



The HOUSE System

History

Originally developed in British boarding schools as far back as the 1800s, the “house system” was established as a means to support and encourage students in their academic and social lives while apart from their families. The students actually lived in houses with the faculty and students with whom they were grouped, hence the name.

Program Overview

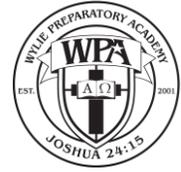
Wylie Prep students and faculty in grades 9-12 are assigned into four distinct Houses. Each House has its own unique characteristics: namesake, crest, colors, Scripture, and symbols. Each House is led by two faculty members and several student leaders. The Houses compete for points in a wide variety of categories throughout the school year, including academics, sports, community service, and attendance. The Houses participate in group Bible studies and service projects and help lead school events such as Oseph and other assemblies.

Benefits

- Builds community within the school
- Engages students in campus life
- Develops student leaders
- Strengthens relationships across grades and interests
- Creates discipleship opportunities
- Provides consistent and varied social experiences
- Establishes traditions
- Provides service opportunities
- Assimilates new students
- Encourages positive behavior
- Enhances school spirit
- Provides positive competition
- Cultivates camaraderie
- Increases sense of identity and belonging
- Attracts prospective students and families
- Increases retention in high school grades

The House Mission Statement and Scripture Reference

The House System of Wylie Preparatory Academy aims to develop a school culture that encourages spiritual, social, and emotional growth through Christ-centered relationships and activities grounded in the truth that with Christ, no one is left behind.



Deuteronomy 31:6 ESV Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

1 Corinthians 12:25-27 ESV That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Correlation to Wylie Prep's Mission

Wylie Preparatory Academy is a college preparatory school that partners with families to provide a Christian based academic and social experience, developing servant leaders with strong Christian character and the skills needed to answer God's call.

"Christian based social experience"

- The House system is a social system providing many, varied social experiences.
- Houses are divided with a wide mix of ages, genders, interests, abilities, and personalities.
- Students and faculty interact in a social environment, rather than strictly on an academic level.

"Partners with families"

- The House system engages the entire family through traditions and generational involvement.

"Servant leaders"

- Student leaders are developed through mentoring relationships with faculty and older students.
- Students hold defined leadership responsibilities within the Houses and are held accountable.
- Each House has six student leader positions, which means 24 student leaders for the school.
- House leaders serve as the school-wide student government team.

"Strong Christian character"

- Students are engaged in the school, which enhances their receptiveness to the teaching and training in Christ-like character provided by the teachers and administration.
- Student leaders are held to a high standard of Christ-like character and behavior and serve as examples for the other students.
- Houses participate in Bible studies, accountability partners, and discipleship groups.
- Houses can win points for the excellent character of their members, which fosters positive peer pressure to make good choices and work hard.

"Skills needed to answer God's call"

- Interpersonal skills, teamwork, perseverance, acceptance, edification, competition, sportsmanship, leadership, service, integrity, trustworthiness, citizenship



House Structure

In each House:

- House Dean and Assistant Dean (Wylie Prep faculty or staff)
- House Prefect (Senior)
- House Reliquarian (Sophomore, Junior or Senior)
- Spiritual Ambassador (Sophomore, Junior or Senior)
- School Spirit Ambassador (Sophomore, Junior or Senior)
- Service Ambassador (Sophomore, Junior or Senior)
- Social Ambassador (Sophomore, Junior or Senior)

Questions and Answers

How will my student be assigned to a House?

All high school students enrolled at Wylie Prep will be assigned to a House. The students' names will be grouped according to grade, gender, and extra-curricular participation, then assignments will be made randomly and evenly across all four Houses. Assignments will be made randomly with no preference given for any situation. The planning committee has been and will continue to pray for the Lord's guidance in the placement of students. Parents are encouraged to pray for their individual children's placement as well as the assignment process.

What are the House names?

The Houses are named after Americans who have made significant contributions to God's kingdom, "Patriots" of true freedom. The House names, crests and other symbols will be revealed at the House Induction Ceremony on August 9th.

Will my student be in the same House all four years?

Yes.

Will my children be in the same House?

Yes. The House System is familial, meaning all the members of an immediate family will be in the same House. Younger siblings will know which House they will be assigned to once their siblings are assigned. The system is generational as well, so your children's children will be in the same House if they attend Wylie Prep.

Is the House System optional?



No. All high school students enrolled at Wylie Prep will be assigned to a House. It is the school's desire for all students to participate in and find community within the System, however, participation beyond being a member of a certain House is not required.

How are the House leaders chosen?

- A student may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by a peer or teacher for a leadership position by completing the House System Nomination form.
- A student who is nominated for a leadership position must complete a House System Leadership Application.
- The Upper School Activities Director and House Deans will place students in leadership positions based on the number of nominations received and the application.