

THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

School Profile 2023-2024

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1984, The Meadows School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school serving grades PK-12. Upper School (grades 9-12) enrolls 294 students, Middle School (grades 6-8) enrolls 205 students, Lower School (grades K-5) enrolls 356 students, and PK enrolls 100 students. There are 68 students in the Class of 2024.

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VALUES

We live our mission through our core values of Scholarship, Character, Community, Inclusion, and Discovery.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Meadows School Community Engagement program is designed to give students an opportunity to acquire a greater sense of self and community. Students must complete the 144 hour requirement over four years. 80% of these hours must be completed off campus.

FINANCIAL AID

The Meadows School seeks to attract talented and motivated students of varied socio-economic backgrounds. This year, \$2,800,000 in aid was awarded to 15% of the student body.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

In order to foster transparency and trust, and in keeping with the highest ethical principles and NACAC's Statement of Good Practice, college counselors will disclose whether a student has been suspended or expelled.

COVID-19

Students pivoted to remote learning on March 8, 2020, following our closure due to COVID-19. Classes met online using a synchronous schedule. For 2019-2020, second semester, we weighted 3rd and 4th quarters at 50/50. For 2020-2021, students attended primarily in-person. Distance learning was available if requested. Normal letter grading was consistent regardless of instructional method.

ONLINE LEARNING

The Meadows School is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & ADVANCED TOPICS COURSES

Students can explore college-level content through our Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced Topics (AT) courses. Given the challenging nature of The Meadows School's curriculum, students are not permitted to take more than four AP courses per year. Students who take an AP course are required to sit for the exam.

AP Exams 2023	
Students with 1 AP Exam or More Taken	142
Total Exams Taken	319
AP Scholars with Distinction	50
AP Scholars with Honor	19
AP Scholars	21

Advanced Topics (AT) courses mirror college classes, emphasizing projects, research, and dynamic discussions resembling Socratic seminars. Advanced Topics Science Research students have the opportunity to showcase their original research at the Beal Bank USA Southern Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair hosted by the UNLV College of Science.

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated using all courses with the exception of Physical Education (PE) and courses taken as pass/fail. 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). 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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - 23 CREDITS

- 4 Years of English
- 4 Years of Social Science
- 4 Years of Mathematics
- 1 Semester of Economics & Personal Finance
- 3 Years of Science
- 3 Sequencing Years of a Single World Language
- 1 Year of Visual or Performing Arts
- 1+ Year of Health Education
- 2 Years of Physical Education or 4 Seasons on an Athletic Team

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2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH - 4 YEARS REQUIRED

9th Grade	H Introduction to Literature & Composition
10th Grade	H American Literature & Composition
11th Grade	H European Literature & Composition OR AP English Literature & Composition
12th Grade	H World Literature & Composition • AP English Language & Composition • AT Literature & Society • AT Literature Seminar: Myth & Magic • AT Literature Seminar: Chaos Theory & Creativity • Creative Writing
Non-Core Electives	Publications I: Journalism • Publications II: Yearbook • Creative Nonfiction Writing*

SOCIAL SCIENCES - 4 YEARS REQUIRED

9th Grade	H World History
10th Grade	H U.S. History OR AP U.S. History
11th Grade	H European History OR AP European History
12th Grade	H U.S. Government OR AP U.S. Government
Electives	AP Psychology • AP Economics • H Religion & Philosophy • Student Government • H Introduction to Law • Politics of Terrorism • H Introduction to Economics & Personal Finance • Introduction to Branding & Marketing* • Entrepreneurship in a Global Context* • Investing I* • Race & Society* • Introduction to Legal Thinking* • Architecture* • Prisons & Criminal Justice Systems* • Abnormal Psychology* • Introduction to Psychology* • Personal Finance* • Macroeconomics* • Microeconomics*

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 • Game Theory*

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Electives	AP Computer Science A • H Introduction to Drones & Coding
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SCIENCE - 3 YEARS REQUIRED

9th Grade	H Biology
10th Grade	H Chemistry
11th Grade	H Physics OR AP Physics I
Electives	H Human Anatomy & Physiology • AP Biology • AP Chemistry • AP Environmental Science • AT Modern Physics • AP Physics C • H Advanced Robotics • AT Science Research • H Introduction to Robotics • Secondary Health • Medical Problem Solving I•II* • Global Health* • Problem Solving with Engineering & Design* • Bioethics* • Neuropsychology*

WORLD LANGUAGES - 3 YEARS REQUIRED

H Chinese I-III • AP Chinese Language & Culture • H Latin I-III • AT Latin Literature • AP Latin • H French I-IV • H French Pre-AP • AP French Language & Culture • H Spanish I-IV • H Spanish Pre-AP • AP Spanish Language & Culture • AP Spanish Literature & Culture • H Spanish Film & Conversation • AT Spanish Seminar
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FINE ARTS - 1 YEAR REQUIRED

