



JACKSON
PREP

College Counseling

SCHOOL PROFILE

2023-2024

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Jackson Preparatory School is an independent, coeducational college preparatory day school enrolling 807 students in grades Pre-K3 through twelve. There are 120 students in the class of 2024. The school is located on a 90-acre campus east of Jackson in the thriving city of Flowood. The student body is diverse, representing various racial, ethnic, economic, and religious groups.

MISSION STATEMENT

Jackson Preparatory School inspires and challenges students toward academic, athletic, and artistic excellence, instills personal integrity through biblical values and equips students to pursue lives of distinction in service to society.

FACULTY

The Prep faculty is composed of 103 dedicated and experienced professionals, including 51 (50%) who have earned postgraduate degrees.

College Counseling at Prep

The Jackson Preparatory School College Counseling Office offers the premier college counseling program in the state of Mississippi. Our overarching goal is to provide the tools necessary to help students find the right "fit" in the steps they take following their tenure as students at Prep.

In our work:

- We provide comprehensive college counseling support to every student and family in our school.
- We recognize that every individual's hopes, dreams, and expectations are unique to them.
- We know that, though "success" may look different from person to person, all outcomes matter and are deserving of our respect, attention, and expertise.
- We acknowledge that this is a family endeavor; we work hard to engage and connect with all of the family members involved in the college search, selection, and funding process.
- We are responsible for maintaining a clear and comprehensive sense of both the regional and national landscape in college admissions on behalf of the families we serve.
- We will always maintain a fundamental regard for every student's unique attributes, aptitudes, and abilities. We will endeavor, alongside our students, to bring those qualities to the forefront to help them pursue their dreams.
- We are deeply aware of the numerous pressures that come with this journey and are committed to helping everyone maintain a positive and balanced perspective regardless of their concerns.
- We are professional educators committed to supporting our students, their families, and the greater Jackson Prep community in every way that we can.

Curriculum

Jackson Prep's primary mission is to prepare students for college. Therefore, the curriculum is challenging and broad, emphasizing a liberal arts and sciences education. The school year is divided into four nine-week reporting periods. A six-week summer session is offered for additional credit. Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors programs are offered in mathematics, science, English, social studies, world languages, and studio art. Classes meet on a rotating seven-period schedule. Because of the school's selective admission policy and the strong competitive performance of its students, Jackson Prep does not rank students except for the designation of valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation.

COURSE OFFERINGS

English

- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP English Language & Composition
- English 12 (Composition/ British Literature)*
- Honors English 10
- Honors English 9
- English 11 (American Literature)
- English 10 (World Literature)
- English 9 (Genre Study)

Mathematics

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Advanced Algebra/ Trigonometry*
- Honors Pre-Calculus*
- Honors Algebra I, II
- Honors Geometry
- Algebra I, II
- Applied Calculus/Statistics
- Geometry
- Senior Algebra
- Statistics

Science

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics C
- Honors Biology I
- Honors Chemistry I
- Anatomy & Physiology (A&P)
- Biology I
- Biology II
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Intro to Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Marine Biology
- Physics

Social Studies

- AP U.S. Government
- AP U.S. History
- AP European History
- Ancient World History
- Mississippi Studies
- Modern World History
- Economics/U.S. Government
- United States History

World Languages

- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- Honors Spanish III*
- Spanish I, II
- AP Latin
- Honors Latin III*, IV*
- Latin I, II
- Honors French III, IV
- French I, II
- AP Chinese
- Honors Mandarin Chinese III
- Mandarin Chinese I, II
- Classical Greek I, II

Computer Science

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A (Java)
- Script Coding
- CompSci: Virtual Reality

- CompSci: VR Production
- Computer Applications
- Block Coding

Performing and Visual Arts

- AP Art
- 2-D Design: Mixed Media
- 3-D Design: Wood
- Advanced Art
- Band
- Competitive Theatre
- Digital Photography
- Drawing
- Fiber Arts
- Film
- Film Production
- Foundations of Art
- Fusion (Middle School Show Choir)
- Glass Design
- Graphic Design
- Music Appreciation: History of Rock
- Music Theory
- Open Studio: Independent Study
- Painting
- Pottery
- Reveillon (Upper School Show Choir)

