

2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

Mount Dora Christian Academy (MDCA) is a private, Christ-centered school serving more than 900 students from preschool through 12th grade in Mount Dora, Florida. Located on 72 acres in Lake County and serving families throughout Central Florida, MDCA has provided students with a Christian education for more than 80 years.

OUR MISSION:

We educate, equip, and empower faith-driven world changers in a Christ-centered, loving community.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Above all else, love like Jesus.
- Grace and space, without excuses.
- Live in the future, build on the past.
- Enjoy the journey, together.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Cognia
- Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)
- National Christian School Association (NCSA)

- **921 Students (Pre-K - 12)**
- **12:1 Student/Teacher Ratio**

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MOUNT DORA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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PRESCHOOL

M-F 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 7:30 AM - 3 PM

At MDCA Preschool, children learn in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment where purposeful play, exploration, relationships, and age-appropriate instruction help build a strong foundation for school and life.

ELEMENTARY

M/T/TH/F 8 AM - 3 PM • W 8 AM - 2 PM

MDCA Elementary was named a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School, one of only 55 private schools nationwide and just three in Florida to earn this honor. Our elementary faculty use student data to guide instruction, identify individual needs, and create meaningful opportunities for students to grow. The result is an academic program that maintains high expectations while providing students with the instruction and support they need to succeed.

SECONDARY

M/T/TH/F 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM • W 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM

Middle school and high school mark an important transition in a student's educational journey. At MDCA, smaller class sizes help students feel known and encouraged as they take greater ownership of their learning. We challenge students to grow academically, deepen their faith, discover their strengths, and prepare for life beyond graduation.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The spiritual well-being of our students is central to the mission of MDCA. All students participate in a daily 20-minute chapel and take Bible class as part of their academic program. Our campus minister also builds meaningful connections with students, providing encouragement, guidance, and support as they grow in their faith and navigate their spiritual journey.

SECONDARY COURSES

BIBLE

Grade 6: Wisdom of Proverbs
Grades 7-8: Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey
Grades 9-10: Life of Christ, Attributes of God
Grades 11-12: Spiritual Leadership, Wisdom

ENGLISH

Grade 6: English 1 Advanced
Grade 7: English 2 Advanced
Grade 8: English 3 Advanced
Grade 9: Pre-AP English 1 (Standard or Honors)
Grade 10: Pre-AP English 2 (Standard or Honors)
Grade 11: English 3
Grades 11-12: AP English Language and Composition
Grade 12: English 4 (Standard or Honors)
Grade 12: Dual Enrollment English

MATH

Grade 6: Accelerated Math 6
Grade 7: Accelerated Math 7
Grade 8-9: Algebra 1 (Standard or Honors)
Grade 9-10: Geometry (Standard or Honors)
Grades 10-11: Algebra 2 (Standard or Honors)
Grade 11: Statistics Honors
Grades 11-12: AP Precalculus
Grade 12: Math for College Algebra
Grade 12: AP Calculus AB
Grade 12: Dual Enrollment Math

SCIENCE

Note: Courses in blue are only offered to students in our Biomedical Sciences Institute (BSI) program. Students interested in a career in healthcare may apply for this program in the spring prior to 9th grade.

Grade 6: Science 6 Advanced
Grade 7: Science 7 Advanced
Grade 8: Science 8 Advanced
Grade 9: Biology (Standard or Honors)
[Grades 9-10: Principles of Biomedical Science Honors](#)
[Grade 10: Human Body Systems Honors](#)
Grades 10-12: Chemistry Honors
Grades 10-12: Earth/Space Science (Standard or Honors)
Grades 10-12: Marine Science (Standard or Honors)
[Grade 11: Medical Interventions Honors](#)
Grades 11-12: Anatomy and Physiology Honors
Grades 11-12: AP Biology
Grades 11-12: Environmental Science (Standard or Honors)
Grades 11-12: AP Physics H1: Algebra Based
Grades 11-12: Dual Enrollment Science
[Grade 12: Biotechnology Honors](#)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 6: World History 6 Advanced
Grade 7: Civics and Career Planning 7 Advanced
Grade 8: United States History 8 Advanced
Grade 9-10: World History (Standard or AP)
Grade 9-12: Eastern and Western Heritage
Grades 9-12: AP Human Geography
Grades 10-12: United States History (Standard or AP)
Grade 12: United States Government
Grade 12: United States Government and Economics (Standard or AP)
Grade 12: Dual Enrollment Social Studies

