

MACLAY

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-25



MACLAY SCHOOL

Be Inspired. Be Determined. Be Unstoppable.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

- ▶ **Founded in 1968**
- ▶ **100-acre campus in Northeast Tallahassee**
- ▶ **Grades: Pre-K 3 - 12th**
- ▶ **Student population: 1127**
 - African Americans: 57
 - Latino/Hispanic: 114
 - Asian and Asian American: 83
 - American Indian: 1
 - Other: 5
 - Multiracial: 63
- ▶ **140 Teaching Faculty members:**
 - 83 Masters/9 PhD's
- ▶ **Student/faculty ratio: 11:1%**
- ▶ **School Hours:**
 - Pre-K 8:15am-12:30pm/3:10pm
 - K - 5th: 8:00am-3:00pm
 - 6th - 8th: 8:15am-3:10pm
 - 9th - 12th: 8:30am-2:30pm
- ▶ **Wednesdays Late Start at 9:30am for Professional Development**
- ▶ **Extended day KIDS CLUB PreK 3 - 5**
 - 7am-8am and 3pm-6pm
- ▶ **Level Up Enrichment PreK-8**
- ▶ **Middle School Center: Grades 6-8 (free)**
 - 7am-8am and 3pm-6pm no charge
- ▶ **Tuition:**
 - Pre-K: \$8,925 half-day
 - K- 5: \$16,500
 - 6-8: \$17,100
 - 9-12: \$18,500
 - International: \$21,000
- ▶ **Financial assistance available.**
 - Head of School Scholarship for rising 9th grade
- ▶ **Mascot: Marauder**
- ▶ **Summer camps for ages 3 - 18**
- ▶ **Accreditations**
 - Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)
 - Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
 - National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC)
 - Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)
 - Southern Association of College Admissions Counselors (SACAC)
 - National Career Development Association (NCDA)



MISSION

We are an independent, non-sectarian college preparatory school dedicated to providing a liberal arts education, enabling each student to develop inherent ability to the fullest extent with a balance of discipline and freedom.

HISTORY

Maclay School was founded in 1968 by a group of parents who wished to provide their children with educational resources that would enable each student to develop to the fullest-academically, morally, emotionally, and physically. Originally called Capital City Day School, the school was renamed in honor of Alfred Barmore Maclay, Jr., a World War II veteran who died of polio in 1953. Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mettler, cousins of Alfred Maclay, generously donated the land upon which the school is situated, which was formally known as Andalusia Plantation. During Maclay's first-year, a nine-member faculty taught grades 1-8. Each year following, one grade level was added until the first class graduated in 1973.

OUR STATEMENT OF BELONGING

At Maclay School, a sense of belonging is central to our mission as an educational institution. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are fundamental to ensuring that each member of our community has an opportunity to thrive, lead others, and be a person of impact. By embracing our differences as a community, our approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion fosters an inclusive, welcoming, supportive, and healthy school culture that promotes genuine respect and acceptance of all members of our community. We are committed to equal opportunity for all persons and do not tolerate discrimination and harassment on any basis.

PHILOSOPHY

Maclay School supports its students in fulfilling their potential academically, emotionally, physically, and artistically. Maclay's purposes are

- ▶ to teach liberal arts creatively.
- ▶ to create a civilized community of learning guided by a dedicated faculty of superior qualifications.
- ▶ to provide patient and understanding ways to challenge each student.
- ▶ to engender, by teaching and example, self-discipline, hard work, integrity, and persistence at school and at home.
- ▶ to stimulate each student to inquire, learn, recognize obligations, develop self-respect, and understand others.
- ▶ to build a meaningful spirit among students, parents, faculty, and community by faithful fulfillment of the Maclay School Mission and Philosophy.
- ▶ to meet with wisdom and fortitude the future challenges of higher education, service to others, and life.

ADMINISTRATION

James Milford	Head of School
Charles Beamer	Assistant Head of School Director of Upper School
Bentley Harris	Director of Lower School
Barbara Rubio-Gomez	Director of Middle School
Jay Malone	Chief Financial Officer
Peter Stejskal	Director of Technology
Morgan Lewis	Director of Advancement
Michael Obrecht	Director of Admissions
Meredith Locasto	Director of Athletics
Kim McWilliams	Director of Marketing
Janine Couch	Director of Center for Academic Excellence/Student Services

HONOR CODE

The Honor Code is the common thread of core values that runs throughout Maclay School's three divisions, Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School. The Honor Code was written and upheld by students to promote an environment of Honor, Respect, and Accountability.

