



# Maranatha Christian Academy

Christ-Centered • Innovative Education

## Our Mission

We are an influential school of collaborators, innovators and explorers founded in Christian faith empowering co-creators of tomorrow.

Since 1978, Maranatha Christian Academy has not only been just a school, but also a community. Each student, parent, and staff member contribute to what makes up the culture of the school.

Together we commit to become:



Spirit-Driven Leaders



Courageous Changemakers



Empathic Problem Solvers



Impactful Innovators



Curious Explorers



Gracious Community Builders

### SCHOOL FACTS

- Grades: Prekindergarten–12
- Total Enrollment: 888
- Upper School Enrollment: 551
- Average Class Size: 17
- Student-Faculty Ratio: 13:1
- Ethnic/Racial Diversity: 38%
- Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 34%
- Faculty with Doctorates: 4%
- Community Service Hour Annually: 12,000
- Sports: 30+
- Clubs and Activities: 25+
- Families who receive financial assistance 44%

### ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

AdvanceED Accreditation  
International Christian Accrediting Association  
College Board  
Mindependent  
Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)  
Independent School Management (ISM)  
National Association of College Admission Counseling  
National Association of Student Councils  
National Honor Society (NHS)  
Minnesota Association of College Admission Counseling  
Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools  
Oral Roberts University Educational Fellowship (ORUEF)  
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

### HOURS & CALENDAR

The school day is 8:15 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.  
38 weeks, 2 semesters, each semester is 2 quarters,  
five 65-minute classes meeting 3 days a week and  
three 100-minute classes for 2 days a week.

### ADMINISTRATION



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## Grading System

Maranatha offers college-level classes through Advanced Placement (AP), and Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), which receive more value in the calculation of the cumulative GPA. These courses are accelerated, more challenging versions of regular classes, and are considered college-level work. Weighted values are represented on the Maranatha grading scale below.

Grade	Percentage	GPA Value	Weighted GPA Value
<b>A</b>	92.5-100	4.0	5.0
<b>A-</b>	89.5-92.49	3.67	4.67
<b>B+</b>	86.5-89.49	3.33	4.33
<b>B</b>	82.5-86.49	3.0	4.0
<b>B-</b>	79.5-82.49	2.67	3.67
<b>C+</b>	76.5-79.49	2.33	3.33
<b>C</b>	72.5-76.49	2.0	3.0
<b>C-</b>	69.5-72.49	1.67	2.67
<b>D+</b>	66.5-69.49	1.33	2.33
<b>D</b>	62.5-66.49	1.0	2.0
<b>D-</b>	59.5-62.49	0.67	1.67
<b>F</b>	0.00-59.49	0	0

## Class Rank

Due to our rigorous college preparatory program and the small size of our senior class, Maranatha Christian Academy does not rank students numerically. Our students generally test well above the national average.

## Advanced Course Offerings

### Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO)

Maranatha Christian Academy provides 11th- and 12th-grade students the opportunity to take Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) classes on MCA's campus and online through Bethel University and online PSEO classes through other Minnesota colleges and universities.

### Associate of Arts Degree

Through our partnership with Bethel University, Maranatha offers an Associate of Arts degree (15 credits per semester; total 60 college credits).

### Advanced Placement Courses

Maranatha offers 11 AP courses in-person on MCA campus and 6 AP course online.

#### In-Person

AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Language & Composition  
 AP Literature & Composition  
 AP Physics  
 AP Seminar  
 AP Spanish  
 AP Statistics  
 AP US History

#### MCA Online

AP Art History  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Microeconomics  
 AP Psychology

## Graduation Requirements

Thirty (30) credits, 22 as required by the state of Minnesota, earned in grades 9-12, are required for graduation.

