

STARKVILLE ACADEMY

Academic Profile

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Starkville Academy is an independent college preparatory school educating students in PreKindergarten through grade twelve. Starkville Academy was established in 1969 for the purpose of providing Starkville and the surrounding communities with the opportunity to enroll their children in an independent school offering both academic achievement and character development.

Starkville Academy admits students from all ethnic, cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds that can benefit from a challenging academic program as well as a variety of curricular and extracurricular programs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Starkville Academy is to provide quality educational programs in a safe, Christian environment that will challenge students to excel academically, physically, socially, spiritually, and culturally.

ACCREDITATION

Starkville Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

GRADUATES

Over the last four years, approximately 96% of Starkville Academy graduates attended post-secondary school. Professionally, Starkville Academy graduates have made positive contributions in the fields of medicine, law, business, engineering, agriculture, and education, to name a few.

GRADING SCALE

The following grading scale is used at Starkville Academy for grades 1 – 12:
A = 100-90, B = 89-80, C=79-70, F= Below 70

COLLEGE MATRICULATION OF GRADUATES

The ultimate measure of a quality education is the success of the graduates. Over the past ten years, Starkville Academy seniors have been accepted to numerous institutions, including the following:

Arkansas State University	Mississippi State University
Auburn University	Mississippi University for Women
Belhaven University	Northeast MS Community College
Birmingham Southern	New York University
Delta State University	Pepperdine University
East MS Community College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Florida State University	University of Alabama
Holmes Community College	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Louisiana State University	University of Georgia, Tifton
Marshall University	University of Kansas
Memphis School of Art	University of Mississippi
Meridian Community College	University of North Alabama
Millsaps College	University of Southern Mississippi
Mississippi College	William Carey University

ACT

All Starkville Academy students are required to take the ACT. Our students have consistently scored above the national and state averages.

Average ACT score comparisons:

	<u>SA</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>
2012-2013	22.5	18.9	20.9
2013-2014	21.6	19.0	21.0
2014-2015	21.9	19.0	21.0
2015-2016	21.6	19.0	21.0

UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION (Total 23)

English.....4	Computer..... ½
Mathematics.....4	Foreign Language/Advanced Electives.....2
Science.....4	Fine Arts.....1
Social Studies.....4	Electives.....3 ½

FACULTY PROFILE, FACULTY/STUDENT RATIO, CLASS SIZES

Starkville Academy’s mission statement requires a high priority be placed on maintaining a highly professional and skilled faculty. Currently, Starkville Academy employs 53 full-time teachers and 7 part-time teachers and aides who provide daily instruction and academic guidance for the students. Counseling services for students are directed by a high school/middle school guidance counselor and an elementary guidance counselor. All administrators, teachers, and counselors are fully certified, and nearly 45% of our faculty and administrative staff hold advanced degrees.

The ratio of faculty members to students at Starkville Academy is approximately 10:1. The average class size in the elementary is 17.6, while the average class size for core curriculum classes in secondary grades stands at 14.4.

ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

ACT Aspire (grades 3-8, 10)	Anchor Club	Chess Club
ACT	Crown Club	Extreme Engineering Club (Gr.3-6)
PSAT	Debate Team	MAIS Reading Fair (Gr.4-6)
ASVAB (11 th grade)	4-H Club	International Thespian Society
Advanced Placement Exams	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Odyssey of the Mind (Gr.7-12)
MAIS and National Spelling Bees	North Mississippi High School Drama Fest	Science National Honor Society
National Honor Society	Duke University Talent Identification Program (grades 4-6)	
Student Council	Elementary Choir (grades 3-6)	
Quiz Bowl	Elementary Band (grades 5-6)	

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

Third-sixth grade students engage in hands-on STEM explorations and activities using Pitsco Education curriculum. Through a variety of inquiry-based activities and projects, students will explore and enhance their skills in life science, Earth science, physical science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

DYSLEXIA THERAPY PROGRAM

The Dyslexia Therapy Program is a special class that has been established to provide appropriate therapy for high-potential students with a primary diagnosis of dyslexia. The core of the program is an Orton-Gillingham based curriculum called Alphabet Phonics. Therapy will be administered for 45 minutes—one hour for four days a week by a certified dyslexia therapist in a small class setting of no more than five students.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Students in grades 3–6 who qualify through individual IQ testing for and choose to participate in the Discovery program will receive accelerated/enrichment instruction weekly in addition to regular classroom instruction.

SAIL (Student Assistance in Learning)

Students experiencing academic difficulty may be referred to resource for assistance. A certified teacher is on staff to assist students and parents as needed.

TECHNOLOGY

Starkville Academy employs numerous devices and technological opportunities as part of daily academic instruction. All full-time faculty members, juniors, and seniors are issued a Surface Pro 3 tablet for everyday use. Additionally, two mobile carts with 25 Surface Pro 3 devices each are available for teachers to check out for their classrooms. Starkville Academy also has three computer labs with 25 computers in each that are utilized by students of all ages. All elementary classrooms have interactive white boards, and all PreK-12 classrooms have multimedia projectors. PreK–first grade rooms have multiple iPads in each that are used for learning centers, and students in grades 7-10 are allowed to bring their own personal devices to use at school on our wireless network system.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Starkville Academy’s academic program in the high school is oriented toward a college prep curriculum. Starkville Academy offers numerous courses to provide every student the opportunity to meet the requirements of admission to a major college or university. Included in our course offerings are four dual credit classes, four AP classes, and seven honors classes.

English	Math	Science
English 9 Honors English 9 English 10 Honors English 10 English 11 AP English 11 English 12 Dual Credit English 12* (*Composition I and II)	Pre-Algebra Algebra I Honors Algebra I Algebra II Honors Algebra II Geometry Honors Geometry Advanced Algebra Senior Math Statistics Dual Credit College Algebra Dual Credit College Trigonometry Dual Credit Calculus	Biology Chemistry Honors Chemistry Chemistry II Anatomy & Physiology Physics Environmental Science Forensics
Social Studies	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts
Mississippi Studies Introduction to Geography World History 10 U.S. History 11 AP U.S. History 11 Economics American Government AP American Government Advanced World Geography	Spanish I Spanish II Honors Spanish III	Art I Art II Art III AP Studio Art Ceramics Choir Band Performing Arts Music Appreciation
Business	Social Sciences	Electives
Accounting Computer Applications Computer I Personal Finance Web Page/Programming IT Essentials I	Criminal Justice Psychology Sociology	ACT Prep American Novels Athletics New Testament Survey Old Testament Survey Driver's Education Health I Health II Intro to Journalism Mythology Photography Publications/Yearbook Short Stories Speech Introduction to the Legal System Online Courses