Music	Meadows String • Contemporary Vocal • Symphonic Band
Performing Arts	Introduction to Theatre Arts • Advanced Techniques for the Stage • Technical Theatre Production • Technical Theatre • Fall Semester Production • Spring Musical Production • Film Studies: Horror, Sci-Fi, & Fantasy
Visual Arts	Photography I-II • Studio Art I-II • Pre-AP Studio Art • AP Studio Art 2D - Digital Media Illustration • Digital Narrative • Animation & Design • Filmmaking* • Arts Entrepreneurship*

SPEECH & DEBATE

H Public Speaking • H Speech & Debate • H Advanced Policy Debate • H Advanced Lincoln-Douglas Debate • H Advanced Individual Events • AT National Circuit Policy Debate

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH - 2 YEARS OF PE OR 4 SEASONS OF ATHLETICS REQUIRED

Interscholastic Athletics • Athletic Performance & Personal Fitness • Sports Medicine • Health • Secondary Health

CLASS OF 2023

FINAL TESTING PROFILE

SAT			ACT					
N=49			N=33					
	EBRW	M		E	M	R	S	COMP
Mean	683	680	Mean	30	28	30	27	28
Median	690	680	Median	28	28	28	28	28
Middle 50%	640-740	610-765	Middle 50%	25-35	24-32	25-34	23-31	24-32

NATIONAL MERIT BREAKDOWN

2023	
Commended	6
Semifinalist	11
Finalist	11
Scholar	1
% of Class (64)	27%

CLASS OF 2024

JUNIOR YEAR CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION

GPA (Weighted)		GPA (Unweighted)	
4.5>	35% of the Class	3.5>	57% of the Class
Mean 4.20		Mean 3.43	

2022	
Commended	8
Semifinalist	4
Finalist	4
Scholar	2
% of Class (41)	29%

MEADOWS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- National Speech and Debate Association School of Distinction
- 2023 Nevada State Debate Tournament Placement
- 2022 NSDA National Debate Tournament Qualifiers
- 2022-2023 Nevada Speech and Debate Tournament Placement
- 2016-2023 Nine Qualifiers for the Debate Tournament of Champions
- 2023 Four Dragon Kim Fellowship recipients
- 2023 Small School National Tournament Quiz Bowl Placement
- 2023 NAQT Nevada State Quiz Bowl Tournament Champions
- 2021-2023 27 National Latin Exam Gold Medalists
- 2021-2023 12 students earned Scholastic Art and Writing Gold and Silver Keys
- 2022-2023 National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Out Loud 3 Nevada Semi-Finalists
- 2022-2023 Beal Bank USA Southern Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair Placement (2 First Place Winners, 4 Second Place Winners, 3 Third Place Winners)
- 2022-2023 Competed in Las Vegas Regional FIRST Robotics Competition
- 2022-2023 Two Nevada State Thespian Officers
- 2022-2023 Team Accuracy Award - Regional Thespian Technical Theatre Olympics
- 2022-2023 Chosen to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- 2022-2023 2A Football State Champions
- 2022-2023 2A Girls' Volleyball State Champions
- 2022-2023 2A Girls' Golf State Champions
- 2022-2023 3A Girls' Tennis State Champions
- 2022-2023 3A Boys' Tennis State Champions
- 2022-2023 17 Individual State Champions in wrestling, golf, and tennis singles/doubles
- 2022-2023 5 NCAA college recruits
- Fall 2022 New multi-million dollar STEM facility for interdisciplinary studies opened

2021	
Commended	3
Semifinalist	4
Finalist	4
Scholar	2
% of Class (52)	13%

2020	
Commended	6
Semifinalist	8
Finalist	8
Scholar	3
% of Class (54)	26%

2019	
Commended	4
Semifinalist	8
Finalist	8
Scholar	1
% of Class (51)	24%

ACCREDITATION, AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATION

Over the past five years (2019 to 2023) 262 graduates have been admitted to the following colleges and universities:

Bold indicates matriculation.

