



Marshall School

WELCOME *to* POSSIBILITY

At the heart of Marshall School's educational philosophy is an understanding that a student's journey through our school is the starting place for a lifelong ripple effect. Here, learners are encouraged and supported while being taught the tools to discover their own unique path.

Students develop strong academic habits, learn to trust their intellectual curiosity, and explore what it means to become a global citizen. Our faculty seek to educate the whole individual, so that each student who walks through our halls will be able to contribute their own distinctive positive impact in the world.





MISSION

INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNERS
to EMBRACE CHALLENGE *and*
CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY • COMPASSION • SELF-DISCIPLINE • RESPECT
INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY • STRONG ACADEMIC HABITS

STATEMENT *of* COMMUNITY

The Marshall School Community accepts responsibility for the safety, inclusion, and well-being of all members. We nurture and protect an environment that is affirming and empowering of individual voices, life experiences, and perspectives. We commit to learning and growing through our daily actions and interactions. We seek always to value, respect, and uplift those around us.



WELCOME to
the HOME of the
HILLTOPPERS!



KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 4

Marshall has a strong history of providing middle school and upper school educational opportunities that focus on cultivating students' gifts and a passion for lifelong learning, and our **Forest School** begins this journey with a solid foundation.

The Forest School utilizes students' curiosity and playfulness to develop student agency, critical thinking, and a growth mindset that puts students on the path to continued academic success. It harnesses nature as a backdrop to build foundational academic skills with an average of 50% of time spent outside. Students learn on 40+ acres of extensive trails, fields, and creeks, as well as in innovative classrooms designed for our youngest learners.





MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 5 - 8

With a smooth transition from early learning to a little more independence and maturity, our **Middle School** lays the foundation for developing and nurturing our core values: strong academic habits, respect, compassion, integrity, self-discipline and intellectual curiosity.

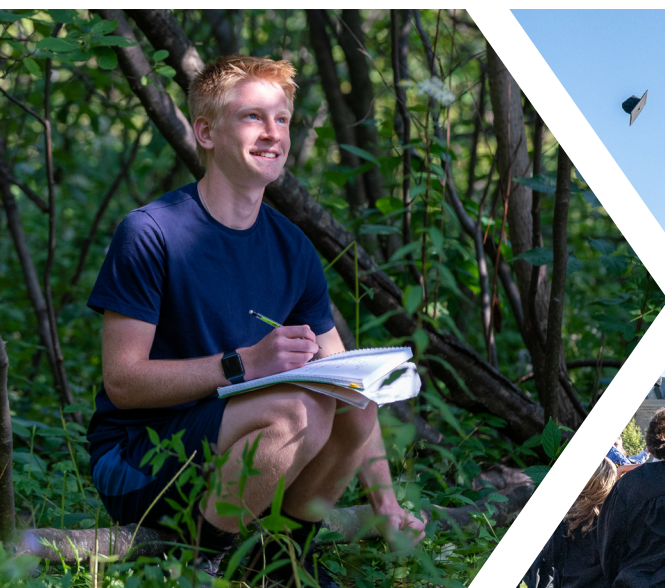
Early on, students are encouraged to be confident and creative thinkers through challenging, yet attainable, goals. Small class sizes invoke active engagement, exploration of unique interests, and individualized support through a vigorous curriculum of English, fine arts, health and physical education, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages.



UPPER SCHOOL

GRADES 9 - 12

Marshall's **Upper School** prepares students to be leaders in their communities, and contributors to a more just and empathetic world. Our faculty create learning environments that inspire, broaden perspectives, and develop personal agency through a teaching model that incorporates high academic standards and student-centered learning. They provide opportunities that develop students' abilities to think curiously and creatively, solve problems, and communicate effectively to become engaged and ethical citizens. Ultimately, students learn to embrace resiliency, act courageously, and live compassionately. Through this variety of learning experiences, students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diverse perspectives and experiences of those around them.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Since 2006, more than 200 teenagers from nearly 44 different countries have made Marshall their choice for a boarding program that positions international students for acceptance at America's top colleges and universities. We have earned a reputation for excelling at academics, as well as providing a home-like experience in the United States.

Marshall enrolls around 40 diploma-seeking international students in grades 7-12 each year. Students live in our dormitory, Marshall House, or off-campus with school supervised host families.

Our international population is culturally diverse, representing over 10 countries on average, annually. These students benefit from small class sizes with a safe and welcoming student community, campus, and city, while our entire student body benefits from making friends who come from beautifully different life experiences.



