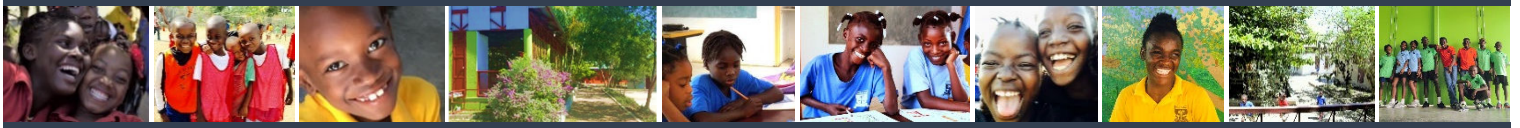




The School of Choice/ l'École de Choix

Choix Educates & Empowers Girls

OUR MISSION: To partner with Haitians to educate and develop Haitian youth to lead their communities, Haiti and the world.



Why is it Vital to Educate Girls?

When you educate a girl, you give her a powerful voice, and that power is one of the key pathways to securing economic stability for herself and her family. Here is the economic payoff (referred to as the "stabilization dividend"):

- If a girl receives 7 years of schooling, her children are twice as likely to attend primary school, she marries 4 years later, and has 2.2 fewer children.
- For every 10% more girls that go to school, a country's GDP increases an average of 3%.
- When more girls are educated, a country's malnutrition and HIV rates decline.
- Educated mothers are 50% more likely to immunize their children.
- When female farmers are educated, crop yields rise.
- When women take leadership roles in their community, corruption diminishes.
- When women are educated and empowered, democracy is more likely to flourish and the conditions that promote extremism are reduced.
- When women actively participate in decision making at all levels, there is a 35% greater chance of sustainable peace over 15 years.

What Makes Choix Distinct?

At Choix, we ensure that 50% of our students are comprised of Haitian girls and that all of our students learn in an environment infused with values of respect, dignity and accountability. **Our unique program:**

- Models an unwavering commitment to gender equity in our campus culture, student body and employment opportunities.
- Develops both girls and boys as young Haitian leaders, reinforcing the message to both that opportunities are gender blind.
- Includes girls in every aspect of its program, including athletics. Our Choix female athletes are among the best track athletes in the country!
- Encourages students to delight in difference, be challenged by dissent and model a gentle kindness toward each other.
- Manages tuition levels and payment plans in a manner that allows parents to send **both** their daughters and sons.

Women in Haiti today?

In the majority of Haitian households, women bear the responsibility for chores, care for children and for other family members. They are often the breadwinners as well.

- 70%** Portion of Haitian women who have been affected by violence (primarily domestic).
- 17%** Haitian women married in adolescence vs 2% of men
- 57%** Literacy rate for women vs 64% for men
- 9%** Voter turnout for women in the 2016 Presidential elections
- 138** Of 155 countries on the *Gender Inequality Index*
- 187** Of 190 countries in terms of women's political participation



"If someone asks you a question, and you have to think about it, an important question, and you have an education you can respond. If you don't have an education, you feel that you have nothing to say." – Schieline

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Join us! Invest in education and break the cycle of poverty for families, communities and for Haiti.

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