Department	Required Credits
Christian Studies	4
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Foreign Language	2
Social Studies	3.5
Health	.5
Personal Finance	.5
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1
Electives	7.5
<b>Credits Required</b>	<b>30</b>

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<p><b>Curriculum</b>  Marantha Christian Academy offers a liberal arts education taught from a Christian worldview in an innovative, student-focused format integrating writing across all academic coursework.</p> <p>Our counseling department works with each student to ensure they meet graduation requirements. With a wide variety of course offerings, students are able to customize their schedules to meet their educational needs and pursue academic interests.</p>		<p><b>Christian Studies</b></p> <p>Biblical Studies  Introduction to Christian Apologetics and Ethics  New Testament Survey  Old Testament Survey  Worldview</p>	
<p><b>Fine Arts</b></p> <p>2-Dimensional Art  3-Dimensional Art  Band  Chapel Band  Choir  Ceramics  Competitive Acting  Drawing  Film Studies  Fundamentals of Architecture  Introduction to Acting and Theater  Jazz Band  Mobile Photography  Mustang Media  Painting  Studio Art</p>	<p><b>Language Arts</b></p> <p>AP Language and Composition  AP Literature  AP Seminar  American Literature  British Literature  Debate  English 9  PSEO Academic Research Writing  PSEO Basic Communication Skills  PSEO College Writing  PSEO Introduction to the Creative Arts  PSEO Reading and Responding to the Arts  World Literature</p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>AP United States History  Cultural Studies  Economics  PSEO American Government and Politics  PSEO Introduction to Psychology  PSEO Personal Mission and Leadership  PSEO United States History Government  PSEO Conflict Management &amp; Social Scientific Perspective  Psychology  PSEO Lifespan Development  PSEO Social Psychology  United States History  World Geography  World History</p>	<p><b>Business</b></p> <p>Accounting I  Accounting II  Entrepreneurship  Investing 101  Mustang Enterprises  Personal Finance  PSEO Introduction to Business  PSEO Business Information and Organizations  PSEO Personal Financial Literacy  PSEO Principles of Microeconomics  PSEO Business Problem Solving  PSEO Principles of Macroeconomics  TED-Ed Student Talks</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>AP Calculus AB  AP Calculus BC  Algebra II  Geometry  Integrated Algebra  Pre-Calculus  Probability and Statistics  PSEO Calculus I  PSEO Mathematics in Real Life</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>AP Biology  AP Chemistry  AP Physics I  Anatomy and Physiology  Astronomy  Biology  Biomedical Innovations  Chemistry  Physics  PSEO Introduction to Chemistry &amp; Lab  PSEO Environmental Studies  PSEO Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology &amp; Lab</p>	<p><b>S.T.E.A.M. &amp; Technology</b></p> <p>CAD &amp; 3D Printing I  CAD &amp; 3D Printing II  Computer Science for Innovators  Graphic Design  Industrial Arts  Mustang Enterprises  Robotics  Video Editing</p>	<p><b>World Languages</b></p> <p>AP Spanish  American Sign Language I  American Sign Language II  Spanish I  Spanish II  Spanish III  Spanish IV</p>

## Snapshot of the Class of 2023

Graduates	75
% attending university	84%
Scholarships Awarded	\$10,737,907
# of colleges/universities	33 across US & globally

### GPA Distribution

4.0+
3.8-3.99
3.5-3.79
3.0-3.49
2.5-2.99

### GPA % Senior Class

39%
13%
16%
17%
15%



Maranatha graduates next steps...  
90% College / 5% Missions / 5% Military or Work

