



MADISON RIDGELAND ACADEMY

Founded in 1969

Academic Profile

2020-2021

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Grades: K-12
Enrollment: 1372
Graduating Class: 78

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Principal: Greg Self
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Senior Counselor: Beth Smith

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 one hundred fifty 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 that 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 ensure 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 at 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.

| <u>Graduation Requirements</u> | | <u>Grading Scale</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Discipline</u> | <u>Unit</u> | A+100-98 |
| English | 4 | A97-94 |
| 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 | 1 | Failure = Below 70 |
| Communication | .5 | |
| <u>Electives</u> | <u>2.5</u> | |
| Total | 24 | |

| <u>College Admission Test Scores:</u> | | | | <u>Cumulative Grade Distribution</u> | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|---|--------------|
| Class | ACT | Nat'l | State | by Quartiles | |
| | | Avg. | Avg. | <u>CLASS of 2021 = 78 seniors</u> | |
| | | | | Quartiles | GPA Range |
| 2021 | 24.26 | ---- | ---- | 1 st | 4.924 – 4.52 |
| 2020 | 25.35 | 20.6 | 18.5 | 2 nd | 4.51 – 4.15 |
| 2019 | 25.97 | 20.7 | 18.4 | 3 rd | 4.15 – 3.59 |
| 2018 | 24.95 | 20.9 | 18.6 | 4 th | 3.55 – 2.72 |
| 2017 | 23.86 | 21.01 | 18.6 | | |

College Matriculations of MRA graduates

Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belhaven University
Belmont University
Birmingham Southern University
Boston University
Coppiah-Lincoln Community College
Delta State University
Duke University
East Mississippi Community College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida International University
Harding University
Harvard College
Hernando Pasco Community College
Hinds Community College
Holmes Community College
Jones Community College
Lindenwood University
Louisiana State University
Loyola – New Orleans
Marymount Manhattan College
Meridian Community College
Memphis College of Art
Middle Tennessee State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi College
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
Northwest Mississippi Community College
Pepperdine University
Point Loma 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
Tuskegee 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 Berkeley
University of California at Los Angeles
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Memphis
University of Mississippi
University of Mobile
University of Montevallo
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of South Alabama
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Tennessee at Martin
University of West Alabama
Vanderbilt University
Western Michigan University