

Task One (Park Place)

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The agency I chose to evaluate is Park Place School, located in Norfolk, Va. Permission to evaluate the school's after-school programs was obtained by Amy Phillips on the 29th of January by phone. Park Place School is an application-based school that serves grades 2-5 and serves communities of color and low-income areas. Park Place also partners with New Life Church and also works with students from ODU to intern and volunteer with the children (Park Place School 19).

Mission

Park Place School's mission "is to build strong academic and spiritual foundations in students to prepare them for success" (Park Place School 19). While there is no direct purpose that was listed on their website or while visiting the school, I reviewed the Vision section of their website and noticed that Park Place School believes in working with children of low-income areas and being giving them knowledge through Christ and traditional education. Small class sizes and more focused teaching on fundamentals seemed to be mentioned a lot through the school also.

Population

Park Place School has a total number of 49 students which are 98 percent of color which makes Park Place school among 20 percent of private schools in Virginia for the highest percentage of students of color (Private School Review 19).

Location

Park Place School in the suburban area in Norfolk, VA, which has the population of 245,752. This location has a C rating according to Niche with the most violent crimes which are assault and robbery, the most frequent crimes are theft of property and burglary (Niche 19).

Reasoning

The reason I chose Park Place School is that I would like to work in this area once I complete my degree. Park Place School also services “at-risk” students and I believe that by evaluating how the school interact and handles situations that may occur with students. This would allow me to retain this information for later experiences I may occur with my own non-profit and also gain insight from the students perspective of things.

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