

Park Tudor School

Indianapolis, United States



Where a century-old girls'-and-boys'-school merger now anchors Indianapolis's only IB-style Global Scholars capstone

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	64/100
Academic outcomes	74/100
University placement	72/100
Prestige & heritage	73/100
Alumni network	0/100
Facilities	75/100
Transparency	70/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Park Tudor’s distinguishing feature is not scale or flash; it is structure. This is Indianapolis’s only school to carry a century of independent-school history into a co-educational model forged by merger, with Tudor Hall School for Girls and Park School joining in 1970. That matters because the school still reads as a place with **institutional weight** rather than a start-up private school chasing trends. It serves children from age 3 through Grade 12, stays resolutely day-only, and runs on an American curriculum in English. The published ***9:1 student-teacher ratio*** points to the kind of access parents actually pay for: more adult attention, smaller classes, and less chance of a child disappearing into the middle of the pack.

The attraction for families is straightforward. Park Tudor is a college-preparatory independent school with a long-established academic core and enough scale to offer breadth beyond the timetable. The school itself emphasises small class sizes, an individualised learning environment and numerous extracurricular activities; stripped of brochure language, that adds up to a school built for students who want options and adults who know them well. It is also non-religious, which widens its appeal in a US independent-school market that still includes many faith-based competitors. NAIS alignment is in place, and the school states that it follows the NAIS Principles of Good Practice. For Indianapolis, that combination gives it a *clear upper-tier day-school position*.

Fees average **\$28,721** a year across the full age range, which places Park Tudor in the serious-fee bracket without pushing into the price extremes seen at some coastal US independents. That matters for value: parents are buying a through-school from the early years to 18, not a narrow high-school proposition. What is special here, and what earns it a place on a shortlist, is the mix of continuity, academic seriousness and a campus culture designed for sustained participation rather than mere credential collection. The best fit is a student who is *bright, engaged and busy*: a child who benefits from close teacher contact, wants a broad extracurricular life, and does not need the anonymity of a giant school to thrive. It is *not a school for passengers*. It suits families who want *high-accountability schooling* in a city setting, with the confidence and resources of an established independent institution.

STRENGTHS

- Park Tudor operates Indianapolis' only Global Scholars Program, its own version of the International Baccalaureate designed for highly motivated juniors and seniors.
- In 2025-26 the school awarded more than \$5 million in financial aid and merit awards to approximately 30% of its student population, easing the sticker-shock of private tuition.
- 100% of students from this school go on to attend a 4-year college, a consistent matriculation outcome for graduates.
- Average class sizes remain small across divisions, from 15 in Junior/Senior Kindergarten down to 13 in the Upper School (grades 9-12).
- The school sits on a 68-acre campus on the former Lilly Orchard estate on the north side of Indianapolis, giving it unusually generous grounds for a day school.

TRADE-OFFS

- Tuition is listed at \$28,450 for the highest grade offered, a significant outlay without guaranteed aid, since awards are needs- and merit-based rather than automatic.
- As a day school with no boarding option, relocating international families must independently secure local housing before enrolling, unlike boarding-capable peer institutions.
- Students applying to grades 4 through 12 must sit the Independent Schools Entrance Exam, and the ratio of applications to openings has held at roughly 3-to-1 in recent years, making seats competitive rather than guaranteed.
- Indianapolis is a secondary Midwestern city rather than a major global or coastal hub, which may narrow the pool of expatriate peers and international-minded extracurricular networks compared with schools in larger metros.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points run from junior kindergarten through grade 12, with the heaviest volume at kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade. Applicants to grades 4-12 must sit the ISEE, and the school reports an application-to-opening ratio of about 3-to-1. Regular Decision and financial-aid deadlines fall in December/January (November 1 for 9th-grade Early Decision), after which files move to rolling review and wait pools, which do not carry over between years. Sibling, alumni or staff status offers no automatic preference; applicants must still demonstrate academic ability and character fit.

WTS RATING 

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