

Mars Hill Christian School F.A.Q.'s

1. What's the history behind MHCS?

Mars Hill Christian School was founded in response to a growing need for educational choices here in Fairfield. Our principal, Pastor Jason Yarbrough, has over 10 years experience as a teacher and administrator in Christian Education.

2. Why should I consider MHCS for my child?

Our school is built on five foundational pillars. We are Biblically based, family centered, academically excellent, individually tailored and financially affordable. We believe this combination provides the best all-around education available today.

3. Is an individually designed, computer-based education really superior?

We certainly think so! Research has shown that when students are given an education that is specifically tailored to their strengths & weaknesses, they are given a much better opportunity to succeed. Much like God sees each of us as individuals, we believe that a child's education should be approached in the same way.

4. Is there a church associated with MHCS?

Yes. MHCS is a ministry of Mars Hill Church, a church located in Fairfield, affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

5. Is church attendance required for enrollment?

Yes. Since one of our five foundational pillars is providing a Biblically based education, regular church attendance is required.

6. Is MHCS pursuing accreditation?

*Yes. However, a school must be in existence for at least three years before it can apply for accreditation. So, how does that affect your student? The answer may surprise you. **Not at all.** Colleges do not ask about accreditation. It is simply a mechanism for parents to know that a school has met a private organization's qualifying criteria. Much like a business that is endorsed by the Better Business Bureau, accreditation just means that an organization has passed a test. It **DOES NOT** affect the validity of your child's education or diploma.*

7. How much does it cost for a typical student?

Tuition, technology & curriculum fees total \$3000 per year. Enrollment, field trips, and other minor fees may be incurred.

8. What about socialization issues in a smaller school?

One of the most common objections to Christian education is the size of the school. Parents assume that proper social development is hindered in a smaller setting. In fact, just the opposite is true. If a school maintains a proper balance of academic individualization and group interaction, students experience a highly satisfying and life-preparing education that is often more well-rounded than in larger schools.

9. Do you offer A.P. and honors classes?

At this time, MHCS does not offer A.P. classes. Though we are pursuing this option in the future, parents should be aware that A.P. classes are not the first factor most colleges look at when examining applications. The two factors most often considered are S.A.T. or A.C.T. scores and overall G.P.A. While A.P. classes can certainly translate into college credit if the student passes the test and if the college chooses to accept those classes, thousands upon thousands of students are accepted into the college of their choice every year without ever taking a single A.P. class.

10. What about sports programs & scholarships?

At this time, MHCS is not competing in division level sports. Though we have plans to grow our athletic program in the future, parents who value sports scholarships over individualization may wish to pursue other educational options.