



Eagle Ridge Academy

SCHOOL PROFILE · 2019

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Mission and Vision

The mission of Eagle Ridge Academy is to provide our students with a traditional, classical education that demands their best in academic achievement, behavior, and attitude, while challenging them to attain their highest potential. Eagle Ridge Academy offers an academically rigorous, time-tested classical, liberal arts curriculum that:

- Prepares students to be exemplary and knowledgeable citizens
- Instills a life-long passion for learning
- Values self-discipline, respect, perseverance, and achievement
- Teaches truth, beauty, and goodness
- Fosters an appreciation for the United States of America and her unique role in the world

Faculty

97 faculty members, 28% have Master's or Doctorate Degree

Enrollment

Eagle Ridge Academy is a free, public, open enrollment K-12 Charter school. Students at Eagle Ridge Academy come from all over the metropolitan area, from as far north as Elk River, south as Jordan, west as Waconia, and east as Eagan. The majority of our students come from Eden Prairie, Edina, Bloomington, Prior Lake, and Minnetonka. 19% of students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch.

Class of 2020: **45**
Students in grades K - 12: **1373**

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Curriculum

Eagle Ridge Academy has a 7 class period day. Students complete 26 credits, including:

- 4 years of English and History Humane Letters Seminars
- 4 years of Math
- 4 years of Science
- 4 years of Foreign Language, including at least 2 years of Latin
- 1 year of Art History
- 1 year of Fine Arts
- Courses in Logic, Rhetoric, Eastern Thought, Economics, and Healthy Living

Humane Letters Seminars

The most unique component of the Eagle Ridge Academy high school program is the Humane Letters Seminars. In these seminars, which are based on the Great Books Program, students conduct in-depth studies on some of the greatest, unabridged works of Western Civilization. In those courses, primary source documents are used in place of textbooks. The seminars combine a classical framework and the use of Socratic Seminars to draw out each student's inner curiosity and passion. Following seminars, students read and analyze texts individually, then speak and write about the citing evidence for their positions. The Humane Letters Seminars are deep, thought-provoking courses of study. Students earn an English credit and a History credit for successful completion of each year-long seminar.

HUMANE LETTERS SEQUENCE

- 9th grade: Ancient World
- 10th grade: Medieval World
- 11th grade: Renaissance/Enlightenment
- 12th grade: Modern World

A selection of texts studied in the four Humane Letters Seminars includes:

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| Homer, <i>Iliad</i> | Publius, <i>Federalist</i> |
| Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> | <i>Poetry and Literature from Blake and Austen</i> |
| Thucydides, <i>Peloponnesian Wars</i> | <i>Mary Shelley, Frankenstein</i> |
| Plutarch, <i>Greek Lives</i> | Goethe, <i>Faust</i> |
| Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i> | Whitman, "Song of Myself" |
| Marcus Aurelius, <i>Meditations</i> | Lincoln, <i>Gettysburg Address and Presidential Inaugural Speeches</i> |
| Augustine, <i>City of God</i> | Dostoevsky, <i>Crime and Punishment</i> |
| <i>Beowulf</i> | Eliot, <i>The Wasteland</i> |
| Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologica</i> | Fitzgerald, <i>The Great Gatsby</i> |
| Dante, <i>The Divine Comedy</i> | Faulkner, <i>The Sound and the Fury</i> |
| Chaucer, <i>Canterbury Tales</i> | Camus, <i>The Stranger</i> |
| More, <i>Utopia</i> | Huxley, <i>Brave New World and/or Orwell, 1984</i> |
| Marlowe, <i>Dr. Faustus</i> | <i>Sources of the Civil Rights Movement: Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i> |
| Shakespeare, <i>Othello, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth</i> | Morrison, <i>Song of Solomon</i> |
| Cervantes, <i>Don Quixote</i> | |
| Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> | |
| Milton, <i>Paradise Lost</i> | |
| <i>Constitution of the United States</i> | |

Grading Philosophy and GPA

Grade inflation is discouraged by Eagle Ridge Academy. GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with College in the Schools (Latin) and AP classes given an additional weight of 1.0, beginning in the 2019-20 school year. AP and CIS courses taken prior to the 2019 school year had a weight of .25. There is no specific honors designation for courses because all courses are taught at the honors level. Eagle Ridge Academy does report student rank.

