



Midland Classical Academy

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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 toward 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:

119 Full Time / 9 Part time students.
Junior high enrollment is 81.

Faculty:

13 Full Time, 8 Part time men & women.
Student/Faculty ratio is 11:1 (includes 7th & 8th grade).

Memberships:

Texas Association of Private & Parochial Schools -
Class 3A Division: Academic, Music, Volleyball,
Basketball, Cross Country, Baseball, Golf & 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:

A+ = 97+	B- = 80-82
A = 93-96	C = 70-79
A- = 90-92	D = 60-69
B+ = 87-89	F = below 60
B = 83-86	

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:

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.

Sports:

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

CLASS OF 2009

Standardized Tests:

ACT:

48% took the ACT
National Average: 21

Average Scores:

English:	20
Math	23
Reading	23
Science	22
Combined Eng.	23
Composite	22

SAT Reasoning Test:

81% took the SAT (2400) scale
National Average: 1511

Average Scores:

Critical Reading	544
Math	569
Writing	521
Combined	1634

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Midland Classical Academy's High School, a student must earn 24 credits as follows:

Subject	Courses	Credits
Bible	New Testament Survey, Principles of Interpretation, Apologetics	3
Literature of the Western World	The Greeks, The Romans, The Middle Ages, Renaissance to Today, American Literature/Senior Seminar	3
Rhetoric	Rhetoric	1
Language	Greek I,II, III	2
History/Government	History of the Fall of Rome and the Middle Ages, Renaissance to Modern Times, American History and Constitutional Law	3
Math	Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus	3
Science	Logic, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy	3
Fine Arts	Arts and Music, Music and Drama	1
Senior Research	Teacher Assistant, Senior Thesis & Oral Presentation	1
Electives		4
TOTAL		24

- 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

10th Grade

Dante/Inferno/Purgatory
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/Utopia
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
- Baylor University
- Blinn College
- Canadian Bible College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Crown College
- Dallas Baptist University
- Grove City College
- Hardin Simmons
- Harvard
- Hillsdale
- Indiana University
- Lee University in Tennessee
- LeTourneau
- Liberty University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Mary Hardin Baylor
- Midland College
- Montana Tech
- North Texas University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oklahoma State University
- Stephen F. Austin University
- Texas A & M
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech
- Texas Women's University
- Tulane
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of Alaska
- University of Arkansas
- University of Nevada
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Texas
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- University of Washington
- Virginia Tech
- Wayland Baptist