DIVERSITY

31% of Maclay School's student body is made up of minorities from various cultures and ethnicities. We believe that diversity of opinions, experiences, and backgrounds enriches our students and prepares them for the world. As an independent school, we are committed to honoring the rights of all people and building a diverse community which is vital to our mission and core values.

FINE ARTS

DANCE

UPPER SCHOOL

- ▶ Beginner Dance Technique
- ▶ Intermediate Dance Choreography and Production
- ▶ Advanced Dance Performance and Competition Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Dance Techniques
- ▶ Intermediate Dance
- ▶ Advanced Dance Performance & Competition Team

LOWER SCHOOL

- ▶ Mini Marauder Dance Company

THEATRE

UPPER SCHOOL

- ▶ Theatre Classes
- ▶ Musical Theatre Class
- ▶ Theatre Company

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Theatre Arts
- ▶ Advanced Theatre
- ▶ Exploring Musical Theatre
- ▶ Musical Theatre
- ▶ Vocal Ensemble - GLEE

LOWER SCHOOL

- ▶ Theatre Classes (2-5)
- ▶ Creative Arts Classes (PreK-1st)

MUSIC

UPPER SCHOOL

- ▶ Strings & Concert Orchestra
- ▶ Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble
- ▶ AP Music Theory
- ▶ Popular Music Foundations (non-performing)
- ▶ Popular Music Band (performing)
- ▶ Vocal Ensemble Class
- ▶ Music Club
- ▶ Audio Engineers Club
- ▶ Songwriting & Music Production Class
- ▶ Pep Band (6-12)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Exploratory Band
- ▶ Music Appreciation
- ▶ School Band
- ▶ School Strings I *
- ▶ School Strings II (Concert Orchestra)
- ▶ Modern Music Production

LOWER SCHOOL

- ▶ General Music Classes (K-5)
- ▶ String Orchestra (3-5)
- ▶ Chorus (3-5) afterschool
- ▶ Marauder Steel Band (3-5) afterschool

VISUAL ARTS

UPPER SCHOOL

- ▶ 2D Studio Art I
- ▶ 2D Studio Art II
- ▶ AP Art & Design
- ▶ AP 2D Art and Design
- ▶ AP 3D Art and Design
- ▶ AP Drawing
- ▶ Foundations of Art
- ▶ Art Appreciation
- ▶ Ceramics/Pottery I & II
- ▶ Digital Photography
- ▶ Graphic Design
- ▶ Honors Design Collaboration

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Exploring Through Studio Arts
- ▶ Urban And Contemporary Art
- ▶ Studio Art Immersion Into 3-D Art and Ceramics
- ▶ Folk, Outsider, And Found Object Art
- ▶ Launching Into Visual Arts

ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS

Boys: MS Football, JV Football, Varsity Football, MS Co-Ed Golf, JV Golf, Varsity Golf, MS Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, MS Swimming, Varsity Swimming

Girls: MS Volleyball, JV Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, MS Cross Country, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Golf, MS Cheerleading, Varsity Cheerleading, MS Swimming, Varsity Swimming

WINTER SPORTS

Boys: MS Soccer, Varsity Soccer, MS Basketball (White), MS Basketball (Blue), JV Basketball, Varsity Basketball

Girls: Weightlifting, MS Soccer, Varsity Soccer, MS Basketball, Varsity Basketball, MS Cheerleading, Varsity Cheerleading

SPRING SPORTS

Boys: Weightlifting, MS Baseball (JV) MS Baseball (V), JV Baseball, Varsity Baseball, MS Lacrosse, JV Lacrosse, Varsity Lacrosse, MS Tennis, JV Tennis, Varsity Tennis, MS Track and Field, Varsity Track and Field

Girls: MS Softball, Varsity Softball, MS Tennis, JV Tennis, Varsity Tennis, MS Track and Field, Varsity Track and Field, JV Lacrosse, Varsity Lacrosse, Sand Volleyball

YEAR LONG SPORTS

- ▶ Marauder Dance Company

2023-24 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 56 Sports Teams
- ▶ 86 All Big Bend selections
- ▶ 8 All Big Bend Player of the Year
- ▶ 6 All Big Bend Coach of the Year
- ▶ 7 District Team Titles
- ▶ 8 FHSAA State Tournament appearances
 - ▶ 3 individual State Champions
- ▶ Around 69% of Upper School students participate in at least one sport
- ▶ 27% of students were two-sport athletes
- ▶ 9 student athletes signed to play at the next level
- ▶ 37 state titles
- ▶ Awarded Outstanding Sportsmanship four times
- ▶ Named Sunshine State Top Private School Athletic Program ten times
- ▶ FHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee: Payton Thumb 2023-24
- ▶ Elizabeth Dowdy won two individual girls weightlifting state championships (Olympic and Traditional) as repeat champion and won her third consecutive pole vault state title.