## Colleges & Universities Attended by Maranatha Christian Academy Graduates 2013-2023

Academy of Art University - CA	Howard University—Washington, DC	Southern New Hampshire University - NH
Augsburg College - MN	Indiana University - IN	St. Catherine University - MN
Augustana College - SD	Iowa Central Community College - IA	St. Cloud Technical & Community College - MN
Alcorn State University - MS	Iowa State University - IA	St. Cloud State University - MN
Anoka-Ramsey Community College - MN	Jamestown University - ND	St. John's University - MN
Arizona State University - AZ	Johns Hopkins University - MD	St. Mary's University - MN
Azusa Pacific University - CA	Johnson and Wales University - RI	Tennessee State University - TN
Baylor University - TX	Kalamazoo College - MI	Texas A&M University - TX
Belmont University - TN	Lake Superior State University - MI	Texas Christian University - TX
Bethany Lutheran College - MN	Lawrence University - WI	Trinity International University - IL
Bemidji State University - MN	Lee University - TN	United States Military Academy West Point - NY
Bethel University - MN	Lewis University - IL	United States Naval Academy - MD
Biola University - CA	Liberty University - VA	Universal Technical Institute - TX
Black Hills State University - SD	Luther College - IA	University of Arizona - AZ
Briar Cliff University - IA	Michigan State University - MI	University of California - Davis, CA
CA Polytechnic State University - CA	Maryland Institute of Art - MD	University of California - Irvine, CA
California State University—Northridge, CA	Michigan Technological University - MI	University of California - San Diego, CA
Carlton College - MN	Minnesota State University - Mankato	University of Colorado - CO
Carson Newman University - TN	Minnesota State University - Moorhead	University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign, IL
Century College - MN	Minnesota State University - Wadena	University of Jamestown - ND
Clark Atlanta University - GA	Minnesota State University - Winona	University of Manitoba - Canada
College of St. Catherine - MN	Morehouse College - GA	University of Mary - ND
College of St. Scholastica - MN	Minot State University - ND	University of Massachusetts - MA
College of William & Mary - VA	Missouri State University - MO	University of Minnesota - Crookston
Colorado Christian University - CO	Monmouth University - NJ	University of Minnesota - Duluth
Concordia College - Moorhead, MN	Montana State University - MT	University of Minnesota - Moorhead
Concordia University - St. Paul, MN	New York University - NY	University of Minnesota - Morris
Cornerstone University - MI	North Central University - MN	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Creighton University - NE	North Dakota State University - ND	University of Montana - MT
Crown College - MN	North Hennepin Community College - MN	University of North Dakota - ND
Dakota County Technical - MN	Northeastern University - MA	University of Oregon - OR
Dakota State University - SD	Northern Michigan University - MI	University of Portland - OR
Dennison University - OH	Northwestern College - IA	University of Puget Sound - WA
DePauw University - IN	Northwestern University - IL	University of Sydney - Australia
Dixie State University - UT	Norwich University - VT	University of Southern California - Los Angeles
Dordt College - IA	Oakwood University - AL	University of St. Thomas - MN
Drake University - IA	Ohio State University - OH	University of Sioux Falls - SD
Duke University - NC	Oral Roberts University - OK	University of Vermont - VT
Dunwoody College of Technology - MN	Palm Beach Atlantic - FL	University of West Florida - FL
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - FL	Pepperdine University - CA	University of Washington - Seattle
Florida Atlantic University - FL	Polytechnic University of Madrid - Spain	University of Wisconsin - River Falls
Florida Gulf Coast - FL	Purdue University - IN	University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Florida State University - FL	Queens University - Canada	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Full Sail University - FL	Queens University - NC	University of Wisconsin - Superior
Gaston College - NC	Regents University - VA	University of Wisconsin - Stout
Georgetown University - Washington, DC	Rey Juan Carolos University - Spain	Valley City State University - ND
Golden State Prep - CA	Rensselaer Polytechnic University - NY	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State University - VA
Gustavus Adolphus College - MN	Rochester Community College - MN	Western Colorado University - CO
Grand Canyon University - AZ	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology - IN	Western Washington University - WA
Hamline University - MN	Rutgers University - NJ	Wheaton College - IL
Harvard University - MA	Seattle Pacific University - WA	Xavier University of Louisiana - LA
Hennepin Technical College - MN	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology - SD	York College - NE
Hillsong College - Australia	Southeast Missouri State University - MO	
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology - Hong Kong	Southeastern University - FL	