



**MAGNOLIA
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2023-2024

Informational Packet



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Thank you for your interest in Magnolia Classical Academy!

At Magnolia Classical Academy (MCA), we want to partner with parents to teach, train, and inspire their children to be world changers and character witnesses of Christ and to love learning. We aim to accomplish this through an environment that allows parents to spend more time with their children and to have greater influence over their education.

Magnolia Classical Academy is founded upon a Biblical worldview and a classical education structure that emphasizes discussion and carefully-selected classical literature. To this we add a rigorous science and math and as much fine arts and hands-on activity as we can pack into the years your children have with us.

Please carefully review each handout within this packet. Magnolia Classical Academy is more than a place for kids to take classes. It is a community of like-minded individuals committed to the classical Christian model of education.

Enrollment at MCA should be prayerfully considered as you are committing to be part of a community where the goals of having Christ-centered relationships and character development are equally as important as our educational objectives. We strive for an honors-level educational experience in the context of a harmonious learning community.

We are praying for each of your families as you consider the educational options for your students. If you have any questions, please contact us. We encourage you to spend time with us today and then spend time in prayer about this important decision.

Sincerely,

Magnolia Classical Academy Advisory Board



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Our Mission Statement

MCA exists to love and glorify God, to partner, encourage, affirm, and equip parents to classically educate their students with excellence, to integrate home and school, and to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Guiding Principles

At Magnolia Classical Academy (MCA), we partner with parents to inspire their children to be leaders and world changers as character witnesses of Christ. We seek to accomplish this goal through an environment that allows parents to spend more time with their children using a five-day model: two days per week of in-person instruction and three days per week of satellite work at home. MCA is an honors-level curriculum founded upon a Biblical worldview. While striving for excellence and preparing our students for various future learning environments, MCA follows the classical model, a model that is more engaging than the typical classroom environment. Rather than relying primarily on direct instruction, the classical model incorporates individual student involvement in each lesson and activity. Through this model, our goal is to expand students' bases of knowledge and to develop meaningful critical thinking skills and a love for learning. With the Lord as our guide, we are committed to equipping our students and families to be confident in what they believe and able to defend their faith with love, boldness, and assurance.

Preparing Each Student for Life

The primary goal of all Christian education is to prepare each student to glorify and honor God in all that he does. We seek to fulfill this goal by:

- training and encouraging students to become committed disciples of Christ,
- supporting the family as the primary social and educational unit instituted by God,
- promoting personal responsibility for academic excellence and a strong work ethic, and
- integrating home and school for the development of life skills and strong Christian character in balance with academics and cocurricular activities.



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Our Statement of Faith

Families must be in agreement with the following Statement of Faith that guides the ministry of Magnolia Classical Academy:

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ was God come in human flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18-20)
- Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ are saved. (Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:5)
- Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- We hold as belief and conviction that children are gifts given by God as a stewardship to the parent and not the state, and that parents have the wherewithal and authority to teach and educate their own children. (Isaiah 54:13; Psalm 127:3)

Holy Bible as Ultimate Authority

The Head and Supreme Authority of Magnolia Classical Academy is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18). His will, which will be discerned through the prayerful and appropriate application of His written Word (2 Timothy 2:15), must be followed in all matters pertaining to this school. MCA, therefore, affirms that the Word of God, that is, the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, is the fundamental and sole final governing authority of MCA.



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Our Core Tenets - The Five Cs of Magnolia Classical Academy

Christian – We are unapologetically Christian and teach from a nondenominational Biblical worldview. All education is inescapably Christian in that all truth is God’s truth. The Bible, as the infallible, inerrant, and inspired Word of God, is the foundation and guide for all knowledge and basic to all elements of education. Because God created, sustains, and will consummate all things through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the universe and all life are dynamically related to Him and have the purpose of glorifying Him. This purpose is fundamental to Christian education and will permeate every aspect of our goals and objectives, our teaching methods, and our curriculum. The character of our students is of utmost importance, and we focus on that above all else! The Holy Bible is our standard of truth and final authority for faith and practice in all matters relating to our school. Our chief aim is to love and glorify God through everything we do and to instill this in our students. We hold ourselves to this standard, and we walk alongside parents as they teach their children and hold themselves to the same standard.

Classical – Classical education involves both the study of the classical works of history as well as the structure used for education in classical times. This structure, known as the Trivium, was built on three learning stages through which each child naturally progresses. The Trivium includes the stages of absorbing, thinking, and expressing, which are called Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric, respectively. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere of learning at each level that in turn produces lifelong learners.

Cohesive – We are structured so that all students (Prekindergarten through Rhetoric) study the same time period and topics in history, literature, Bible, and science (Grammar level) at the same time at their respective levels of instruction. Over a 4-year cycle, students will study Ancient History up to the Roman Empire, The Middle Ages through the Renaissance, The New World through the American Civil War, and Reconstruction to present times. This naturally leads to family and school cohesiveness and allows for school-wide events relevant to our learning.