Electives

- Academic Competitions: Chess
- Academic Competitions: Quiz Bowl
- Accounting I
- Ancient Cultures
- Broadcast Media
- Classical Art and Architecture
- Classical Greek Language and Literature
- Classical Philosophy
- Competitive Debate
- Creative Writing
- Engineering Design
- Entrepreneurship I, II, III
- Externship
- Financial Management
- Freedom Now: Civil Rights
- Freshman Seminar
- Health and Wellness
- History and Sports
- Intro to Law
- Italian Studies
- Journalism I, II
- Life Strategies
- Online Class (Hinds Community College)*
- Psychology
- Public Speaking
- Service Learning
- Sports Marketing
- Test Prep/College Readiness
- Yearbook Staff

Christian Studies

- Christian Literature
- Christianity in America
- History of the Christian Church
- World Religions

Publications

- Earthwinds (Creative Writing) [literary magazine]
- Précis (Yearbook Staff) [school yearbook]
- Sentry (Journalism I, II) [school newspaper]

*Dual Enrollment Available



GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Jackson Prep reports numerical grades on the transcript for each course. The cumulative GPA is based on final grades earned in all courses for credit at Jackson Prep. **Individual subject grades shown on the transcript are not weighted.** A weight of 5 points is added for the cumulative GPA calculation for all Honors courses and a weight of 7.5 points is added for AP courses. In computing GPA, grades in courses taken at other schools are not considered.

Grading Scale	Requirements for Graduation
A 90-100+	4.0 English
B 80-89	4.0 Mathematics
C 70-79	4.0 Science
F 69 and below	4.0 Social Studies
	2.0 World Language
Grade Distribution Class of 2023	1.0 Computer Science
100+ = 7	1.0 Fine Arts Elective
95-99 = 25	3.0 Other Electives
90-94 = 46	
85-89 = 29	<i>23 units required for graduation</i>
80-84 = 9	
75-79 = 2	
70-74 = 1	

CLASSICAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

The Classical Heritage program offers students the opportunity to focus on the language and culture of the Greco-Roman civilization. To receive a diploma with an emphasis in Classical Studies, a student must complete at least six courses in Latin, Greek, and classical civilization.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The Christian Studies program educates students on the intellectual foundations of Christianity. To receive a diploma with an emphasis in Christian Studies, a student must earn three full credits in the Christian Studies course offerings.

ATHLETICS @ PREP

Jackson Prep prides itself on providing a robust, competitive athletics program whose "purpose is to create an experience that will help our student-athletes in their personal, physical, and spiritual growth and teach them what it means to be a good teammate." Prep offers 10 sports for men (Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, and Track) and 11 sports for women (Archery, Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Fast-Pitch Softball, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball). All but 5 of these sports require tryouts. Jackson Prep competes against other schools in the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools and routinely wins state championships in multiple sports each year.

DISCLOSURE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO COLLEGES

When requested on the application, Jackson Preparatory School will report disciplinary violations that resulted in suspension or expulsion.

Testing

PSAT/NMSQT

All sophomore and junior students take the PSAT/NMSQT. The class of 2024, with 5 Semifinalists and 4 Commended students, continues a Jackson Prep tradition of outstanding performance in the National Merit Scholarship program. Statistics for the past five years are shown below.

Class	Class Size	NMSC Semifinalists	NMSC Commended	Percent of Class
2020	124	5	4	7%
2021	139	10	0	7%
2022	154	8	8	10%
2023	115	5	1	5%
2024	120	5	4	8%

ACT

All Jackson Prep students take the ACT. The middle 50% range scores for the class of 2023 are shown below.

Section	Middle 50%
English	22-30
Math	21-28
Reading	22-31
Science	21-27
Composite	23-30

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Jackson Prep requires all students enrolled in AP courses to take the corresponding examination. In May 2023, 110 students took 219 exams in 18 subject areas. 79% scored a 3 or higher on the exam.

Exam Year	Scholars with Distinction	Scholars with Honor	Scholars
2019	15	4	27
2020	11	5	20
2021	10	10	27
2022	14	9	29
2023	12	7	16

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Cognia (SACS CASI), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC), Cum Laude Society, College Board, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

JACKSON PREP STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BETWEEN 2018-2023

Bold indicates where our students have enrolled.

