



## MADISON RIDGELAND ACADEMY

Founded in 1969

### Academic Profile

2017-2018

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**Grades:** K-12  
**Enrollment:** 1105  
**Graduating Class:** 88

**Headmaster:** Termie Land  
**Principal:** Greg Self  
**Guidance Counselor:** Libbo Crosswhite  
**Senior Counselor:** Harry Hill

**ACT Code:** 251-739

### **School and Community:**

Madison-Ridgeland Academy is an independent college preparatory school educating students pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. MRA was established in 1969 for the purpose of providing the communities of Madison and Ridgeland with the opportunity to enroll their children in an independent school offering both academic achievement and character development. Enrollment in 2017-18 was 1105. Currently, there are approximately 540 middle school and high school students enrolled.

Madison Ridgeland Academy admits students from all ethnic, cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds that can benefit from a challenging academic program as well as a variety of curricular and extracurricular programs. MRA enrolls students who have demonstrated average to highly exceptional intellectual ability and offers appropriately paced instruction to accommodate this range of ability in its competitive college preparatory curriculum.

### **Accreditation:**

Madison Ridgeland Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

### **Faculty:**

Madison-Ridgeland Academy's mission statement, "Educating the Mind, Body, and Spirit," requires a high priority be placed on maintaining a highly professional and skilled faculty. Currently, MRA employs ninety-seven faculty members and seven support staff members who provide daily instruction and academic guidance for the students. MRA's current administrative leadership team includes the Headmaster, the Associate Headmaster/High School Principal, the Middle School Principal, the Elementary Principal, and the Kindergarten Principal. Counseling services for students are directed by a high school guidance counselor and a middle school/elementary counselor. All administrators, teachers, and counselors are certified by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools.

### **Admissions:**

Admission to MRA is competitive. An applicant's entrance test, school record, standardized test scores, and recommendations are all considered in the admission process.

### **School Calendar:**

The school operates on a two-semester system, 178 days divided by two terms. Students sit for comprehensive exams at the end of each semester. The school day is divided into seven 52-minute class periods that meet daily.

### **Curriculum:**

Madison-Ridgeland Academy offers a traditional, college preparatory curriculum which emphasizes core courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign languages, supplemented by a variety of electives that meet the needs and interests of students. MRA offers its students over eighty courses to insure their successful transition to higher education and maintains a level of enrollment that provides opportunities for academic success and co-curricular involvement.

Madison-Ridgeland Academy offers honors and advanced placement courses to motivated students who seek a more challenging curriculum. Honors programs in math, science, and English begin in the middle school level. Advanced placement courses in virtually every area are available to qualified high school students. All students who take advanced placement courses are required to take the AP exam for these courses, providing each participating student with an opportunity to receive college credit at most colleges and universities.

Madison-Ridgeland Academy is committed to the individual development of each student. MRA secondary students are encouraged to participate in diverse activities suited to their personal interests and talents, such as student government, service clubs, honor societies, subject area and interest clubs, student publications, academic competitions, choral music, and athletics.

One hundred percent of Madison-Ridgeland Academy graduates attend post-secondary schools with 92% attending four-year colleges or universities. In the past five years, MRA has had eight National Merit Finalists, its graduates have been offered an average of over \$4.0 million each year in scholarships and have been accepted to over fifty-one different colleges and universities across the nation. Professionally, MRA graduates have made positive contributions in the fields of medicine, law, business, engineering, and education.

<b><u>Graduation Requirements</u></b>		<b><u>Grading Scale</u></b>
<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Unit</u>	A+ .....100-98
English	4	A .....97-94
Math	4	A- .....93-90
Science	4	B+ ..... 89-87
Social Studies	4	B ..... 86-84
Foreign Language	2	B- ..... 83-80
Fine Art	1	C+ ..... 79-77
Bible	.5	C ..... 76-74
Health	.5	C- ..... 73-70
Computer	.5	Failure = Below 70
Communication	.5	
<u>Electives</u>	<u>3</u>	
Total	24	

<b><u>College Admission Test Scores:</u></b>				<b><u>Cumulative Grade Distribution</u></b>	
Class	ACT	Nat'l	State	<b>by Quartiles</b>	
		Avg.	Avg.	<u>CLASS of 2018 = 88 seniors</u>	
				Quartiles	GPA Range
2018	24.95	---	---	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.92 – 4.40
2017	23.86	21.01	18.6	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30 – 4.20
2016	24.7	20.8	18.4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.10 – 3.90
2015	23.8	21.0	19.0	4 <sup>th</sup>	3.80 – 2.60
2014	24.4	21.0	18.9		
2013	23.98	20.9	18.9		
2012	22.90	21.1	18.7		
2011	24.27	21.1	18.7		
2010	23.77	21.0	18.8		

## **College Matriculations of MRA graduates**

Auburn University  
Baylor University  
Belhaven University  
Belmont University  
Birmingham Southern University  
Boston University  
Copiah-Lincoln Community College  
Delta State University  
Duke University  
East Mississippi Community College  
Harding University  
Hernando Pasco Community College  
Hinds Community College  
Holmes Community College  
Lindenwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola – New Orleans  
Meridian Community College  
Memphis College of Art  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Millsaps College  
Mississippi College  
Mississippi State University  
Mississippi University for Women  
Pepperdine University  
Rhodes College  
Samford University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
Southern Methodist University  
Spring Hills College  
Texas A&M University  
Tulane University  
Union University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Military Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arizona  
University of California at Berkley  
University of California at Los Angeles  
University of Memphis  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Southern Mississippi  
University of Tennessee at Martin  
University of West Alabama  
Vanderbilt University  
Western Michigan University