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Class of '06, Class of '07: Where they went

East/West Sylvan	Public, Spanish magnet	14
Gilkey International Middle School	Private	6
Hosford	Public, Spanish & Chinese magnet	4
Beaverton International School	Public	3
Jackson	Public	2
Mt Tabor	Public, Japanese magnet	2
Oregon Episcopal School	Private	2
DaVinci	Public, arts magnet	1
Inza Wood	Public	1
Madeleine	Private	1
Metropolitan Learning Center	Public	1
Northwest Academy	Private	1
Riverdale	Public	1
St. Anthony's	Private	1
Sunnyside Environmental	Public, green magnet	1
Trinity Lutheran	Private	1
Winterhaven	Public, math/ science magnet	1
Unknown		2

Observations from beyond TIS

Every summer we ask our prior year's graduate families for their perspectives on their TIS experience. Here are some thoughts from parents of the Class of 2006:

Thinking back about TIS:

"When you drop a child off at TIS, you know they will be loved and cared for."

"Trish, the art teacher, rocks. She will be one of those teachers my kids remember forever."

"The solid Chinese language/culture curriculum has given my daughter a strong identity with her culture."

"The trip to Spain was a very positive, broadening experience."

"Chinese Dance gave her the opportunity to participate in the community at several levels."

"I am so grateful for the language base my daughter developed in Chinese."

The impact that's visible today:

"My daughter went to China this year and did a veterinary internship at the panda preserve!"

"With all her TIS performances and poetry, she is a poised, confident 7th grader."

"My daughter is interested in organizing 'International Day' at her middle school as her 8th grade project. Her personal friends - including teachers - from TIS are still important to her, and I think those friendships will continue."

"My child takes care of children where only Spanish is spoken, and she has a couple of Spanish-speaking friends she converses with in Spanish."

Looking toward the future . . .

"My child plans to continue to study Spanish. She may attend university in a Spanish-speaking country, at least for a term or a year."

"Their math skills are very good - I think the language wired that part of their brain too."

"Both my children (products of TIS) view the world in a global way - they realize and appreciate that the world is bigger than America."