TECHNOLOGY

Campus Technology includes multiple high-speed internet connections, 10-gigabit fiber optic networking as well as campus wide roaming wireless access.

Students in grades Prek-3 use iPad carts for classroom activities. Grades 4 -12 are 1:1. Grades 4 and 5 students bring personal iPads and grades 6-12 students bring personal laptops (windows or mac).

Smart boards, document cameras, and LCD projectors are standard in classrooms K-12.

Students and faculty use Office 365 for collaboration and productivity suite. Students are provided 1 TB of cloud storage and full license to install Microsoft Office Professional on their devices. Teams collaboration and conferencing allows students and teachers to share, communicate and stay connected. Our school portals give students and parents secure access to current attendance, assignments, and grade information from every teacher.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Clubs: Astronaut Challenge Class, Book Club, Brain Bowl, Jr. Beta Club, Math Club, Model U.N., Discovery of Humanities Journalism Class, Geography Trivia, Rock Climbing, Science Fair, Sipping Club, Pep Band, Sketchbook, Strategy Gaming, Student Council, 8th Grade Culture, Glee, Junior Company, Student Ambassadors and Green Club

UPPER SCHOOL

Honor Societies: Cum Laude Society, French Honor Society (Le Cercle), International Thespian Society, Junior Classical League, Mu Alpha Theta, National Art Honor Society, National Computer Science Honor Society, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll (Journalism Honor Society), Rho Kappa National History Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society

Clubs: 3D Printing, Andalusian Newspaper, Astronaut Challenge, Audio Engineers, Better Together, Biolympiad, Book Club, Chess Club, Community Service Club, Cum Laude Society, DECA, Ears for Elders, Environmental Club, Film Club, Freshmen Class, Junior Class, Key Club, Marauder Yearbook, Multicultural Appreciation Club, Music Club, Maclay Driver Board, Maclay Women's Service Club, Maclay Events Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Music Club, Notes from the Underground, Pickleball Club, Physics Olympiad, SAAC, Science Olympiad, Senior Class, Smash Club/ Esports, Sophomore Class, Spectrum Club, Sports Analytics, Strategy Gaming Club, Student Athlete Advisory Council, Student Ambassadors, Upper School Student Council

2023-2024 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR OVERVIEW

- ▶ #1 Best College Prep Private High School in Tallahassee by Niche
- ▶ #1 Best STEM High School in Tallahassee by Niche
- ▶ #1 Best Private K-12 School in Tallahassee by Niche
- ▶ Better Together - A One School initiative to fight hunger and food insecurity in the Big Bend. Over 5,000 food items collected and donated since August.
- ▶ Middle School Student Astronaut Challenge team qualified and competed in the High School division
- ▶ Middle School Thespian Troupe qualified for State for the 1st time and were selected to perform the opening ceremony.
- ▶ Middle School students won the Best in Show in the junior division at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair; Upper School Scientists advanced to state
- ▶ Seniors in BioMed passed the Biotechnology Assistant Credentialing Exam - before they even get to college!
- ▶ Blakely Shelton is a NOAA Ocean Guardian Youth Ambassadors
- ▶ Maclay Seniors: named the prestigious UVA Jefferson Scholar (2023 Isabel McDaniel and 2024 Sophia Krizner.)
- ▶ The Mu Alpha Theta Math Upper School: Top chapter in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

- ▶ Maclay students can pursue their passion by specializing in advanced concentrations completing specific courses, clubs and activities in the fields of Biomedical Sciences, Core Sciences, Computer Technology and Engineering, Business & Entrepreneurship, Global Citizenship, Art, Inspiration & Design, and Communication and Journalism.
- ▶ The Gabor Junior Interview Series coordinated three mock interviews for every 11th grader with a community volunteer
- ▶ The Center for Academic Excellence expanded in size and offerings as well as summer hours
- ▶ The MARC (Maclay Academics Resource Center for Upper School)

