

Marshall Academy High School Profile



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Vision Statement

Marshall Academy is prominent in the community for its unique culture of moral and academic excellence. The Academy's challenging classical curriculum results in competent and compassionate students with the ability to reason and articulate.

Marshall Academy welcomes parents as full partners in the education of their children. All members of the Academy community cooperate in maintaining the Academy's commitment to high moral, behavioral, and academic standards.

Mission Statement

As members of the Marshall Academy community, we pledge our best efforts to create and maintain a disciplined learning environment based upon traditional moral values, while assuring mastery of the classic fundamentals of learning and challenging our students to excel in their given talents.

Founding Principles

In 2000, Marshall Academy opened as a K-8 charter school offering a classical education for parents wanting more for their students. Located in a rural community with a population comprised of students from the surrounding communities, currently Marshall Academy serves K-12 (the high school began in 2006). The curriculum is based on a back to basics approach to education. Core principles are mastered in each grade. A low student-to-teacher ratio ensures that every student receives the attention needed to ensure academic success. Students come

prepared to do important, rigorous work in a well-structured environment. The school uniform, policies, and virtue education aim to develop caring citizens in a global community.

Curriculum

A rigorous curriculum is implemented from K-12. Beginning with phonics in Kindergarten to reading the classics in high school, students are challenged with high expectations. The high school curriculum meets the Michigan Merit Curriculum and is in line with a liberal arts college model. Electives vary each year and are taught based on student interest and teacher availability. Required English courses include World Literature, Western Literature, American Literature and British Literature. History courses include World History, American History, Government, Economics, and Western Civilizations. Mathematics includes Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The senior math course has alternated between Pre-Calculus and Statistics and Probability. Our 8th grade students begin earning high school credit with Earth Science, followed by Biology and Chemistry consecutively. Physics is offered as an elective. Students are to earn two credits of a foreign language to graduate - traditionally the Academy has offered Latin. Elective courses that have been offered, but not every year, have included Media Arts, Oration, Journalism, Modern American History, College Preparation, Research Writing, Visual Arts, and Advanced Team Sports.

High Expectations

As a small school we do not offer AP or Honors courses; all of our courses are taught at a high level to challenge students and prepare them for success in college. Students are required to complete homework and reading outside of the classroom. Teachers focus on primary sources, quality writing, and public speaking skills. Students are permitted to move ahead in the curriculum and begin advanced coursework in middle school or early high school to challenge their individual needs. This allows for students to dual enroll and take more electives when offered. Students from Marshall Academy can dual enroll at Kellogg Community College, Olivet College, and Albion College. Students at Marshall Academy are prepared for college. Colleges of former students include: Oral Roberts University, Ferris State University, Albion College, Western Michigan University, Olivet College, Earlham College, Lawrence Technological University, Kendall College, Cornerstone University, Kellogg Community College, and Lansing Community College.

Grading and Ranking

9th-12th Grades	GPA Honor Points
A+100%	4.33
A.....99-93%	4.00
A-.....92-90%	3.67
B+.....89-88%	3.33
B.....87-83%	3.00
B-.....82-80%	2.67
C+.....79-78%	2.33

C.....77-73%	2.00
C-.....72-70%	1.67
D+.....69-68%	1.33
D.....67-63%	1.00
D-.....62-60%	0.67
F(failing)...59% & below	0.00

GPA Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. All high school credit coursework, whether pass or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 21 credits is required for graduation. In addition to the required 21 credits, each student must also complete 20 hours of community service.