



Midland Classical Academy

A Classical and Christ-centered Education

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Midland Classical Academy uses an admissions procedure found at many other private schools and colleges. Our goal is to accurately identify and admit students from families who have aligned themselves with the school's goals and policies regarding the education of children.

The selection and composition of the school's student body is second only to staff selection in the impact it has upon the school's mission. The **family-like** atmosphere **Midland Classical Academy** seeks to foster and currently enjoys is due in great measure to the similarity of biblical convictions and principles taught and lived out in many of the homes of our students. **As the Lord blesses us with growth and change, we want to do all we can to maintain and strengthen that atmosphere.**

The process for new applicants is as follows:

- **January 1 - May 15:** Applications and policy handbooks will be distributed to interested families and completed applications will be collected. Placement testing, interviews, and relevant documentation for each new student will be evaluated as applications are received. A \$135.00 New Student Application Fee is due at this time for all students.
- **March 1 - May 15:** Notification of acceptance or denial will be mailed to each applicant. Accepted applicants will receive all appropriate information for preparing for school, including financial arrangements. Your first tuition payment (1/10th of tuition) is due upon acceptance.
- **After May 15 (or after all notifications have been mailed):** Applications will be considered as they are received and as space permits.
- **After August 1st:** Part-time applicants for MCA Upper School who desire to take individual classes will be considered.

A student's academic achievements will be considered in the application process primarily for class placement. A student's character and family priorities will weigh heavily in determining acceptance.

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Upper School (7th - 12th)
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Date Received _____	Application Fee _____	Placement Test _____	Interview Date _____
Accepted _____	Denied _____	Immunization _____	
Payment by FACTS _____	Full _____	1st Payment Received _____	Enrollment Date _____

NEW STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Student _____ Sex ____ D.O.B. __ / __ / __

Grade Entering: _____ Social Security Number _____

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Grade Entering: _____ Social Security Number _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Business Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Place of Employment _____

Position _____

Mother's Name _____

Business Phone _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Place of Employment _____

Position _____

I. With whom does/do the applicant(s) live? _____

II. Person financially responsible _____

III. If school correspondence is to be sent to an address other than the applicant's home address, please

indicate: Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

1. Have you received and read the **Policy Handbook for Midland Classical Academy?** Yes _____ No _____
(Further information is also available on the school's website, www.mcaknights.org.) Are there any points of philosophy or school policy which are inconsistent with your goals for your family which you wish to question or contest? If yes, please describe _____

2. How did you hear about **Midland Classical Academy?** _____

3. Why do you want your child or children to attend **Midland Classical Academy?** _____

4. How do you think parents should participate in the education of their children? _____

5. Do you agree to have your children taught in accordance with the enclosed **Statement of Faith?**
Yes _____ No _____

6. Is either parent, step-parent, or guardian opposed to an education based on a Christian worldview?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain. _____

7. Do you understand that **Upper School** students will be exposed to overtly non-Christian literature as a part of their education at **Midland Classical Academy?** Yes _____ No _____

8. Do you agree to allow your **Upper School** student(s) to participate on that basis? Yes _____ No _____

9. Family's Church: _____ Pastor: _____

10. **Midland Classical Academy** is dependent on parents who regularly and enthusiastically serve the school. With the agreement of a minimum of 5 service hours per month for Upper School and 3 hours per month for Grammar School parents, we are able to pass on a lower tuition rate and still provide a high quality education.

NOTE: For families with children at both Upper and Grammar Schools, your monthly service hour requirement will be: Upper School (4 hours/month) and Grammar School (2 hours/month). **Are you willing to commit to this servicerequirement (August through May)?** Yes _____ No _____ In the event that you decline or are not able to fulfill your service hours for any given reason for the month, you will be required to pay \$15.00/Upper School hour and \$10.00/Grammar School hour to defray the cost of your absence.

11.

Please list the school last attended or presently attending:

Name of Student _____ School Name _____

Name of Student _____ School Name _____

Name of Student _____ School Name _____

12.

Please list name(s) of sibling(s) and the school(s) presently attending:

Name of Sibling _____ School Name _____

Name of Sibling _____ School Name _____

Name of Sibling _____ School Name _____

13.

Midland Classical Academy is not staffed to handle students with learning disabilities or those who have trouble behaviorally. Please be candid when you answer the following questions so that we may consider the availability of a reasonable accommodation or whether **MCA** presents an appropriate environment for your child. (If more than one child is applying, please consider each one when answering.) Further elaboration on your answers may be requested during an interview. In answering these questions, please keep the following in mind.

