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## Key Points

- Implements Multiple Intelligences curriculum developed by Dr. Howard Gardner, Harvard *Frames of Mind: Multiple Intelligences, Extraordinary Minds, Intelligence Reframed*
- 15 years of successful operation as a PK-12 school accredited with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (most recent 2003 report is attached)
- One of only 10 internationally accredited schools in the Southeast by CITA, the Commission on International and Trans Regional Accreditation
- Students enrolled from more than 50 countries in the past decade
- Serves 124 students ages 2 ½ - high school graduation in multi-age clusters
- School day is 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. with flexible hours in Preschool & Elementary
- High School students (age 15+) are dually enrolled at Shelton State Community College to also earn college credits and attend real college classes two days a week
- Capitol School's tuition is LESS than the national or Southeast average of public per pupil expenditures: Preschool \$6,389 Elementary \$7,420 Middle/High \$7,975
- Faculty are paid on the state of Alabama public school salary scale and it is the ONLY private school in the state to do so. This pay scale allows the school to recruit from U.S. and international schools to find the most qualified faculty.
- Teacher benefits include: retirement plan that exceeds the State of Alabama plan, Blue Cross and Blue Shield health and dental insurance, life insurance, cancer insurance, disability insurance, tuition paid for graduate studies, paid attendance to national conferences and inservice, option for summer teaching, & voting member of site-based Teacher Council
- Parents are required to volunteer one hour weekly to support their child's education
- Students take a variety of music lessons including: KinderMusik, Orff, violin, piano, handbells, glockenspiels, and guitar (all lessons included in tuition)
- Beginning at age 2 ½, all students take Spanish daily & German twice weekly with French added 3 days a week in Middle School
- Art lessons twice weekly in small groups of 11 starting at age 5
- Sports include weekly lessons (depending on season) in swimming, Life Guarding, tennis, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and gymnastics. Middle School and High School students have afternoon clubs that include racquetball and horseback riding lessons.

*Tomorrow's School for Today's Child*