Aberystwyth University
 Academy of Art University
Adrian College (1)
 Albion College
 Allegheny College
American University (1)
American University of Paris (1)
 Anglo-American University
 Appalachian State University
Arizona State University-Tempe (1)
Arizona State University-Tempe (Barrett Honors College) (1)
 Auburn University
 Babson College
 Baldwin Wallace University
 Bard College
 Barnard College
Bates College (1)
Baylor University (2)
 Belmont Abbey College
 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Bentley University
 Berry College
 Boise State University
Boston College (1)
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (2)
 Brandeis University
Brown University (1)
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 Cal Poly
California Lutheran University (1)
 California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
 California State University-Bakersfield
 California State University-Fresno
 California State University-Fullerton
 California State University-Long Beach
 Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University (1)
 Carthage College
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catholic University of America
 Central European University
Chapman University (3)
 Charles University
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina
 Clark University
 Clemson University
 Cleveland State University
 Coastal Carolina University
Colby College (1)
Colgate University (1)
 College of the Holy Cross
 Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines (1)
Colorado State University-Fort Collins (2)
 Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (4)
Concordia University-Irvine (1)
 Corban University
 Cornell College
Cornell University (3)
 Creighton University
 CUNY Brooklyn College
 CUNY City College
 Dalhousie University
Dartmouth College (5)
Davidson College (2)
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
Dominican University (1)
 Dominican University of California
Drexel University (1)
Duke University (2)
 East Carolina University
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
 Emerson College
Emory University (3)
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Polytechnic University
 Florida Southern College
Fordham University (1)
Furman University (1)
George Mason University (1)
George Washington University (10)
Georgetown University (4)
 Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University (1)
 Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus
Harvard University (2)
Harvey Mudd College (1)
 Hastings College
 Haverford College
 Hawaii Pacific University
 High Point University
Hofstra University (1)
 Howard University
 Huron University College
 Idaho State University
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Indiana University Indianapolis
 Indiana University-Bloomington
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kenyon College
 Knox College
 Lafayette College
 Lake Forest College
 Latter Day Saints Business College
 Lawrence Technological University
Lehigh University (1)
Lewis & Clark College (1)
 Lipscomb University
 Long Island University - Brooklyn
Louisiana State University (2)
Loyola Marymount University (3)
Loyola University Chicago (4)
 Macalester College
Macquarie University (1)
 Manhattan College
 Marquette University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Marymount Manhattan College
 Miami University, Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Middlebury College
 Montana State University
 Mount Holyoke College
 New Mexico State University
New York University (4)
 North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University (2)
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Occidental College
 Ohio State University
 Oklahoma State University-Main Campus
 Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
 Oregon State University
 Pace University, New York City Campus
 Pacific Union College
Pennsylvania State University (1)
Pepperdine University (3)
Pitzer College (1)
Pomona College (2)
Portland State University (1)
 Pratt Institute-Main
Princeton University (2)
Purdue University (1)
 Queen's University
 Reed College
 Regis University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design (1)
 Rhodes College
Rice University (2)
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (1)
 Royal Holloway University of London
 Russell Sage College
 Saint Louis University
 Salve Regina University
Samford University (1)
San Diego State University (1)
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College (1)
Santa Clara University (1)
 Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College (1)
Savannah College of Art & Design (1)
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 School of Visual Arts
Scripps College (1)
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University (7)
 Southern Utah University
 Southwestern University
 Spelman College
 St Bonaventure University
 St. John's University-New York
Stanford University (1)
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Stony Brook University
 Suffolk University
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University-College Station
Texas Christian University (7)
 Texas State University
 The New School
 Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin (1)
 Trinity University
Tufts University (1)
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 Union College (NY)
United States Air Force Academy (1)
United States Merchant Marine Academy (2)
 United States Military Academy
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universita Bocconi (1)
 University at Albany, SUNY
 University College Dublin
 University of Adelaide
 University of Alabama
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 University of Alaska Southeast
 University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley (2)
University of California-Davis (3)
University of California-Irvine (2)
University of California-Los Angeles (5)
 University of California-Merced
 University of California-Riverside
University of California-San Diego (3)
University of California-Santa Barbara (3)
 University of California-Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
University of Chicago (1)
 University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder (1)
 University of Colorado Denver
University of Denver (1)
 University of Exeter
University of Florida (1)
 University of Georgia
 University of Glasgow
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Houston
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Illinois Chicago
University of Iowa (1)
 University of Kansas
 University of Kentucky
 University of La Verne
 University of Manchester
University of Maryland-College Park (1)
 University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 University of Massachusetts-Boston
 University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (4)
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri-Columbia
 University of Missouri-Kansas City
 University of Montana
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada-Las Vegas (17)
University of Nevada-Reno (8)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2)
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of Northern Colorado
University of Notre Dame (2)
 University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon (4)
University of Pennsylvania (2)
 University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
 University of Portland
University of Puget Sound (1)
University of Redlands (2)
University of Rochester (2)
University of San Diego (16)
 University of San Francisco
University of South Florida (1)
University of Southern California (12)
 University of St Andrews
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 University of Texas at Arlington
 University of Texas at Austin
 University of Texas at Dallas
 University of the Pacific
 University of Toronto
University of Utah (4)
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington-Seattle Campus (4)
 University of Western Ontario
 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
 University of York
 Utah State University
Utah Valley University (1)
Vanderbilt University (5)
 Vassar College
Villanova University (1)
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University (1)
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Washington State University
Washington University in St Louis (5)
 Wellesley College
 Wesleyan University
 West Virginia University
 Western Michigan University
 Westmont College
Whitman College (1)
 Whittier College
 Whitworth University
 Willamette University
 William & Mary
Williams College (1)
 Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)
Yale University (4)