OUR HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation requirements 24 units/credits:

English 4	World Language 2
Mathematics 4	Phys Ed /Health 1
Science (Lab) 3	Fine Arts 1/2
History/Social Science 4	Electives 5 1/2

Course Offerings: Maclay offers a large selection of Honors classes, 13 Advanced Honors, and 25 AP classes for a more intense and challenging curricula. Advanced Honors courses are designed to prepare students for AP courses which are college level and follow the curricula designed by the College Board - students may receive college credit. Offerings include the following:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

2D Art & Design, 3D Art & Design, African American History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Cybersecurity, Drawing, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language and Culture, Human Geography, Latin, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, Spanish Language & Culture, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, World History: Modern

ADVANCED HONORS

Algebra II, Biology, Chemistry, English I, English II, French III, French IV, Latin III, Latin IV, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, Principles of Biomedical Studies, Spanish III, Spanish IV

HONORS

Algebra I, Algebra II, Ancient History and Geography, Biology, Brain and Behavior, Chemistry, DesignCollaboration, Economics with Financial Literacy, English I, English II, English III, English IV: Southern Literature, English IV: Women in Literature, English IV: Mystery and Detective Literature, English IV:

Contemporary Literature, English IV: Film as Literature, English IV: Writing about Music, French II, Geometry, Human Body Systems, Journalism: Yearbook/Newspaper, Latin II, Marine Biology, Medial Intervention, Modern World History, Physics, Principles of Biomedical Science, Probability & Statistics, Spanish II, Spanish III, US Government and Political History, US History

COLLEGE PREP COURSES

Abnormal Psychology, Abnormal Psychology in Film, African American History, 2D Studio Art, Algebra I, Algebra II, Art Appreciation, Astronomy, Biology, Ceramics/Pottery, Chemistry, Civil War, College Algebra, Computer Programming and Cyber Security, Concert Band, Contemporary Issues, Creative Writing, Critical Thinking & Study Skills, Cults, Dance technique, Digital Photography, Engineering I: Design & Analysis (dual credit opportunity through the University of Texas-Austin), Engineering II: Foundations of Computer Applications, Foundations of Art, Geometry, Graphic Design, Holocaust Literature and Film, Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE), Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Psychology, Latin I, Legal Issues, PE/Strength Training, Personal Finance, Popular Music, Risk & Rewards, Songwriting & Music Production, Spanish I, Spanish II, Statistical Reasoning, Strings Orchestra, Theatre, Theories of Personality, World War I & II

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Differential Equations I, Calculus with Analytical Geometry III
Direct Independent Study (DIS) is offered to Upper School students who have a desire to study an academic that is not offered. The DIS class must be sponsored by a faculty member and requires a course outline and approval.

SERVICE LEARNING

Senior class earned 20,293 hours of community service (about 187 hours per student) over their four years in high school

RANK IN CLASS

Due to the small size of Maclay's Senior class and the school's academic rigor, Maclay does not rank students numerically.

WEIGHTING

On the 4-point scale, 1 point will be added to each AP grade per semester, .75 point to Advanced Honors and .5 for Honors courses.

Letter	Numeric	GPA	Honors	AdvHon	AP
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	4.75	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	3.5	3.75	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	2.5	2.75	3
D	60-69	1.0	1.5	1.75	2
F	Below 60	0	0	0	0

SAT SCORE COMPARISON IN LEON COUNTY

SCHOOL NAME	SAT TEST TAKERS	TOTAL SCORE MEAN	ERW MEAN	MATH MEAN
Amos P Godby High School	293	841	444	397
Leon High School	422	1018	527	491
Lawton Chiles High School	456	1120	570	549
James S Rickards High School	376	912	471	441
Lincoln High School	423	995	517	478
MACLAY CLASS OF 2024	100	1189	615	574
MACLAY CLASS OF 2023	95	1196	611	585
MACLAY CLASS OF 2022	85	1202	608	593

AP EXAM COMPARISON IN LEON COUNTY

SCHOOL NAME	AP EXAM TAKERS	AP EXAMS TAKERN	AP EXAMS WITH SCORES OF 3, 4, OR 5	% PASS RATE
Amos P Godby High School	176	190	20	.10%
Leon High School	525	1102	766	69.5%
Lawton Chiles High School	743	1897	1104	58.1%
James S Rickards High School	471	800	273	34.1%
Lincoln High School	609	1338	834	62.3%
MACLAY CLASS OF 2024	287	731	495	68.0%
MACLAY CLASS OF 2023	275	678	214	77.8%
MACLAY CLASS OF 2022	180	485	143	79.4%