Alcorn State University	Houghton University	Rhodes College	University of Illinois at Chicago
American University	Howard University	Rider University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Amherst College	Itawamba Community College	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Kentucky
Appalachian State University	Ithaca College	Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Arizona State University	Jackson State University	Rollins College	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Auburn University	Jacksonville University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Maine
Aurora University	James Madison University	Rutgers University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Ball State University	Jones College	Saint Louis University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Bard College	Kenyon College	Samford University	University of Memphis
Baylor University	Labette Community College	San Diego State University	University of Miami
Belhaven University	Lafayette College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Michigan
Belmont University	Lawrence Technological University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Mississippi
Berry College	Liberty University	School of Visual Arts	University of Montevallo
Birmingham-Southern College	Lipscomb University	Schreiner University	University of New Orleans
Bocconi University	Louisiana State University	Scripps College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Boston College	Louisiana Tech University	Seton Hall University	University of North Texas
Brenau University	Loyola Marymount University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Notre Dame
Brewton-Parker College	Loyola University Chicago	Smith College	University of Oklahoma
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)	Loyola University New Orleans	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Oregon
Carleton College	Manhattan College	Southeastern University	University of Pittsburgh
Chapman University	Marion Military Institute	Southern Methodist University	University of Queensland
Chipola College	Marymount Manhattan College	Southern University and A&M College	University of Richmond
Clark Atlanta University	Marymount University	Southwest Mississippi Community College	University of San Francisco
Clemson University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Stanford University	University of South Alabama
Coastal Carolina University	Meridian Community College	Stetson University	University of South Carolina
Colby College	Michigan State University	Syracuse University	University of Southern California
Colgate University	Middle Tennessee State University	Temple University	University of Southern Mississippi
College of Charleston	Millikin University	Texas A&M University	University of St Andrews
College of Saint Rose	Millsaps College	Texas Christian University	University of Sydney
Colorado School of Mines	Mississippi College	Texas State University	University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
Colorado State University	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Texas Tech University	University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Columbia College	Mississippi State University	The New School	University of Tennessee (Martin)
Columbia University	Missouri State University	Tougaloo College	University of Texas at Austin
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Montana State University	Trinity College	University of Texas at Dallas
Cornell College	Montclair State University	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of the Ozarks
Covenant College	Mount Mary University	Tuskegee University	University of Utah
Davidson College	New York Institute of Technology	Union College	University of Virginia
Delgado Community College	New York University	Union University	University of Washington
Delta State University	North Carolina A & T State University	United States Air Force Academy	University of West Alabama
DePaul University	North Carolina State University	United States Military Academy at West Point	University of West Florida
Dillard University	Northeast Mississippi Community College	University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Drexel University	Northeastern University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Vanderbilt University
East Central Community College	Northern Arizona University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Virginia Commonwealth University
East Mississippi Community College	Northwest Mississippi Community College	University of Alaska Southeast	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Elon University	Ohio State University	University of Amsterdam	Viterbo University
Emory University	Oklahoma City University	University of Arizona	Wake Forest University
Florida Atlantic University	Oregon State University	University of Arkansas	Washington and Lee University
Florida State University	Otterbein University	University of California (Berkeley)	Washington University in St. Louis
Fordham University	Pace University	University of California (Davis)	Webster University
Furman University	Penn State University	University of California (Los Angeles)	Wellesley College
George Mason University	Pepperdine University	University of California (San Diego)	Wesleyan University
George Washington University	Pitzer College	University of Central Florida	Whittier College
Georgetown University	Point Park University	University of Cincinnati	William & Mary
Georgia Institute of Technology	Prairie View A&M University	University of Colorado Boulder	Wofford College
Georgia State University	Pratt Institute	University of Delaware	Xavier University of Louisiana
Harding University	Purdue University	University of Florida	
Harvard University	Reed College	University of Georgia	
High Point University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Hartford	
Hilbert College	Rhode Island College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Hillsdale College		University of Houston	
Hinds Community College			
Holmes Community College			



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