

K5 Meets the Mission Statement

“George Walton Academy provides challenging instruction, engaging experiences, and global perspectives designed to inspire lives of intellectual curiosity, integrity and purpose.”

When you begin an important journey, it’s crucial to set out with your destination in mind. That’s why the faculty at GWA – from K4 teachers to those who teach our senior AP classes – approach each day with a firm understanding of what we’d like to see in each Bulldog on graduation day.

As part of the recent reaccreditation process, we reviewed and reworded our mission statement to better convey the vision of what we want our students to achieve during their time on our campus. We believe that each step along the way is important, but none so important as the first step in our K5 classrooms.

The GWA kindergarten program is the foundation of the college prep experience and is designed to develop the whole child. Our students learn through multi-sensory curriculum, such as our new Orton Gillingham approach to phonics and reading where students are using sand and colors to involve their senses in their learning experience. It’s amazing to see how they engage with technology during in-class activities and time spent in the computer lab. Weekly Spanish lessons enable them to study a language and a culture different from their own, while teaching them to appreciate places and people around the world. Dedicated time for play allows students to begin learning foundational social and soft skills such as sharing, team work, friendship, and inclusion.

All of this takes place within small class sizes with two teachers, allowing each child to receive individual attention and love. Our community is always excited to welcome our new K5 families each year, understanding that this is not only the beginning of their children’s educational journey, but also the families’ relationship with the school. We love seeing the friendships formed between students and families in K5 blossom into lifelong bonds that extend far beyond our campus gates. We truly feel privileged to teach our students, regardless of age, and believe that families who enroll their children in our kindergarten program will benefit throughout their entire lives from their GWA experience.