ACT SCORE IN LEON COUNTY

SCHOOL NAME	TEST TAKERS	AVERAGE ACT SCORE				
		ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
Amos P Godby High School	164	14.8	15.1	16.7	15.3	15.6
Leon High School	171	21.7	20.5	23.9	20.8	21.8
Lawton Chiles High School	225	23.1	22.3	24.4	22.4	23.2
James S Rickards High School	173	17.4	17.6	19.0	17.5	18.0
Lincoln High School	197	20.6	20.0	22.2	20.1	20.9
MACLAY CLASS OF 2024	88	24.3	22.1	25.6	23	23.9
MACLAY CLASS OF 2023	63	24.7	22.1	26.1	23.3	24.2
MACLAY CLASS OF 2022	88	25.7	24.0	27.1	24.9	25.0

Scores provide by the Florida Department of Education and data is based on latest information available.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Finalist	4	4	4	3	4	1	3	1	2	2	4	3	2	4	2
Commended	2	3	5	4	10	5	1	3	3	3		2	3	3	2
African American					1										
Hispanic			1		1	1		1				3			

MACLAY SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2018-24 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Florida Memorial University	Purdue University	University of Iowa
Academy of Art University	Florida Southern College	Rhodes College	University of Kentucky
Adelphi University	Florida State University	Rice University	University of Louisville
Albany State University	Fordham University	Rollins College	University of Maine
Amherst College	Frostburg State University	Russell Sage College	University of Maryland
Appalachian State University	George Washington University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Miami
Auburn University	Georgia Institute of Technology- Main Campus	Saint Leo University	University of Michigan
Aurora University	Georgetown University	Samford University	University of Minnesota
Ave Maria University	Georgia Southern University	Santa Fe College	University of Mississippi
Bates University	Georgia State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Missouri
Baylor University	Gonzaga University	Seton Hall University	University of Montana
Belmont University	Hampton University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Montevallo
Berry College	High Point University	Shorter University	University of Nebraska
Boise State University	Hillsdale College	Smith College	University of North Carolina
Boston College	Huntingdon College	Southeastern University	University of North Florida
Bowdoin College	Imperial College London	Southern Methodist University	University of North Georgia
Brenau University	Indiana University	Southern Union State Community College	University of Notre Dame
Brown University	Iowa State University	Spelman College	University of Oklahoma
Cardinal Stritch University	Jacksonville University	Stetson University	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University	James Madison University	Tallahassee State College	University of Pittsburgh
Centre College	Kennesaw State University	Texas Christian University	University of Rhode Island
Charleston Southern University	Lagrange College	The College of New Jersey	University of Rochester
Christian Brothers University	Lees-McRae College	The College of William and Mary	University of San Francisco
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Liberty University	The New School	University of South Alabama
Clark Atlanta University	Lipscomb University	Trinity Baptist College	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Lively Technical College	Trinity Christian College	University of South Florida
Clinton College	Louisiana State University	Troy University	University of St Andrews
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University Chicago	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Tampa
Colby College	Mars Hill University	Tuskegee University	University of Tennessee
College of Charleston	Manchester University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Texas
Colorado School of Mines	Maryville College	United States Military Academy	University of Vermont
Columbia College Chicago	Mercer University	United States Naval Academy	University of Virginia
Converse College	Miami University of Ohio	University College London	University of West Florida
Cornell University	Michigan Technological University	University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin
Davidson College	Mississippi State University	University of Arizona	Vanderbilt University
Delaware State University	Montana State University	University of Arkansas	Virginia Commonwealth University
Duke University	Morehouse College	University of Bath	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
Eckerd College	New College of Florida	University of California	Wake Forest University
Elon University	North Carolina A&T University	University of Central Florida	Washington University In St Louis
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	North Carolina State University	University of Chicago	Wesleyan University
Emory University	North Greenville University	University of Cincinnati	Wheaton College
Fisk University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Colorado	Wilberforce University
Flagler College	Ohio State University	University of Delaware	Wingate University
Florida A&M University	Pace University	University of Denver	Wofford College
Florida Atlantic University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Florida	Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida Gulf Coast University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Georgia	Yale University
Florida Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University		
Florida Polytechnic University	Pratt Institute		

Bold = Matriculation of Class of 2024



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