believes in who we are and what we are doing. Being a part of HGP is incredible.” Holy Ghost Prep students participate in sports teams, activities, service projects, plays, academic competitions, band, drama productions, intramurals, campus ministry and retreats. What is notable, is that the participation of an HGP graduate doesn't end on commencement day. HGP alums actively participate in the life of the school through college and career days, career networking, and a vibrant alumni association. The high school experience is more than just going to school, it's a lifetime of commitment.

## Openness to Spirit

“Holy Ghost Prep helps you find your place in the community, and to understand it. Learning about the rich traditions of the world brings clarity to my own beliefs and traditions.” Holy Ghost Prep is a Catholic school committed to providing each student with the skills to better understand his place in the world. Through a wide range of academic courses, engaging retreats, active ministries and lectures by world traveled experts and missionaries, the awareness of what Spirit means comes alive.



## Commitment to Service

“I always thought I knew everything, until I travelled with my classmates on a service trip to the poor communities in the mountains of the Dominican Republic. After meeting these people and experiencing the incredible energy and hard work they show every day, I know I have a lot to learn – and a lot to do.” Every student has to complete a community service requirement at Holy Ghost Prep. Some students help at local soup kitchens and food pantries, while others might tutor at a local grade school or deliver gifts during the holidays. HGP students may also travel with classmates to the Dominican Republic or Tanzania to experience an international service project.



## Academic Excellence



“I have incredible teachers. Teachers that will spend endless hours helping me with a question about class; sacrifice time with their families to cheer at my game; go home late at night because they are perfecting a lesson for the next day; and will stand next to me no matter what challenge I am facing. My teachers are awesome.” In the last five years HGP seniors have averaged almost \$20 million in scholarships and grants from the colleges that they applied to attend. Graduates have gone to schools all over the nation and the world. What isn't in a transcript, is the confidence they feel after commencement to engage the world, ask questions, and demand excellence of themselves to do what is right and to work hard.

**Holy Ghost Prep** is a small, private all-boys Catholic high school that promotes academic excellence, the cultivation of each student's unique gifts and generous service to the poor. With less than 500 students in grades 9 through 12, each student is given distinctive attention, helping to make certain that his experience is unique to his strengths, interests and challenges.

## Concern for the Poor



“One of the most important lessons I have been taught at HGP is that I can be an instrument of positive change. The world is filled with possibilities, but it is only when we actively work to make things better, that a true and real difference can be achieved in the world.” Holy Ghost Prep provides an environment where learning about the world is complimented with first hand experiences to allow students to deeply engage the world they live in every day. These dynamic moments do more than just reveal a story or lesson. They help remind students – some of the brightest minds of their generation – that it is their responsibility to raise up the people around them and to enthusiastically share their mind, effort and treasure to help those in need.



## Global Vision

“Technology allows us to see, in real time, the happenings and events anywhere in the world, whenever we want. Holy Ghost Prep has given me a place to talk about those things, research the history, challenge the inconsistencies and then teach others around me to promote a better understanding.” Holy Ghost Prep is a leader in developing and implementing the use of technology in the classroom. From tablet computers to Smartboards and online learning, students at Holy Ghost Prep engage their peers sitting next to them and learners from around the globe. Classrooms at HGP engage students beyond paper and chalk. Today, students learn through a variety of direct instruction and integrated technology to prepare for a world filled with information and opportunity.



## Personal Development

“I wrote an essay this year for class that asked the question, ‘Who am I?’ I answered, I am Holy Ghost.” Four years of high school end with new information, expert skills and an energy to go out and meet the world and the challenges ahead. But what makes a Holy Ghost Prep graduate different than the thousands of other people that complete high school? The truth is that the answer doesn't exist in words. Instead, all you have to do is meet an HGP student or graduate and you know something about him is different, special and unique. He is Holy Ghost.

