



MT. BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020 – 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is to provide a truly Christ-centered education for our children through an environment which develops and encourages academic excellence, spiritual growth, and a lifelong love and desire for learning.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Established in 1998, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school serving students Junior Kindergarten through 12th grades. In August 2014, MBCA added a 9th grade to form the Upper School division. The first senior class graduated in May 2018.

CAMPUSES

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy shares two beautiful campuses with Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. The main campus, home to the Lower and Middle schools, includes soccer fields, baseball fields, a double gym with elevated walking track, and 215,000 square feet of fixed buildings. The upper school campus is home to grades 9-12. The upper school campus includes an indoor and outdoor gymnasium, playing fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, a weight training room, performing arts room, and 30,000 square feet of building space for offices and classrooms. Both campuses enjoy a pond and nature areas.

ACCREDITATION

MBCA is fully accredited through the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). MBCA is a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA), Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools (GAPPS), the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC), and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC).

FACULTY

MBCA has 107 faculty members. Administrators teach classes in addition to administrative responsibilities.

ADMINISTRATION

Keith Castello
Head of School

Bob Montague
Upper School Head

Cal Boyd
Athletic Director

Amy Bichsel
College Counselor

Denise Dickerson
Registrar

ENROLLMENT

JK – 12..... 676
9 – 12..... 158*
Class of 2021 46

**including 1 international student*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MBCA provides a college preparatory curriculum with requirements exceeding Georgia state minimums for graduation. The school year is divided into two semesters with eight class periods over two days following an A/B block schedule.

Bible	4 Credits
English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
History	3 Credits
World Language	3 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Communications	1 Credit
PE	1 Credit

Total: 25 Credits (minimum requirement)

GRADING SCALE & GPA DISTRIBUTION

Students receive numerical grades for Bible, English, History, Mathematics, Science, World Language courses, and Health. Students receive letter grades in other courses. Only numerical grades are used in calculating students' overall averages. We can provide a transcript with weighted or unweighted grades according to a college's preference. Both transcripts include weighted and unweighted cumulative averages.

Grades are weighted by adding eight points for honors classes and ten points for AP classes taught at MBCA.

Grading Scale	
A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	73 – 79
D	70 – 72
F	69 & below

CURRICULUM

Honors Courses

English 9
World Literature
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Biology
Chemistry
Anatomy and Physiology
American Sign Language IV
Latin IV
Spanish IV
Art Studio

Advanced Placement Courses

English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Human Geography
World History
United States History
US Government & Politics
Psychology
Calculus AB
Biology
Chemistry
Physics I
Physics C: Mechanics
Spanish Language & Culture
Latin
2-D Art & Design

Dual Enrollment

College Algebra
Statistics
Precalculus

MBCA does not provide class rank.

CLASS OF 2021 COVID-19 VIRTUAL LEARNING INFORMATION

On March 12, 2020 Governor Kemp recommended that all Georgia schools close until further notice, and Mt. Bethel Christian Academy made the decision to follow that recommendation. During this closure, MBCA maintained its tradition of academic excellence while holding all classes online. Teachers and students immediately transitioned to synchronous online classes and all students were able to meet virtually with their teachers and classes during their scheduled class periods. Lectures, class discussions, handouts, projects, tests, and quizzes all continued seamlessly for the remainder of the school year. Student learning continued and grades were collected as if students and faculty were still meeting in person. The final spring semester course grades that students earned are reflected in the second semester grade column of their junior year on their transcripts.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

MBCA Upper School students take the PSAT examination in preparation for the College Board SAT and the Pre-ACT in preparation for the ACT. SAT and ACT scores are available for reporting upon student request.