Upper School students must be able to:

- **Move from class to class within a five (5) minute time frame.**
- **Timely appear at school and be picked up at the appropriate time.**
- **Carry or pull a backpack (books, papers, etc.) of a weight ranging from 10 to 25 lbs. to and from school and between classes.**
- **Focus on tasks for a period ranging from 55 minutes to 110 minutes with a break.**
- **Communicate in English at a grade appropriate level.**
- **Contribute verbally to class discussions in a way that is not disruptive.**
- **Maintain an average grade of 85 or above.**
- **Read books at a grade appropriate level.**
- **Perform mathematic calculations at a grade appropriate level.**
- **Communicate in writing at a grade appropriate level.**

- Operate a calculator (beginning at grade 7).
- Participate in Science Lab activities (beginning at grade 7).

Grammar School students must be able to:

- Timely appear at school and be picked up at the appropriate time.
- Carry or pull a backpack (books, papers, etc.) of a weight ranging from 10 to 25 lbs. to and from school and between classes.
- Focus on a task for a period ranging from 15 to 30 minutes for Kindergarten through 2nd and 20 to 45 minutes for 3rd through 6th grades.
- Sit for a period of 20 minutes for Kindergarten through 2nd and 30 to 40 minutes for 3rd through 6th grades.
- Contribute verbally to class discussions in a way that is not disruptive.
- Maintain an average grade of 85 or above.
- Read books at a grade appropriate level.
- Perform mathematic calculations at a grade appropriate level.
- Communicate in writing at a grade appropriate level.
- Participate in a Science Lab in 5th and 6th grades.

(a) Are there any known medical, psychological, mental, emotional, or learning differences such as ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, etc. that could have any impact on the applicant's ability to flourish in a rigorous academic environment?

Yes _____ No _____

(b) Is the student taking any medication? Yes _____ No _____

(c) Has the student ever been suspended or expelled by a previous school? Yes _____ No _____

(d) Has the student ever been involved in legal problems or been arrested? Yes _____ No _____

(e) Has either parent/guardian ever been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

(f) Is there any impediment (whether a sex offense conviction, court order or otherwise) preventing the parent/guardian from interacting with students attending **MCA** or making such interaction ill-advised?

Yes _____ No _____

14.

Do you know families who attend **Midland Classical Academy**? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please list their names here _____

15.

In attempting to resolve a conflict between you (or your child) and the classroom teacher, an administrator, or the school board, at what point, if any, would you call or write to other parents? _____

16. Which virtues would you most desire your child to exhibit? _____

17. How would you respond if your child begins to struggle academically? _____

18. How much time for schoolwork each week is tolerable in your family (include class time and study time, not time spent on school premises between classes)? _____

19. How do you promote spiritual values in your home? _____

20. **Midland Classical Academy Upper School** has an open campus. Are you willing to coach your child toward being fully capable of managing his/her time at school for studying when not in class?
Yes _____ No _____

21. **Midland Classical Academy Grammar School** is unable to provide supervision for your child outside of school hours. Are you able to drop off and pick up your child at the times set forth in the schedule?
Yes _____ No _____

22. **Midland Classical Academy Grammar School** offers two sections per grade. Would you prefer **Monday-Wednesday-Friday 1/2 day** or **Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 1/2 day**? **M-W-F** _____ **T-TH-F** _____ Although we do our best to accommodate preferences, your first choice may not be available.

23. **Midland Classical Academy Grammar School** students in kindergarten through sixth grade have the option of taking three (3) enrichment classes on Fridays. Please circle the **two** enrichment options each child will take in addition to Science.

- Name _____ Grade _____ Science (Required) Art / Music / Spanish
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24.

TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION COMPLETE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Upper School Instructions

- ◆ A \$135.00 per student, non-refundable application fee due at this time;
- ◆ A copy of the most recent achievement test scores;
- ◆ Report cards or transcripts from the previous two years;
- ◆ Student's current Immunization Record;
- ◆ A writing sample from the student;
- ◆ Completed and initialed Tuition Payment Schedule (see inserted page).

Grammar School Instructions

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- ◆ A copy of the most recent achievement test scores;
- ◆ Report cards or transcripts from the previous two years;
- ◆ Student's current Immunization Record;
- ◆ Completed and initialed Tuition Payment Schedule (see inserted page).

