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# **Purpose:**

Midland Classical Academy is committed to recovering classical education and the Christian worldview in order to revitalize the impact of the Holy Scriptures on human history. Education at Midland Classical Academy is intended to be inherently different in philosophy and content from most schools.

## **Classical Education:**

In all its levels, programs, and teaching, Midland Classical Academy seeks to do the following:

- Emphasize the Classical Trivium: grammar, logic, and rhetoric in all subjects.
- Encourage every student to reach his academic potential and to develop the skills correspondent to learning and thinking for oneself.
- Provide an orderly atmosphere conducive to the attainment of the above goals.

## **Enrollment:**

High School enrollment is 99. Junior High enrollment is 94.

## **Faculty:**

24 Full time, 9 Part time men & women. Class sizes are limited to 15 students.

# **Memberships:**

Texas Association of Private & Parochial Schools - Class 3A Division: Academic, Art, Debate, Music, Robotics, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Baseball, Golf, Power Lifting, Swimming, Track and Tennis.

## **Grading & Ranking:**

The students' work will be evaluated by an objective standard in each class rather than compared with other students. MCA students must master each course to receive credit per the following guidelines:

- Mastery with Honor ~ 92.5 & above with research project
- Mastery ~ 85 92.4
- Non-Mastery ~ below 85

Our grading system is designed to emphasize the development of character and leadership in our students rather than comparisons one with another or other common measures.

We therefore do not rank our students.

MCA uses the following grading scale:

| Numerical<br>Grade | Letter<br>Grade for<br>Transcript | Grade<br>Points for<br>Transcript |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 95.5-100           | A+                                | 4.0                               |
| 92.5-95.4          | A                                 | 4.0                               |
| 89.5-92.4          | A-                                | 4.0                               |
| 86.5-89.4          | B+                                | 3.0                               |
| 84.5-86.4          | В                                 | 3.0                               |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

## **Mastery with Honor Projects:**

At the end of the fall semester, students earning a 92.5 grade in a class, may work on a Mastery with Honor Project. These projects must meet the following requirements: teacher approval, a minimum of 20 hours of work outside of class, should advance education in that class, and be of service to the school, community, or church. Students who complete these projects by the end of April and maintain a grade of 92.5 or above, receive a Mastery with Honor Evaluation and Award at the end of the year.

## **Honor Roll:**

Placement on the Honor Roll requires three courses with a Mastery with Honor evaluation, mastery of all other courses, and the completion of six courses during the year.

## **Graduation with Honors:**

A student may graduate with honors from MCA by achieving the Honor Roll for at least 4 years, 3 of which must be in high school.

## **Service Awards:**

MCA grants Service Awards to students who volunteer 25 hours/year in service to the school. Students who perform an additional 25 hours of service to the community are awarded a Community Service Award.

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

MCA offers a variety of extra-curricular activities during the school year. In order to be eligible to participate in competition, students must be mastering all classes (85% or above).

## **Round Table Groups:**

The student body is divided into male and female peer groups which are led by juniors and seniors. The purpose of these groups is to provide mentoring for younger students while promoting leadership among upperclassmen.

# CLASS OF 2018 Standardized Tests:

## **ACT**

56% took the ACT National Average: 21.0

## Average Scores:

|           | Nat'l. Average | <b>MCA</b> |
|-----------|----------------|------------|
| English:  | 20.3           | 23.6       |
| Math      | 20.7           | 23.2       |
| Reading   | 21.4           | 24.3       |
| Science   | 21.0           | 22.4       |
| Composite | 21.0           | 23.4       |

## **SAT Reasoning Test**

92% took the SAT (1600 scale) National Average 2017

# Average Scores:

|          | Nat'l. Average | MCA  |
|----------|----------------|------|
| E-BRW    | 533            | 607  |
| Math     | 527            | 587  |
| Combined | 1060           | 1194 |

