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member. Each role gives the student an important job and helps create a sense of pride and belonging. Students are required to participate in three sports throughout the year and in life skills training programs, which cover topics like making change, telling time, check writing, balancing checkbooks, and tipping protocol. They also learn Home economics and participate in discussions of such issues as peer pressures, bullying, and inter-personal relationships. All students participate in two-hour homework schedules as well.

Although students are well monitored to avoid inappropriate behaviors, it is permissible for the students to have romantic relationships at the school. It is also permissible for example, for students to kiss each other goodnight.

The classrooms are well equipped and the library has over 7,000 volumes. Along with basic academic skills, students are taught use of computers, including learning such programs as word processing, excel spreadsheets and other applications. The school also has a gymnasium, theatre, swimming pool, athletic fields, music department and an art department. It is easy to see that, like their classmates at home, the required athletic participation and creative activities, the students develop rich memories of their experiences at Maplebrook. These are experiences they were unlikely to experience in their home school. The teachers are trained in a multi-sensory approach and provide small nurturing classrooms. The following are programs used by Maplebrook: Accelerated Reading, Wilson Reading Systems, STAR Reading, speech and language services, social skills training, tutoring and teacher-run study halls.

Each student is assigned a staff mentor, with each mentor having only three students. Students meet at least weekly with their mentors and frequently more often. The mentors also communicate with the families every two weeks, with an administrative staff calling the parents every three weeks to assure that communication does not break down. The students are supported in their growth through identified character education principles and earn points for appropriate behaviors. When at the highest levels, students become members of the Character Honor Society, giving them extra privileges and recognition.

Maplebrook provides a well rounded school that provides rich and rewarding experiences that their students would unlikely achieve at home or in the public school system.

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