

MPCS SCHOOL PROFILE

**MOUNT PARAN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

a place where faith and intellect grow as one

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Mount Paran Christian School (MPCS) is Cobb County's exemplary covenantal Christian PK3-12th grade college-preparatory school. Founded in 1976, MPCS is a private Christian, non-denominational, college prep school committed to excellence in academics, Christian Life, athletics, and the arts.

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MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES

The mission of MPCS is to unite with home and church to prepare servant-leaders to honor God, love others, and walk in Truth. The school's core values are *Learning Focused*, *Community Oriented*, *Pursuers of Excellence*, and *Christ-Centered*. As a private, covenantal Christian day-school, MPCS aspires to be a national school leader by providing an innovative education to a diverse community of learners within a liberal-arts framework, all for the glory of God.

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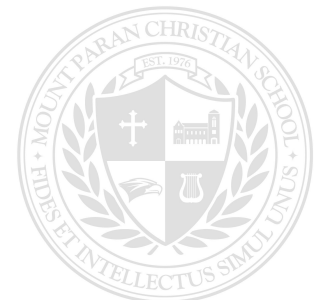
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ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

Mount Paran Christian School has dual accreditation by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia. Additionally, MPCS continues to meet the rigorous standards of the Council for Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA) and is recognized as a CESA Member of Council. MPCS is also a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA), the Georgia High School Association (GHSA), the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC), and the MISBO consortium.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

MPCS is located on a 68-acre campus with a historic cabin and 6-acre lake in the shadow of Kennesaw Mountain. The college-like grounds include four academic facilities and a preschool cottage. The main building houses a media center, two gyms, offices, and dining area. The state-of-the-art Murray Arts Center boasts two theaters, recording studio, and multiple dance and music studios. Athletics facilities include a turf football stadium and track, turf baseball and all-purpose field, training facility, batting cages, and tennis courts.



ENROLLMENT 1,315 PK3-12th Grades	RATIO 12:1 Student-Teacher Ratio School-wide Average	FACULTY 273 Total Faculty and staff	CERTIFICATION 100% State-certified and/or or discipline-specific degrees	DIVERSITY 30% School-wide Average
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CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC RIGOR

Our extensive curriculum includes 56 AP and honors courses, and a magnet program for the fine and performing arts (Dozier School of the Arts). AP students are required to take the National AP Exam in the spring. Engineering courses of study and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) facilitate STEAM curriculum. Academic teams reach success such as Mock Trial District Champions and Robotics Super Regionals Finalists. Connected Learning Program 1:1 devices issued to each student middle and high school. Preschool students score higher than their peers entering Kindergarten from outside MPCs. Exploratories and electives include P.E., music, Spanish, French, arts, STEAM, and critical thinking. Encore gifted-enrichment, advanced classes, and directed studies programs are available. Countless academic and service clubs offered from K-12th grade. Bible is taught at every grade level.

AP Courses	22
Honors Courses	34
Engineering/PLTW®	4
STEAM classes for PK3-5th grades	100%
1:1 Device Connected Learning Program	100% of middle and high school students

AP EXAMS 398 Administered last year	AP SCORES 91% Score a 3 or Higher with 81 AP Scholars+ named last year	NATIONAL MERIT 25 Scholars or Finalists +20 commended students	SAT 1110-1220 Middle 50-75% Five-year Average Top Score 1510	ACT 22-25 Middle 50-75% Five-year Average Top Score 33
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MPCS ARTS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Recognized by the Georgia High School Musical Theatre Shuler Hensley Awards with 50+ nominations, honorable mentions, and 4 “Shuler” awards since program inception
- Annual statewide recognition in Scholastic Art Awards, the U.S. Congressional Art Competition, and the Georgia All-State Art Symposium
- Band, chorus, and orchestra rated as “Superior” by GMEA, with annual participation in GA All-State ensembles including band, orchestra, jazz, and chorus
- Governor’s Honors Program participants in dance, music, and visual arts
- College arts scholarships in Dance, Music, Music Ed., Visual Arts, Graphic Arts, Fashion Design, Acting, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre, Film, Cinematography, Audio Engineering, Commercial Music, Songwriting and Production, Music Business
- Robotics State Champions 2020 and 2021
- Mock Trial Regionals 2024, Mock Trial Finalists 2023, Mock Trial Region Champions 2022