After the school receives the completed application and other required materials, we will contact you to arrange placement testing and an interview.

Midland Classical Academy admits students of any race to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally made available to students at our school. **Midland Classical Academy** practices a biblical philosophy of admissions, not discriminating on the basis of race, sex, color, or national origin in the administration of its policies, admissions, and other school-directed programs. Admission of each student will be based upon his or her character, family priorities, and academic merit as determined by *Midland Classical Academy's Board*.

PARENTAL / RESPONSIBLE PARTY SIGNATURE

I certify that this application is correct. I understand my financial commitment and the dates payments are due. I agree to faithfully meet my financial and service obligations to **Midland Classical Academy**. I have read, understand, and agree with the school's guidelines and policies in the **Policy Handbook**.

Parent / Responsible Party's Signature

Printed Name

Date

ANSWER KEY

Why are we providing the answers to our Admissions Application? Because our goal is not to have you guess the kind of students and families we are seeking, but rather to convey to you the philosophy and culture of **Midland Classical Academy**. In this way you can, along with us, knowledgeably and prayerfully decide if **MCA** is the right choice for your family.

When you read these answers which reflect the school's philosophy, you may wholeheartedly agree, or you may not agree at all. If you do not agree, then you have three choices of action. First, you can decide not to enroll your child and choose another school more in keeping with your philosophy. Second, you can be honest about your disagreement, and plan to go along with our philosophy of education. Third, you can agree and figure you can always object later. If this is not a school you can appreciate unreservedly (or at least tolerably) and support without major changes, the best course would be to back out gracefully now. The Lord God requires parents to be active leaders in the education of their children (*Deut. 6:4-9, Eph. 6:4*), but that responsibility does not include trying to re-shape an entire class or institution to fit your individual preferences.

- 1.** If you have any significant disagreements with the school's policies, we believe it is best to address those up front.
- 2.** Responses will vary.
- 3.** Responses will vary.
- 4.** **Midland Classical Academy** believes education is parent-owned and parent-led. Without motivation emanating from parents, students are likely to fall short of **Midland Classical Academy's** academic standards.
- 5.** It is not required that you agree with our **Statement of Faith**, but our desire is to be transparent with respect to the underlying presuppositions of **Midland Classical Academy**. **Upper School** students are exposed to many points of view, but our objective is to assist them, as best we are able in our finite ability, to discover what is true as distinguished from what is not.
- 6.** In teaching from the perspective of our **Statement of Faith**, we attempt to instill biblical presuppositions through which to evaluate materials presented in class. Any objections to this approach are best dealt with in advance.
- 7.** In order to develop a Christian worldview fully, we believe it is desirable to study many of the works that have forged Western civilization. Many ideas that have shaped our culture are overtly non-Christian. We believe that by studying these works first-hand, we can assist students in not only understanding the origin of our culture, but also in developing an appreciation/awareness that will allow them to rise above many of the base elements of society.

8. Responses will vary.
9. Responses will vary.
10. Securing a commitment of service from parents accomplishes two important objectives:
- Holding down tuition costs.
 - Involving parents in school culture and the education of their children.
11. Responses will vary.
12. Responses will vary.
13. Responses will vary.
14. Responses will vary.
15. Conflicts should be resolved at the lowest level possible, in accordance with *Matthew 18*. If you have a problem with a tutor, a board member, or other parents, you must first meet with the person involved. If an agreement cannot be reached, both parties should then approach the next level of authority. You should not gossip with other parents about a problem.
16. Answers to this question will vary from family to family and child to child, but we would like to get an idea of what values are important to your family.
17. One of **Midland Classical Academy's** greatest strengths is academic excellence. Our curriculum goals demand much effort from every student. Parents of students who must work harder to keep up with the academic demands may well need to limit extra curricular activities and insist on completion of homework on some nights. Our intent is not to work academics around our extracurricular activities; studies come first.
18. **For Upper School Students:** We have set certain guidelines for school work within the program. We base these guidelines on what we have come to believe are reasonable, necessary amounts for most students. We also highly value family time and will do all we can to respect it. If your student uses his daylight hours effectively, he should not have an excessive amount of work in the evenings.
- For Grammar School Students:** Kindergartners will likely have one to two hours of work. First through third graders should expect approximately two to five hours of work in preparation for each school day. Fourth through sixth graders should expect approximately four to seven hours of work in preparation

for each day at school. **MCA** highly values family time and believes that school work should be as efficient as possible.

