

STARKVILLE SA ACADEMY

2022-2023

SCHOOL PROFILE

780⁺ TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

1200⁺ COMBINED YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

10.2:1 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

419
ELEMENTARY

358
SECONDARY

OUR CORE VALUES



ACT SCORES CLASS OF 2023

24.7

20.6

STARKVILLE ACADEMY NATIONAL AVERAGE

8 AP COURSES OFFERED

DUAL COURSES OFFERED **5**

549 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT

WITH AN AVERAGE OF **11.5** HOURS PER 2023 GRADUATE



S.A.I.L. PROGRAM



DYSLEXIA THERAPY



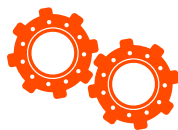
S.T.E.M. EDUCATION



GRADES 7-12 ARE ISSUED AN IPAD



DISCOVERY PROGRAM



EXTREME ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS



38 ATHLETIC TEAMS



93

OF OUR STUDENTS SELECTED AS MAIS ALL-STARS 2015-present

OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS

99% OF SA GRADUATES HAVE ATTENDED POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL

& 1% CONTINUED WITH THE MILITARY



JEREMY NICHOLAS
HEAD OF SCHOOL

CAROL BERRYHILL
SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

KRISTA VOWELL
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

GREG OWEN
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY

MATH

Algebra I, II, & III
Advanced Algebra
Honors Algebra I & II
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Trigonometry
Statistics
Dual Credit College Algebra
Dual Credit College Trigonometry
Dual Credit College Calculus

SCIENCE

Biology
Honors Biology
AP Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Honors Organic Chemistry
AP Chemistry
Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Anatomy & Physiology
Forensics
Physics
AP Environmental Science

HISTORY

Mississippi Studies
Introduction to Geography
World History 10
U.S. History 11
AP U.S. History 11
Economics
Government
AP Government

ENGLISH

English 9
Honors English 9
English 10
Honors English 10
English 11
AP English 11
English 12
Dual Credit English 12*
(*Composition I & II)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I & II
*AP Spanish offered yearly

Other approved language options available as online classes.

FINE ARTS

Art I & II
Ceramics
AP Art & Design
Choir
Band
Performing Arts/Drama

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer I
Computer II*
*(IT Student Team)
AP Computer Science Principles

ELECTIVES

Health
Driver's Education
Personal Finance
Speech & Debate
Athletics
Graphic Design
Christian Leadership
Creative Writing
Current Events
Publications/Yearbook
Broadcast Journalism
Law & Criminal Justice

ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY

CORE SUBJECTS

Reading
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Handwriting

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Art
Library
Computer
Physical Education
Music
S.T.E.M.
Band

ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

ACT Aspire (Grades 3-8)
ACT
PSAT/NMSQT
ASVAB (11th)
Advanced Placement Exams
MAIS & National Spelling Bees
MAIS Reading Fair
Elementary & HS Choirs
Elementary & HS Band
Color/Winter Guard
Debate Team/Mock Trial
Duke University Talent Identification Program
MSU One Act Play Competition
4-H Club
Anchor Club
Aviation Club

Better Together Club
Computer Science National Honor Society
Crown Club
Extreme Engineering Club (Elem.)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
International Thespian Society
National Honor Society
Quiz Bowl (HS & Jr. High)
Robotics Team (HS)
Rockin' Readers (Elem.)
Science Bowl
Science National Honor Society
Student Ambassadors
Student Council (HS & Jr. High)
Vols Production
Yearbook Staff

RECENT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUMMARY

Arkansas State University
Auburn University
Balboa City College in San Diego
Belhaven University
Belmont University
Delta State University
East MS Community College
Florida State University
Georgia Tech
Hinds Community College
Holmes Community College
Jones College
Lee University
Meridian Community College
Millsaps College

Mississippi College
MS Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
New York University
Northeast MS Community College
Northwest MS Community College
Savannah College of Art & Design
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of California, Irvine
University of Florida
University of Georgia

University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Kansas
University of Mississippi
University of North Alabama
University of Southern Mississippi
William Carey University

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
CLASS OF 2023

\$40,000 AVERAGE PER STUDENT

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.

