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~A FEW OF REMARKS ABOUT WHAT MCA OFFERS~

MCA, a public, college preparatory school, offers a comprehensive, classical liberal arts course of study built around the trivium and quadrivium as articulated through the Western tradition. Ultimately, the study focuses on the perennial questions of the human experience. The curricular integration of the humanities and the sciences along with the great ideas from antiquity to the present serve as a powerful context in which students mature intellectually and morally.

Our wonderful school offers so much to our students and the community. Millennium Charter Academy, a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, offers a comprehensive athletic program to enrich our students' lives, including soccer, volleyball, basketball, track, tennis, cross country, golf, baseball, softball, and cheerleading. This fall we intend to launch our first football team. Go Lions! Because scholarship is always important, our student-athletes must maintain a C average in all classes throughout the season. MCA provides other enriching activities, too, such as National Honor Society, student government, house councils, and various clubs that might include chess, singing, dance, travel, weightlifting, debate, and medical professions. We also offer interscholastic competitions, such as Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, National History Day, Art Showcase, Forensics, The Quill, Twelve, YESurry Entrepreneurship, and math competitions.



























~A FEW REMARKS ABOUT NATIONALLY STANDARDIZED TESTING AT MCA~

Did you recently get your ACT (originally American College Testing) scores back and are now wondering how your score compares with those of other test-takers in the nation? Over one million students nationwide took the ACT in 2020/2021. From those, the national average scores came out as follows:



English 19.6 Math 19.9 Reading 20.9 Science 20.4 Composite 20.3

Source: ACT National Profile Report 2021

MCA students also took the CLT 10 (Classic Learning Test) and the SAT (originally the Scholastic Aptitude Test). These exams are important because they are sometimes used for college admissions and for college scholarships. Doing one's best on admissions exams and having above-average scores will almost always be a plus for college and scholarship applications. There is also the possibility of retaking the ACT and SAT for a "Super Score." If you take either more than once, most colleges admission offices will extract the highest single score, or a combination of each sections highest score, calculating the highest possible score. In fact, the ACT now automatically calculates an official Super Score, which students can send from their MyACT account once they have taken it at least twice.





How much do these tests matter in relation to overall high school grades? That depends upon the college being considered. Many colleges are going test-optional. Test optional schools are taking a holistic approach, factoring in high school grades, which play a starring role along with the student's character, background, and successes in and out of the classroom.

To our students' benefit, the new CLT exam is the first to align more closely with a classical education and connect students specifically to the top liberal arts colleges in the country? The numbers from our school's first test date this past October 6, indicates a 71 average, making our students four points above the national average. MCA's individual top score was 104, comparable to 1500 on the SAT or a 34 on the ACT. This puts many of our students in the running for scholarships from the partnering colleges.