MPC ATHLETICS

- 2024 and 2023 GADA Regions Director’s Cup Top 2A athletic program in state
- 19 student-athletes from class of 2024 committed to play collegiate athletics
- 2024, 2023, 2022 Basketball Varsity Girls State Champions
- 12-time consecutive Competition Cheer State Champions 2012-2024
- 2024, 2023 Golf Varsity Boys State Champions
- 2023 Tennis Varsity Boys State Champions, 2017 Varsity Boys Tennis State Runner-Up
- 2024, 2023, 2022, 2018 State Champions Varsity Volleyball
- 2021 Baseball State Champions, 2023 State Runner Up
- 2021 Varsity Girls Tennis State Runner Up
- 2020 Softball State Champions, 2023 State Runner Up
- 2019 Track Varsity Girls State Champions
- 2018 Wrestling State qualifier finishing 6th in State
- 2018 Fishing team 2nd place Anglers of the Year, two fishermen made Nationals
- 2014 Varsity Football State Champions
- Individual State Champions Boys Golf, Girls High Jump, Boys and Girls Swim, Boys Track

GRADUATES

114

Number of
Class of 2024

ACCEPTANCES

100%

of Seniors are Accepted
Into College

SCHOLARSHIP

\$12M+

Total Scholarship Offerings
Average Award \$105,000+

UGA/GT

54%

of Applicants Accepted to UGA
and/or Georgia Tech

HOPE

89%

Graduates Who Qualify
For the HOPE/Zell Scholarship

MPCS graduates have been accepted into some of the most prestigious college and universities as listed below. Graduates were offered various academic, athletic, arts, and special achievement scholarships. Amounts reflected above are scholarship offerings including HOPE or Zell Miller scholarship awards.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

MPCS Students have been accepted to the following prestigious colleges and universities:

Agnes Scott College*	Gardner-Webb University	Oglethorpe University	Tuskegee University*	University of North Carolina-Charlotte^
Alabama A & M University	George Washington University*	Ohio Northern University*	United States Air Force Academy**	University of North Georgia*
Appalachian State University	Georgia College*	Ohio State University	United States Coast Guard Academy *^	University of Northern Colorado*~
Arizona State University*	Georgia Institute of Technology**	Oklahoma City University*~	United States Military Academy-West Point**	University of Notre Dame^
Arkansas State University^	Georgia Southern University*	Olivet Nazarene University**^~	United States Naval Academy**	University of Oklahoma
Auburn University*	Georgia State University^	Oral Roberts University*	University of Alabama*	University of Pittsburgh*
Baylor University*	Gordon College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Alabama at Birmingham*	University of Richmond
Belmont University*~	Grambling State University	Pace University*	University of California-Berkeley	University of South Carolina*
Berry College*	High Point University*	Pennsylvania State University	University of California-Los Angeles*	University of Southern California
Birmingham-Southern College*	Indiana University*	Pepperdine University*~	University of California-San Diego	University of Tennessee**
Boston College*	Jacksonville University*	Pratt Institute*	University of California-Santa Cruz	University of Texas - Austin
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	Presbyterian College*	University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music*~	University of Virginia
Brenau University^	The King's College*	Princeton University	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Washington
Butler University*	Kennesaw State University^	Purdue University*	University of Connecticut	University of West Georgia**
Campbell University**	Lee University*	Radford University	University of Delaware	Valdosta State University
Carson-Newman University ^	Lenoir-Rhyne University**	Reinhardt University**	University of Denver	Vanderbilt University*
Chicago College of Performing Arts	Liberty University	Rhode Island School of Design~	University of Florida*	Virginia Commonwealth University*
The Citadel *	Life University*	Rhodes College**	University of Georgia*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Clark Atlanta University	Lipscomb University*~	Rider University*~	University of Hartford*~	Virginia State University
Clemson University**	Louisiana State University*	Rollins College*	University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston**	Loyola University*	Roosevelt University~	University of Iowa	Washington and Lee University*
College of Coastal Georgia	Lyon College*	Rutgers University^	University of Kentucky^	Washington College**
College of William and Mary*	Maryland Institute College of Art*	Saint Louis University*	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Western Carolina University~
Columbia University*	Marymount Manhattan College*~	Samford University*~	University of Miami*~	Wheaton College**
Columbus State University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Savannah College of Art & Design**	University of Michigan	Winthrop University**
Cornell University^	Mercer University*	School of the Arts Institute of Chicago*	University of Mississippi*	Wofford College**
Colorado Christian University	Miami University*	Sewanee: The University of the South **	University of Missouri**	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colorado State University*	Middle Tennessee State University*	Southern Methodist University*	University of North Carolina-Wilmington**	Xavier University*
Covenant College^	Mississippi State University*	Spelman College*	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**	Yale University
Duke University	Montclair State University*	Stony Brook University, The State University of New York		Young Harris College*
Elon University*	Michigan State University	Syracuse University*		
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*	Middle Tennessee State University*	Tennessee Technical University*		
Emmanuel University*	Missouri State University*	Texas Christian University*		
Emory University*	Montana State University	Texas State University*		
Flagler College*	Mount St. Mary's University*	Towson University**		
Florida Institute of Technology*	New York University*			
Florida State University*	North Carolina Central University			
Furman University*	North Carolina State University*			
	Northeastern University			

*denotes academic scholarships
^denotes athletic scholarships
~denotes arts scholarships