WORLD LANGUAGES

Grades 9-11: Spanish 1
Grades 9-12: Spanish 2

ARTS

Grade 6: Theatre: Technical Secrets of the Stage
Grade 6: Theatre: The Sound of Stage
Grades 6-7: Beginning Band
Grades 6-8: Visual Art
Grade 7: Chorus: Rise and Sing
Grade 7: Theatre: Drama-Rama
Grades 7-8: Piano: Unlock the Keys
Grade 8: Intermediate Band
Grade 8: Advanced Band
Grade 8: Chorus: Amplify
Grade 8: Theatre: Theatre Mayhem
Grades 9-12: Band
Grades 9-12: Music of the World
Grades 9-12: Chorus
Grades 9-12: Piano: Keys to Creativity
Grades 9-12: 2D Studio Art
Grades 9-12: Digital Art Imaging
Grades 9-12: Theatre: Stage Dive
Grades 9-12: Film: Behind the Curtain, Beyond the Screen
Grades 10-12: AP 2D Art and Design
Grades 10-12: AP Drawing
Grades 10-12: Dual Enrollment Art

TECHNOLOGY

Grade 6: Tech Transformers
Grade 7: App Creators
Grade 7: Computer Science for Innovators and Makers
Grade 8: Flight and Space
Grade 8: Tinker With Tech
Grades 9-12: Engineering and Technology
Grades 9-12: Video Production
Grades 9-12: Yearbook
Grades 10-12: Dual Enrollment Technology

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Grades 6-8: Physical Education
Grades 9-12: H.O.P.E. (Health Opportunities Through Physical Education)
Grades 9-12: Strength and Athletic Performance

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSES

Grades 6-8: Learning Strategies
Grades 9-12: Engaged Citizenship Through Service Learning
Grades 9-12: Speech and Debate Honors
Grades 9-12: Study Hall
Grades 10-11: AP Seminar
Grades 10-12: Personal Finance and Money Management (Standard or Honors)
Grades 11-12: AP Research
Grades 10-12: Peer Tutoring
Grades 10-12: Critical Thinking and Study Skills

ONLINE COURSES

Please contact our Academic Advising team (advising@mdccademy.org) for more information about online courses.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The dual-enrollment options available to students will depend on the college or university, testing scores, and prerequisites. Contact the Academic Advising team for more information.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

This is a typical student schedule; however, other factors may change which courses students take in each grade.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible
Pre-AP English 1 or Pre-AP English 1 Honors	Pre-AP English 2 or Pre-AP English 2 Honors	English 3 or AP Language	English 4 or English 4 Honors or DE College Comp
Algebra 1 or Geometry Honors	Geometry or Algebra 2 Honors	Algebra 2 or Statistics Honors or AP Pre-Calculus	Math for College Algebra or Statistics Honors or AP Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus
Biology or Biology Honors	Science course or Chemistry Honors	Science course or Physics Honors or AP Biology	Science course or Physics Honors or AP Biology
East & West Heritage or AP Human Geography	World History or AP World History	U.S. History or AP U.S. History	Gov/Econ or AP Gov/Econ
Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Elective Course	Elective Course
H.O.P.E. or Elective Course*	Critical Thinking/ Personal Finance or Elective Course**	Elective Course	Elective Course

*A student may substitute a different elective for H.O.P.E. during 9th grade; however, this course must be taken in a subsequent year (or complete the waiver option) and is required for graduation.