STARKVILLE SA ACADEMY

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

Starkville Academy is an independent college preparatory school educating students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve. Starkville Academy was established for the purpose of providing Starkville and the surrounding communities with the opportunity to enroll their children in an independent school offering academic achievement, extracurricular programs, and character development in a small environment. Starkville Academy admits students from all ethnic, cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds that support and enhance the mission of Starkville Academy.

MISSION STATEMENT

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ACCREDITATION

Starkville Academy is accredited by the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and Cognia.

GRADUATES

Over the last five years, approximately 99% 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.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

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

UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATIONS (TOTAL 23)

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


UNITS REQUIRED-CLASS OF 2023 (TOTAL 24)

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

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 five dual credit, on-campus classes offered in conjunction with Mississippi University for Women, eight AP classes, and eight honors classes.

ACT AVERAGE OF GRADUATING CLASSES

SCHOOL YEAR		STATE	NATIONAL
2015-2016	21.6	19.0	20.8
2016-2017	22.4	18.6	21.0
2017-2018	22.6	18.6	20.8
2018-2019	23.3	18.4	20.7
2019-2020	22.0	18.2	20.6
2020-2021	22.6	18.1	20.3
2021-2022	23.3	18.2	20.6
2022-2023	24.7	18.2	20.6

ACT ASPIRE SCORES

Starkville Academy 3rd-8th graders take the ACT Aspire to assess proficiency in the areas of English, Reading, Writing, Science, and Math. The chart below records the cumulative national percentile ranks of our students for the past four years.

SCHOOL YEAR	NATIONAL % RANK
2015-2016	70.9
2016-2017	74.2
2017-2018	70.6
2018-2019	73.8
2019-2020	*The ACT Aspire was not administered due to COVID-19.
2020-2021	72.1
2021-2022	65.4

CLASSROOM PROFILE

Starkville Academy's mission statement requires a high priority be placed on maintaining a highly professional and skilled faculty. All teachers, administrators, and counselors are certified, and over half of our faculty and administrative staff hold advanced degrees.

SA CURRENTLY EMPLOYS:

- 59 Full-time Teachers
- 13 Part-time Teachers and
- 9 Teacher Aides
- 2 Dyslexia Therapists
- Elementary Counselor
- High School/Middle School Counselor

Ratio of faculty members to students at Starkville Academy - 10.2 to 1

Average class size in the elementary - 17.9

Average class size for core curriculum classes in grades 7-12 - 15.6 to 1

DYSLEXIA THERAPY PROGRAM

The Dyslexia Therapy Program is a research-based class for students in grades 1-6 that includes the five components of effective reading instruction identified by the National Reading Panel's research. This program is for students who have been identified with dyslexia. The core of the program is an Orton-Gillingham approach adapted from Alphabetic Phonics. Therapy will be administered for 45-50 minutes, four days a week by a certified dyslexia therapist in a small class setting of no more than five students.

STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & 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.

DISCOVERY PROGRAM (GIFTED)

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 in grades 1-6 (subject average below 75) 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 and 7th-12th grade students are issued an iPad with keyboard for everyday use. Additionally, five mobile carts with 25 iPad devices and keyboards are available for classroom use in Grades 2-6. PreK-1st grade rooms have multiple iPads in each that are used for learning centers. Starkville Academy also has three computer labs with 25 computers in each that are utilized by students of all ages. Elementary classrooms have interactive white boards, and all PreK-12th grade classrooms have multimedia projectors and Apple TV.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Students at SA are highly encouraged to engage in our community and the world beyond Starkville as agents of "salt and light." Community service hours are now part of our graduation requirements for students beginning with the Class of 2023. However, all current students are afforded opportunities to get involved with community service projects and organizations at the beginning of each year during our Club and Service Activity Fair. Additionally, students who perform twice the required amount of community service hours are awarded a special cord at graduation.