SAT SUMMARY 2019-2021 / 79 Students	ACT SUMMARY 2019-2021 / 80 Students
SAT I	ACT
CR (Mid 50%)..... 530-635	English (Mid 50%).... 21-32
Math (Mid 50%).. 520-630	Math (Mid 50%)..... 19-28
Total..... 1050-1260	Reading (Mid 50%) .. 21-32
Students Tested.. 65	SR (Mid 50%) 19-29
	Composite 21-30
	Students Tested..... 71

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUMMARY

(2018 – 2020)

Total # of exams taken.... 271
3 and higher 75%
4 and higher 45%

SENIOR THESIS PROJECT

All seniors complete a thesis project which is the capstone of the MBCA academic program. In this thesis, seniors develop a thoughtful and informed presentation on an issue of their choice by drawing on academically credible research. With compelling evidence to support their position and refute opposing solutions, students advocate for a solution to a problem of personal interest. The thesis culminates in a 20-minute oral presentation of the student's argument before a board of judges and a community audience, followed by a 15-minute defense as the student answers questions from the judges.

SERVICE PROFILE

MBCA Upper School students are required to complete 20 service hours each year while attending the Upper School.

STEM HONORS PROGRAM

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy offers a comprehensive four-year STEM Honors Program. STEM is designed to help students learn to think critically and innovatively while formulating solutions to complex problems. The goal of this program is to develop students' God-given talents and prepare them to excel in future STEM related majors and careers. Students have the opportunity to choose from two tracks: Engineering or Biomedical. Both tracks conclude with a capstone course, which includes an internship and a research component. In order to become a STEM Honors Graduate, students must earn 32 credits. In addition to meeting the non-STEM graduation requirements, students must complete a minimum of five mathematics courses, six science courses with a minimum of four courses at the honors or AP level, and four STEM courses. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be distinguished as STEM Honors Graduates, which will be indicated on their diploma and transcript.

HONOR CODE

MBCA is committed to maintaining a community of integrity and trust. Elected Honor Council members have the responsibility of promoting and maintaining the values of the Honor Code both in and out of school. The Honor Code is displayed in each classroom and students sign a pledge at the beginning of the school year and before each exam. The Honor Council consists of elected Upper School students (two-four per grade), and is advised by a faculty member.

CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Auburn University, AL*
Baylor University, TX
Belmont University, TN
Birmingham Southern College, AL*
Berry College, GA*
Clemson University, SC*
Colorado School of Mines, CO
Columbus State University, GA
Culinary Institute of America, NY -
New York Campus
Elon University, NC
Emmanuel College, GA*
Emory University, GA
Florida State University, FL
Furman University, SC
George Washington University,
Washington, D.C.
Georgia College & State University*, GA
Georgia Institute of Technology, GA*
Georgia Southern University, GA*
Georgia State University, GA*
Hampden-Sydney College, VA
Johnson & Wales University, NC -
Charlotte Campus
Kennesaw State University, GA*
Lee University, TN
Liberty University, VA

Lipscomb University, TN
Louisiana State University, LA
Lynn University, FL*
Mercer University, GA
Missouri State University, MO
Montana State University, MT
North Carolina State University, NC
Oxford College of Emory University,
GA*
Perimeter College at Georgia State*
University, GA
Pfeiffer University, NC
Reinhardt University, GA*
Samford University, AL*
Savannah College of Art & Design, GA*
St. John's College - Annapolis, MD
Texas Christian University, TX
Tulane University, LA
University of Alabama - Birmingham,
AL*
University of Alabama - Huntsville, AL*
University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL*
University of Arizona, AZ
University of Charleston, WV*
University of Florida, FL
University of Georgia, GA*
University of Mississippi, MS

University of North Carolina -
Charlotte, NC
University of North Georgia, GA*
University of Tennessee, TN
University of Virginia, VA
Virginia Tech, VA

**Schools matriculated*

THE CLASS OF 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

100% of the Class of 2020 (43 graduates) were accepted into a college or university. Members of the Class of 2020 received academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships in excess of \$3,600,000.

- 5 AP Scholars
- 2 AP Scholars with Honor
- 6 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 5 Admitted to Honors Programs
- 4 Committed to Varsity Athletics



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