



# CAIS GRANTS RUMSEY HALL FULL ACCREDITATION

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When parents and students choose Rumsey Hall they recognize that they are not only choosing a school, but a home and a second family for their child. To choose Rumsey Hall is to embrace the whole child approach to education. In its continual pursuit of excellence, Rumsey Hall undergoes a re-accreditation evaluation through the **Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)** every ten years to ensure the School maintains accountability in upholding its mission. The evaluation also serves as the basis for crafting a comprehensive vision for Rumsey Hall's future. The School first gained CAIS accreditation status in 1967.

## A SUMMARY OF NOTEWORTHY CAIS COMMENDATIONS

**The School's Administration and Faculty fully embrace and live the School's mission in a highly visible, committed manner.** The fulfillment of the School's mission is reflected daily in the excellent academic outcomes, the wonderful, positive character and empathy of the children, the positive dorm experience and the sheer love of learning exhibited by students, making Rumsey Hall a school experience highly valued and supported by both students and their parents.

**The School's sense of family and community is anchored by its core values.** Rumsey holds fast to the ideal of the faculty member serving as teacher, coach and dorm parent. Students have many opportunities for positive daily interactions—from Morning Meeting, the classrooms, the athletic fields, to meals in the Dining Hall and the advisory/residential life program, resulting in a nurturing climate and close-knit community. The entire community celebrates the guiding tenets of *Honesty*, *Kindness* and *Respect* in daily campus life. Students and faculty know each other by name and appreciate every person's individual talents and qualities.

**The School continually adapts to find new and creative opportunities to enhance the Rumsey experience, exposing students to a myriad possibilities and encouraging them to take risks.** The faculty identifies individual student needs and implements programs, policies and methods whereby the

students feel empowered, supported and encouraged to reach their potential and to participate fully in the academic, athletic and arts programs offered by the school. Teachers meet the developmental needs and pace of the individual student by reinforcing and recognizing personal effort as a key to success and celebrating students' unique strengths and qualities.

**The School creates and implements a vibrant, active and supportive residential environment,** deftly balancing good structure and the opportunity for students to become independent self-advocates, develop healthy friendships and enjoy and fully engage in the School's natural surroundings. The dorm program clearly enhances the experience of students at Rumsey Hall.

**Through the Administration's vision and Board of Trustees' steadfast leadership, the campus has been thoughtfully transformed and expanded. The Endowment has grown substantially from \$3.5 million in 2006 to \$14 million today.** The new facilities constructed over the past ten years include the Maxwell A. Sarofim '05 Performing Arts Center, Lufkin Rink, four new dormitories with family faculty housing, the Campus Center/Farmen Hall Dining facility and the Dorothy Rochon Anderson Memorial Building—each central to the students' daily experience. The Endowment provides financial security for the School and enriches and supports innovation and initiatives in programming that improve the experience for Rumsey students.