

# THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

## School Profile 2020-2021

### THE SCHOOL

The Meadows School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school serving grades PK-12. Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 247 students, Middle School (grades 6-8) enrolls 183 students, Lower School (grades K-5) enrolls 355 students, and PK enrolls 106 students. There are 52 students in the class of 2021.

Founded in 1984, The Meadows School is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC).

In its pursuit of excellence, The Meadows School inspires ambitious students to love and respect higher learning, to passionately serve their communities, and to lead meaningful lives as citizens of a global society.

### COVID-19

Following our school closure due to COVID-19 precautions on March 12, 2020, The Meadows School pivoted to remote learning on March 18, 2020. Classes met online using a synchronous schedule and utilized a variety of web-based learning systems and discussion platforms. Through our personalized advisory program, teachers continued weekly facetime check-ins with their cohorts. Regarding Semester 2 grading, we weighted 3rd and 4th quarters at 50/50. For the 2020-2021 academic year, school will begin on-time on August 17, 2020, with in-person instruction M-F in 80 minute blocks and students divided into smaller groups. Hybrid and distance learning are available if requested. Normal letter grading will be consistent regardless of instructional method.

### FINANCIAL AID

The Meadows School seeks to attract able and ambitious students of varied socioeconomic backgrounds. This year, \$3,207,750 in aid was awarded to 20.5% of the student body.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT & ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES

Students are offered the opportunity to challenge themselves in academic areas of interest through our Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced Topics (AT) courses. AT courses are taught at the college level and are therefore considered to be as rigorous, if not more rigorous, than AP courses. Given the challenging nature of The Meadows School's honors-level courses, students are counseled to take not more than four advanced courses, be they AP or AT courses. Students enrolling in AP courses are expected to sit for the examination. In May 2020, 132 students wrote 317 examinations; 72% of the scores were 4's and 5's; and 98.5% were 3's or better.

### GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated using all courses with the exception of Physical Education (PE) and other courses taken on a pass/fail basis. In Upper School, the GPA is cumulative from the fall semester of freshman year. Plus and minus grades are reflected (e.g. B+ = 3.3, B- = 2.7). Upper School students receive an extra .02 of credit for each Honors course per semester and an extra .03 of credit for each AP and AT course per semester. Students are not ranked.

### DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

Service to one's community, character, and scholarship are pillars of The Meadows School's mission and core values. The Meadows School maintains, and benefits from, a relationship with colleges and universities built upon these same principles. In order to foster transparency and trust, and in keeping with the highest ethical principles and NACAC's Statement of Good Practice, both students and college counselors will disclose whether a student has been suspended or expelled.

### PROGRAM OF STUDIES

#### ENGLISH (4 years required)

Grade 9: H Intro. to Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 10: H American Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 11: H English Lit. & Comp. or AP English Lit. & Comp.  
Grade 12: H World Lit. & Comp. or AP World Lit. & Comp. & English Language, or may choose from several H & AT seminar electives, Journalism, Yearbook

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES (4 years required)

Grade 9: H World History  
Grade 10: H or AP United States History  
Grade 11: H or AP European History  
Grade 12: H or AP U.S. Government and may choose from several electives  
Electives: H Intro. to Economics & Personal Finance, H Cultural Anthropology I & II, AP Psychology, AP Comparative Government, H Design, Thinking & Entrepreneurship, H Politics of Terrorism, H Social Injustice, H History of Art, Student Government

#### MATHEMATICS (4 years required)

H Algebra I, H Geometry, H Algebra II, H Algebra II/Trigonometry, H College Algebra with Trigonometry, H Precalculus, H Precalculus AB, H Precalculus BC, H Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AT Multivariable Calculus, H Statistics, AP Statistics, H Problem Solving in Mathematics

#### SCIENCE (3 years required)

Grade 9: H Biology or H Biology Pre-AP  
Grade 10: H Chemistry  
Grade 11: H Physics or AP Physics I  
Grades 11 & 12 Students may choose from the following:  
H Applied Sports Science, Competitive Science, H Human Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, AT Modern Physics: Concepts & Philosophy, AT Environmental Chemistry, H Engineering Design