# **Graduation Requirements**

In order to graduate from Midland Classical Academy's High School, a student must earn 28 credits as follows:

| Subject               | Courses   | Credits |
|-----------------------|---|---------|
| Bible                 | New Testament Survey<br>Rhetoric I (Composition)<br>Apologetics   | 3       |
| English               | English I (Great Books I)The Greeks English II (Great Books II)The Romans English III (Great Books III)The Middle Ages English IV (Great Books IV)Renaissance to Today, English V (Advanced Literature) American Literature | 4       |
| Speech                | Rhetoric II   | 1       |
| Language              | Greek I,II  | 2       |
| Social<br>Studies     | World History I/Geography I (Rome and the Middle Ages) World History II/Geography II (Renaissance to Modern Times) American History U.S. Government (.5) Economics (.5)   | 4       |
| Math                  | Algebra I Algebra II Geometry Pre-Calculus Calculus Logic   | 5       |
| Science               | Biology Physics Chemistry Astronomy or Anatomy or Adv. Physics  | 4       |
| Fine Arts             | Arts and Music<br>Music and Drama   | 1       |
| Senior<br>Research    |   | 1       |
| Physical<br>Education |   | 1       |
| Electives             |   | 2       |
| TOTAL                 |   | 28      |

- Electives are chosen from above categories and must include Logic unless taken in 9th grade.
- Courses are full year in duration with a flexible modular schedule. This is truly college preparatory in its emphasis on student responsibility & time management.
- Senior Research Project is a class in which students are assigned to teachers as assistants with responsibilities that include grading, teaching, tutoring and writing a formal research paper. The final exam for this class is conducted as a public oral exam. Seniors present a thesis before a public audience and a panel of teachers. The panel then questions the student about their thesis, and the student must defend his work.

## Sample Reading List

#### 9th Grade

The Bible/New Testament Homer/The Iliad, The Odyssey Aristotle/Physics, Metaphysics, Nicomachean Ethics Virgil/The Aeneid Darwin/The Origin of the Species

Augustine/Confessions Shakespeare/Selected Plays Behe/Darwin's Black Box

Dante/Inferno/Purgatory

## 10th Grade

Chaucer/Canterbury Tales
Shakespeare/Hamlet, Macbeth
Aquinas/Summa Theologica
Machiavelli/Prince
Milton/Paradise Lost
Hobbes/Leviathan
St. John/Selected portions in Koine Greek
Schaeffer/How Should We Then Live

#### 11th Grade

Swift/Gulliver's Travels
Aristotle/On Rhetoric
Euclid/The Elements
Dickens/Great Expectations
Kierkegaard/Fear and Trembling
Hume/Treatise of Human Nature
Conrad/Heart of Darkness
Rousseau/The Social Contract
Descartes/Meditations
Kant/Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics
More/Utonia

Nietzsche/Beyond Good and Evil

#### 12th Grade

The Koran
Huxley/Brave New World
Defoe/Robinson Crusoe
Hamilton, Jay & Madison/The Federalist
Papers
Lincoln/Selected Speeches
Twain/Selected Writings
C.S.Lewis/Mere Christianity
James Bradley/Flags of Our Fathers
Elie Wiesel/Night
Charles Dickens/Tale of Two Cities

## College Acceptances & Matriculations

- Abilene Christian University
- Angelo State University
- Auburn University (AL)
- Baylor University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Clemson University
- Dallas Baptist University
- George Washington University
- Grove City College
- Hardin Simmons University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- John Brown University
- Lee University in Tennessee
- LeTourneau University
- Liberty University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Mary Hardin Baylor
- Oklahoma State University
- Southwestern University
- St. Edwards University
- Stephen F. Austin University
- Texas A & M University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- Texas Women's University
- Tulane University
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of Alaska
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of Dallas
- University of Nebraska
- University of Nevada
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Texas
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- University of Washington
- Virginia Tech University
- Wichita State University

(For complete listing please refer to MCAknights.org)