Classes of 2015 – 2019 Cumulative Weighted GPA

17%	3.75 and above
13%	3.5 – 3.75
21%	3.0-3.5
20%	2.5 – 3.0
17%	2.0-2.5
12%	below 2.0

Average ACT Composite for Class of 2019: 26

Advanced Placement

Eagle Ridge Academy offers a variety of AP courses each year depending on enrollment. Students in the class of 2020 have had the opportunity to take 8 AP classes. The most AP classes any student from the class of 2019 took was 5 AP classes. The available classes were: AP Studio Art, AP Art History, AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Physics, AP Computer Science, and AP Statistics.

College Application and Enrollment Statistics for the Class of 2019

- 75% attend four year colleges
- 15% of graduates attend two year colleges
- 7% were undecided
- 3% joined the military
- 45% enrolled at out of state colleges

Extra Curricular Activities

Book Club, Chess Club, Citizen School Paper, Choir Club, Climbing Club, Club Terra, Culinary Baking Club, Dance Club, Drama, Film History Club, Fitness Club, Gryphon Pep Band, Improv Club, Japanese Club, Junior Classical League, Math Team, Minnesota High School Music Listening Contest, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Nerd Coalition, Robotics, Strength and Conditioning, Spanish Club

Sports

Basketball, Badminton, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Synchronized Swimming, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volleyball

Student Conduct

Eagle Ridge Academy does not disclose student discipline records.



Colleges & Universities

Air National Guard
Arizona State University
Augsburg University
Aveda Institute
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont College
Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University
Biola University
Bodenseenaf International School
Brigham Young University
Buena Vista University
Calvin College
Carleton College
Catholic University of America
Chippewa Valley Technical College
College of St. Benedict and St. John's University
College of Visual Arts
Columbia College - Chicago
Concordia College - Moorhead
Concordia College - St. Paul
Covenant College
Creighton University
Crown College
Dakota County Technical College
Dakota State University
Dordt University
Dunwoody College of Technology
East Central University
Fordham University
Grand Canyon University
Greenville College
Grove City College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Hennepin Technical College
Hillsdale College
Hope College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Iowa State University
Kairos Discipleship School
Kaplan Insurance Training
Lawrence University
Loyola University
Macalester College
Mary Mount University
Michigan Technological University
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Minneapolis Community & Technical College
Minnesota State University - Mankato
Minnesota State University - Moorhead
Montana State University
New Mexico Highlands University
NIT Puducherry - India
Normandale Community College
North Central University
North Dakota State University
North Hennepin Community College
Northern State University
Northland College
Northwestern College
Notre Dame University
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University
Princeton University
Rivendale Sanctuary
South Dakota School of Mines
St. Cloud State University
St. Mary's University
St. Olaf College
St. Thomas Aquinas College
United States Airforce Academy
United States Marine Corps
United States Navy
University of California - Davis
University of California - Los Angeles
University of Cincinnati
University of Dallas
University of Jamestown
University of Miami (FL)
University of Maryland - College Park
University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
University of Minnesota - Crookston
University of Minnesota - Duluth
University of Minnesota - Morris
University of Minnesota - Rochester
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of North Dakota
University of Northwestern - St. Paul
University of Pittsburgh
University of St. Thomas
University of Tulsa
University of the Nations - Kona, Hawaii
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin - Lacrosse
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - Stout
University of Southern California
Valencia College
Waldorf College
Wellesley College
Winona State University
Wheaton College
Wyoming Catholic College
Youth with a Mission (YWAM)