**A student may substitute a different elective for Critical Thinking and Study Skills and Personal Finance during 10th grade; however, this course must be taken in a subsequent year and is required for graduation.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Secondary students can take a combination of standard, honors, advanced placement (AP), and dual enrollment courses. Their daily schedule includes seven 45-minute class periods four days per week, with a shortened schedule on Wednesdays. Students also attend a daily 20-minute chapel and are required to take a Bible class.

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0
70-79	C	2.0
60-69	D	1.0
0-59	F	0.0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

27 credits
25 service hours per year enrolled
100 service hours for Bright Futures Scholarships

ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS - GIRLS

Basketball
Cheerleading - Competition
Cheerleading - Sideline
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Weightlifting

ATHLETICS - BOYS

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading - Competition
Cheerleading - Sideline
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Tennis
Track & Field
Weightlifting

*MDCA is a proud member of the Florida
High School Athletic Association.*



ACTIVITIES

ELEMENTARY

Band
Chorus
Elementary Beta
Enrichment Clubs
Safety Patrol

SECONDARY

Chorus
Concert Band*
Girls for God
Jazz Band
Junior Beta
Marching Band*
Nature Club
Peer Tutors*
Senior Beta
Student Leadership Association
Theatre
Yearbook*
Youth Philanthropy Council

*Must be in the corresponding elective class to participate in this after-school activity.

2026 GRADUATION CLASS STATS

56 GRADUATES • **4.63** HIGHEST GPA • **3.68** AVERAGE GPA
1180-1410 TOP 25% SAT SCORES • **23** FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES
QUALIFIERS • **OVER \$9.2 MILLION** IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED • **9,663** HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORDED
20% RECEIVED ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS • **416** COLLEGE CREDIT
HOURS COMPLETED • **91%** MATRICULATED TO 4-YEAR COLLEGES/
UNIVERSITIES • **9%** CHOSE 2-YEAR COLLEGES, MILITARY SERVICE,
TECHNICAL EDUCATION, OR THE WORKFORCE

MATRICULATIONS 2022-2026

AdventHealth University
Auburn University
Aurora University
Baldwin Wallace University
Baptist University of Florida
Baylor University
Berry College
Brevard College
Cairn University
Cedarville University
Chowan University
Clarks Summit University
Clemson University
Covenant College
Crowley's Ridge College
Davis & Elkins College
Dean College
East Georgia State College
East Tennessee State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Erskine College
Faulkner University
Ferrum College
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Memorial University
Florida State University
Freed-Hardeman University
Furman University
Gordon College
Harding University
Howard University
Jacksonville University
Keiser University
Kennesaw State University
Lake-Sumter State College
Lake Technical College
Lander University
Life University
Louisiana State University
Marshall University
Maryville College
Miami University
New College of Florida
Newberry College

New York University
North Central College
North Essex Community College
Norwich University
Notre Dame College
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Point Park University
Ringling College of Art & Design
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Saint Leo University
Santa Fe College
Savannah State University
Seminole State College
Southeastern University
Southern Technical College
Southern Wesleyan University
St. Thomas University
Stetson University
Tallahassee State College
Thomas University
Trinity Baptist College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy Preparatory School
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
University of Central Florida
University of Charleston
University of Florida
University of Michigan
University of Montana
University of Mount Union
University of Nebraska
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of West Florida
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Vision Christian Bible College & Seminary
Warner University
Webber International University
William Peace University
York University

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Big Blue Bash
Christmas Program
Class Parties
Easter Egg Hunt
Fairytale Ball
Field Day
Field Trips
Fifth Grade Promotion
Grandparents & Special Friends Day
Mega Blast
Pawsome Awards
Rock Your School
Veterans Day
Water Day

SECONDARY EVENTS

Athletic Banquet
Athletic Signings
Band Concerts
Big Blue Bash
Bulldog Bash
Bulldog Bowl
Chorus Concerts
Glow Bash
High School Graduation
Night of Stars
Theatre Performances
Spring Formal
Veterans Day

Dr. Sam Smith, President

Dr. Laws Rushing II, Head of School

Cleta Horton, Elementary Principal

Dr. Sara Hill, Secondary Principal

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