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Collaborative – MCA exists to partner with parents to inspire their children to be leaders and world changers as character witnesses of Christ. We seek to accomplish this goal through an environment that allows parents to spend more time with their children using a five-day model: two days per week of in-person instruction and three days per week of satellite work at home. We recognize that parents are commanded to rear their children for God's glory by bringing them up in the nurture and discipline of the Lord (Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6:4). The home, therefore, is to be a place of training and teaching one's own children as God commanded. Research has proven that parents are the single most influential factor in a child's educational performance. The parents' role is to oversee and involve themselves in their child's education and academic progress. Parents share joint responsibility with the school for properly placing students, for helping them build the character qualities and work ethic that leads to academic success (and success in general), and for encouraging students to accept increasing responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

Community Driven– MCA is more than just a school or classes. We are a community. Our hope is to build a long-term Christian learning community that supports families as they raise and educate their children in the Lord. We coordinate family-friendly educational and social events to build community, and we encourage all students and their families to participate in these events. We hope to be a community of like minded families who regularly connect, build trust, and support one another both in and outside of school. In addition to building community within our members, we also seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve our surrounding community through monthly missions and in the way we live.



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Definition of a Classical Education

Classical education is learning built upon the great works of western civilization taught through a process called the Trivium. The Trivium is made up of the grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric phases. Students first learn the basic facts, then reasoning skills, and finish by artfully presenting their understanding. Classical education creates a cohesive Christian worldview by connecting all disciplines through consistent thinking. Students learn the art of learning and are thereby prepared for whatever calling God gives them.

The Trivium divides the school career into three stages according to the way children naturally develop. The three stages are grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. These are described at MCA as absorbing, thinking, and expressing.

Grammar Stage - Absorbing

Students begin by learning the fundamental facts and rules of each subject. Teaching methods such as singing, chanting, and recitation are emphasized. Young children find these types of memorization easy and enjoyable. They are given opportunities to memorize all types of facts in English, history, geography, math, Bible, and Latin. These facts are the building blocks of every subject.

Dialectic Stage - Thinking

Logic, the art of reasoning and arguing correctly, is taught within each subject. As students become teenagers, they like to contradict and question their elders. They enjoy pointing out mistakes and inconsistencies. That makes this stage perfect for instructing and training students in logic. In every subject, students are taught to analyze, reason, question, evaluate, and critique.

Rhetoric Stage - Expressing

In the study of rhetoric, students learn how to artfully present what they know and what they are learning. Debate, apologetics, speech, essay writing, and drama are emphasized during this stage. Students in this stage are eager to express themselves and for independence. Thus, they are taught to eloquently express and defend their thoughts and ideas through speech and writing to support a persuasive argument. The rhetoric stage is built on a foundation of accumulated knowledge and is the capstone of the Trivium.



2023-2024 Schedule of Fees

Application Fee - All new students in the application phase or students returning after an absence of two consecutive semesters

- \$50 for the first student
- \$50 for the second student
- \$100 maximum per family

The application fee is due with the submission of the application and must be received before the family interview is scheduled.

Registration Fee – All new and returning students in Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, Grammar, Dialectic, Rhetoric

- \$250 for the first student
- \$250 for each additional student
- \$600 maximum per family

Registration fee is due with submission of enrollment packet and must be received to reserve student place for the coming school year. You will have five (5) business days to accept your position and pay the registration fee. If your enrollment paperwork expires and you still wish to attend, we will have to reinitiate the paperwork, increasing the registration fee to \$300.00 per student (max \$700.00).

Supply Fee – All students in Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, Grammar, Dialectic, Rhetoric

- \$300 per student (\$150 by August 5, \$150 by January 5)

The supply fee covers most general school supplies for your student plus materials needed for in-class activities.

Facility Fee

- \$300 per family (due August 5)

This fee helps cover campus maintenance costs.

Late Fee

- \$30 for payments not received by the 5th of each month

Returned Item Fee

- \$30 per item

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.



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2023-2024 Tuition Schedule

Yearly Tuition per Student

Prekindergarten:	\$3,300
Kindergarten:	\$3,300
Grammar:	\$3,300
Dialectic:	\$3,300
Rhetoric:	\$3,300

Tuition Payments

Option One

Tuition may be prepaid (in full) for the year by August 5.

Option Two

Tuition may be prepaid per semester: Fall by August 5 and Spring by January 5.

Option Three (default option)

Tuition may be paid in eight (8) monthly installments from August - March. All payments are due by the 5th of each month. Payments not received by the 5th will have a late fee of \$30 which will be added to your MCA account. Fall tuition (50% of the total annual tuition) must be paid in full by November 5. Spring tuition (the remaining part of the total annual tuition) must be paid in full by March 5.



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Steps and Items to Note for the Registration Process

1. Attend an informational meeting if possible.
2. Request and complete an application. We will send you an application via email to be completed electronically through DocuSign. You will simultaneously receive an invoice for the application fee.
3. Submit the application fee electronically.
4. Attend a family interview, which will be scheduled on receipt of application fee.
5. If accepted, complete enrollment paperwork via DocuSign and pay registration fee. You have 5 business days to accept your position at MCA, pay the registration fee, and submit enrollment paperwork before the registration fee increases. Your spot at MCA is not secured until enrollment paperwork and registration fees are received. All fees are non-refundable.

For questions about our school and/or to request an application, please email admissions@magnoliaclassicalacademy.org.