#### WORLD LANGUAGES (3 years required)

H Spanish I-IV, H Spanish Pre-AP, AP Spanish Language & Culture, AP Spanish Literature & Culture, H Spanish Film & Conversation, H French I-III, H French Pre-AP, AP French Language & Culture, H Latin I-V, H Ancient Greek

#### FINE ARTS (1 year required)

MUSIC: Elite String Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Vocal Performance & Movement, H Intro. to Music Theory, AP Music Theory  
PERFORMING ARTS: A variety of Acting, Production, and Technical Theatre classes  
VISUAL ARTS: Film Studies, Filmmaking, Studio Art I-III, Studio Art Pre-AP, AP 2-D Art & Design, Photography I-II, Photography III Pre-AP, AP 2-D Art & Design Photography

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science Principles, H Intro. to Drones & Coding

#### SPEECH & DEBATE

H Speech & Debate, H Adv. Policy Debate, H Adv. Lincoln-Douglas Debate, H Adv. Individual Events, H Public Speaking

#### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1 semester of Health and 2 years of Physical Education or 4 seasons of sports required

Twenty-three credits are required to graduate.

## CLASS OF 2021

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### JUNIOR YEAR CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION

GPA (Weighted)		
4.5>	24	45%
4.00-4.49	18	54%
3.75-3.99	5	9%
3.50-3.74	3	6%
3.25-3.49	1	2%
3.00-3.24	1	2%
>2.99	1	2%
Mean 4.34		

GPA (Unweighted)		
3.75-4.00	24	45%
3.50-3.74	10	19%
3.25-3.49	9	17%
3.00-3.24	5	9%
2.75-2.99	2	4%
2.50-2.74	1	2%
>2.49	2	4%
Mean 3.6		

### National Merit, National Achievement, National Hispanic Programs

19% Class of 2020  
18% Class of 2019  
19% Class of 2018

### AP Scholar Awards

94% Class of 2020  
94% Class of 2019  
82% Class of 2018

## CLASS OF 2020

### FINAL TESTING PROFILE

	SAT	
	EBRW	M
Mean	676	669
Median	690	670
Middle 50%	630-720	620-740

	ACT				
	E	M	R	S	COMP
Mean	32	30	31	29	30
Median	34	29	33	32	32
Middle 50%	29-35	27-34	29-35	25-34	26-34

100% of students  
gain admission  
to four-year institutions.

### COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Over the past three years (2018, 2019, 2020) 162 graduates initially enrolled at the following colleges and universities:

American University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Trinity University	University of Pennsylvania
Barrett Honors College	Lehigh University	Tufts University	University of Portland
Baylor University	Louisiana State University (2)	United States Air Force Academy	University of Puget Sound
Bowdoin College	Loyola Marymount University (2)	University of Arizona, The	University of Redlands
Bryn Mawr College	Loyola University Chicago (3)	University of California, Berkeley (3)	University of Richmond
Columbia University (3)	Marquette University	University of California, Davis	University of Rochester (3)
Cornell University (2)	New York University (3)	University of California, Irvine	University of San Diego (6)
Dartmouth College (3)	Northeastern University (3)	University of California, Los Angeles (5)	University of Southern California (14)
Drexel University	Pomona College (2)	University of California, San Diego (3)	University of Utah
Duke University (3)	Portland State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of Washington, Seattle (2)
Emory University (2)	Princeton University	University of Chicago (2)	University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
Fordham University (2)	Purdue University	University of Colorado at Boulder (2)	Utah Valley University
George Washington University, The (6)	Rice University	University of Iowa	Vanderbilt University (2)
Georgetown University (2)	Santa Clara University	University of Maryland, College Park	Villanova University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Scripps College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3)	Washington University in St. Louis (4)
Gonzaga University	Southern Methodist University (6)	University of Nevada, Las Vegas (11)	Whitman College (2)
Harvard College	Stanford University	University of Nevada, Reno (4)	Yale University (3)
Haverford College	Texas Christian University (4)	University of Notre Dame (2)	
Hofstra University	Trinity College Dublin	University of Oregon (2)	

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