19. There is no right answer here, of course. We want to know what is important to your family.

20. Yes.

21. Yes.

22. Responses will vary.

23. Responses will vary.

24. Responses will vary.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following is the foundation of beliefs on which **Midland Classical Academy** is guided. It is our conviction that sound doctrine is vital to the health and impact of **Midland Classical Academy**, but that sound doctrine alone is powerless without the unifying work of love which unites our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. We will teach consistently with this statement; however, it is not our conviction that everyone who attends or teaches at **Midland Classical Academy** must adhere to every detail of doctrine. No person teaching at **Midland Classical Academy** shall knowingly and willfully persuade students contrary to this statement. Moreover, there is no doctrine and no concern biblically that the *Midland Classical Academy School Board* does not wholeheartedly invite any family or tutor to discuss with them in the spirit of love.

- We believe that the Holy Bible is God's inerrant and infallible revelation in the original autographs.
- We believe that God eternally exists in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God.
- We believe that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was raised from the dead.
- We believe that, owing to universal death through sin, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he or she is born again; and that no degree of reformation however great, no attainments in morality however high, no culture however attractive, no baptism or other ordinance however administered, can help the sinner to take even one step toward heaven; but a new nature imparted from above, a new life implanted by the Holy Spirit through the Word, is absolutely essential to salvation, and only those thus saved are sons of

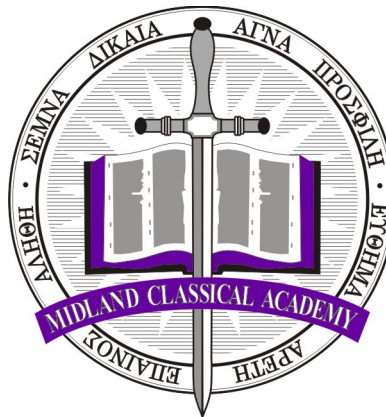
God. We believe also that our redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin and was made a curse for us, dying in our place and stead; and that no repentance, no feeling, no faith, no good resolutions, no sincere efforts, no Him who united in His person true and proper deity with perfect and sinless humanity. (*Lev. 17:11; Isa. 64:6; Matt. 26:28; John 3:7-18; Rom. 5:6-9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 6:15; Eph. 1:7; Phil. 3:4-9; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 23*).

- We believe that man, though originally created in the image of God, fell through sin and became spiritually dead to God; and that this condition is the heritage of every member of the human race.
- We believe that salvation places an individual in a position of perfect spiritual blessing and completeness in Christ, though the experience of this is only realized as one grows in Christ.
- We believe that every child of God is eternally secure in Christ in that once he is saved, he shall be kept saved forever by the Living God. This in no way means that God overlooks the sin of His children but chastens and corrects them in infinite love.
- We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Savior. This assurance is based wholly upon the testimony of God's Word.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit and His permanent indwelling of every believer. Moreover, we believe He is the source of all spiritual power and all acceptable worship and service.
- We believe that, by the same Spirit, all believers in this age are baptized into, and thus become, one body that is Christ's. As members of one another, we are under solemn duty to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, loving one another with a pure heart fervently.
- We believe that all Christians are divinely related to this world as strangers and pilgrims, ambassadors and witnesses, and that their primary purpose should be to make Christ known to the world with the aim of bringing others to Him and to grow in Him.
- We believe that at death those who have trusted in Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence. Unbelievers, after death, are kept in a state of conscious condemnation and misery until their final judgment. This final judgment is the everlasting conscious eternal torment in the lake of fire apart from the presence of the Lord.
- We believe in the personality of Satan (and his demons) who, though judged at the cross, remains as the "god of this world" until the second coming of Christ.
- We believe in the divine giftedness of each Christian for the building up of the body, bestowed by the Spirit, and that wholly apart from the benefits of salvation, rewards are promised according to the faithfulness of each believer in his service for his Lord.
- We believe that the next great events in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the rapture of the Church and the tribulation climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to establish His millennial kingdom.
- We believe in the necessity of interpreting the Bible according to its literal or normal sense.

- We believe that God is apart from creation and time, created and established the heavens and the earth from nothing as described in the Bible, specifically *Genesis 1-11*; and that He created all things - the physical, the spiritual, principalities and powers, and time itself. He has preordained and is sovereign over all things.

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