COLLEGE COUNSELING

Our College Counseling Program helps students:

- Identify interests, strengths, and achievements that inform plans and long-term goals after Marshall
- Create a personalized college search process to research schools and plan campus visits
- Prepare for standardized testing, craft scholarship and admissions essays, and complete college applications
- Coordinate letters of recommendation, including a personal recommendation written for each student by the Director of College Counseling
- Identify the process for applying for need-based and merit-based financial aid and scholarships



iTERM

iTerm is a 9-day mini semester that begins immediately after winter break. The design is based on student-driven learning and inquiry, allowing students to have the freedom to be present and explore new interests without fear. It is a time to step back from the pressures of grades and college preparation to offer an innovative approach to the skills and habits that encourage lifelong learning.

During the iTerm experience, Marshall students take no more than four courses. These courses combine students from different grade levels, and operate across disciplines to create such offerings as *The War on Terror through Film*, *Minnesota Outdoor Adventures*, *Slam Poetry*, *Canoe Paddle Making*, and more! A handful of options from past years are listed below.

Additionally, iTerm capitalizes on one of our greatest resources: our amazing teachers! Based on our teachers' passions, courses are offered to foster curiosity, create exceptional moments of learning, and to build student-teacher relationships.

Arctic Winter Survival • Math + Art • Yoga and Yoshi • When Disaster Strikes! • Cribbage • 3D Printing & Design • Interior Design Basics • Music Composition • Bike and Ski Maintenance • Chopped! • Nutritional Science • Bridge Building • Simulating History • Now Hiring! • Small Engine Repair • Science Fair • Graffiti Letter Studio • Careers in Tech

CREW

Our **Crew Program** aims to promote a sense of connectedness and belonging among students and teachers. Students meet with a faculty advisor to explore topics important in the life of adolescents, and to make connections to the school mission. The advisor serves as a mentor, guide, and advocate for their advisees, and in addition to academic support, advisors lead students in conversations about character development and actualization.



STEM



FINE ARTS



The **Fine Arts Program** provides an inspiring environment with age-appropriate hands-on opportunities for students through music, visual art, and theater. The curriculum is designed to develop fundamental skills within the fine arts, fostering curiosity through problem solving, critical thinking, and creative responses to complex themes. The Fine Arts faculty maintain active, artistic lives and bring real-world experience into the classroom. They also strive to provide opportunities through enriched fine arts experiences with local and international artists. Students are guided to become independent learners, lifelong participants, and appreciative patrons of the arts.





Our **Athletics Department** is a celebrated part of the Marshall experience. Many Marshall students participate in at least one sport, often alongside other clubs and activities, and take the time to come out and cheer each other on. Marshall teams compete at the varsity level in 19 different MSHSL sports, with most sports offering opportunities at junior high and JV levels as well, and our teams and athletes have advanced to section and state competitions in recent years in eight different sports. On every team, we learn the lifelong skills of working together, discipline, and sportsmanship—as well as crucial lessons about winning and losing with compassion, integrity, and grace.



HILLTOPPER EXTRA-CURRICULARS *and* CLUBS

Our students have many options when it comes to getting involved in co-curricular activities at Marshall, and there's room for everyone to give it a try! Options change from year to year, but this list represents some of the exciting offerings we've seen:

Book Club
Black Student Union
Chamber Singers
Chess Club
Creative Writing Group
Debate
Destination Imagination
Drama Club
Environmental Advocacy Group
Film Club
Gardening Club
Girls Who Code
Hilltopper Council
Honor Council
Jazz Band
Junior Rotarians
Karaoke Club
Knowledge Bowl
Math League
Model UN
National Art Honor Society (NAHS)
Robotics
Rock Band
Spectrum
Speech
Topper Tour Guides
Yearbook
Youth in Action



Alpine Skiing
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Hockey
Lacrosse
Nordic Skiing
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track
Trapshooting
Volleyball

COMMUNITY CENTERED PRICING

Marshall School is committed to providing the highest quality educational program in the region. At the same time, we recognize that families have budgets, and it is our goal to work within those budgets so that we maintain an inclusive, welcoming school that reflects our community.

We offer a guided tuition scale, whereby tuition rates are customized according to each family's ability to contribute to educational expenses. A tuition estimate calculator is available on our website. About 60% of our current families receive financial assistance.

Marshall utilizes institutional resources and donations to invest in families and students, while also asking families to invest in Marshall so that together we can create an exceptional educational experience for our community's children.



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