



# Eagle Ridge Academy

SCHOOL PROFILE - 2020

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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**

100 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. 18% of students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch.

Class of 2021: **46**  
Students in grades K - 12: **1430**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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 (Updated Class of 2020 information unavailable due to COVID-19.)**

## **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)