



## 1. General Information

### Message from the Headmaster

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Dear Visitor,

Welcome to our web site. This information is provided to guide you through the extensive offerings, values and philosophy of Cougar Mountain Academy. We hope that this web site will be instrumental in choosing Cougar Mountain Academy for your child and provide quick access to information and programs available at the Academy.

Established in 1962, Cougar Mountain Academy is for gifted or highly capable children and for those who, with parental support, are willing to put forth the effort needed to reach levels of excellence. The Academy nurtures each student as if that child were the only one attending. The dedicated approach to the development of each child at the Academy represents a priceless gift for life.

I hope you will gain an in-depth appreciation of Cougar Mountain Academy as you browse through our web site. I invite you to learn more about Cougar Mountain Academy. Our academic programs are enriched, accelerated and individualized. Studies are matched to the pace at which each child learns and students are supported in their academic endeavors in a nurturing and non-competitive environment.

To receive literature about the Academy or to make an appointment for a tour of the campus and meet with the Headmaster, contact us at (425) 641-2800 or complete request form in Section #9 of this web site.

Warm regards,

Donna R. Ballard  
Headmaster

## Identity

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Founded in 1962 in Bellevue, Washington the School moved in 1972 to the new, permanent Cougar Mountain Campus in Issaquah. Cougar Mountain Academy is an independent, coeducational and non-sectarian private school, established to fulfill with a **high degree of excellence** the intellectual, aesthetic, physical, emotional and social needs of children experiencing the **irreplaceable founding years** of life.

## Philosophy

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Cougar Mountain Academy is a school for **gifted or highly capable** children and is dedicated to providing an excellent education for each individual student. The high caliber curriculum combined with an **individualized, non-graded and non-competitive** approach to learning enables each student to develop optimum potential and a deep love of learning.

The dedicated approach to the development of each child at Cougar Mountain Academy represents an invaluable **gift for life**.

## Grade Levels Offered

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The Cougar Mountain Academy Elementary Program does not define student's level of achievement by connotations such as first, second, third, fourth and fifth grade. Due to the advanced and individualized curriculum, students are referred to as attending the Lower or the Upper Elementary Program.

# Foundation Years of Education

(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

# Preparatory Years of Education

(Pre-Kindergarten)

**UPPER ELEMENTARY**  
Three Year Program  
(Approximate Ages 8-12)

**LOWER ELEMENTARY**  
Two Year Program  
(Approximate Ages 6-9)

**KINDERGARTEN**  
(Approximate Ages 5-6 1/2)

**Pre-Kindergarten**  
One or Two Year Program  
(Approximate Ages 3 1/2 - 5 1/2)

*for  
Children  
with  
High Expectations*



- Accredited by and Member of:  
**Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS)**
- Approved by:  
**Washington State Board of Education**  
Private School Approval
- Member of:  
**Washington Federation of Independent Schools**
- Member of:  
**Issaquah Chamber of Commerce**
- Member of:  
Living Classroom School Program  
**Zoological Society of Washington**

## Mascot



The Mascot of Cougar Mountain Academy is the cat of all cats, the **great American Mountain Lion**. The Academy mascots reside in an award-winning habitat at the Issaquah Zoo located adjacent to the Cougar Mountain Academy Campus.



*'Excellentissima ratio educandi'*

**Colors: Silver, Green and Gold**

## Statue



***The Thinker***

Auguste Rodin (1840 - 1917)

## Academy Song

Cougar Mountain Academy is our Alma Mater  
It is our destiny to excel day by day.  
Always be on top  
For the love of learning.  
Cougar Mountain Academy will be ours forever.  
And our hearts rejoice at this place  
Where the lake meets the trees  
and the trees touch the sky.  
And our hearts rejoice at the School we love  
Where life is prepared for us with love!



The Cougar Mountain Academy student uniform code assures a **superior standard** of School wide appearance factor. Students are required to wear a [school uniform](#). In order to preserve individuality, students are offered a choice of uniform components. The carefully designed Academy uniform creates a more relaxed atmosphere, a sense of belonging and promotes School spirit thus unconsciously upgrading behavior standards and academic excellence.





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