



METAIRIE PARK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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Accreditation:

Independent Schools Association of the Southwest

Memberships:

National Association of Independent Schools
Cum Laude Society

THE SCHOOL

METAIRIE PARK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL is a coeducational, nonsectarian, college-preparatory Pre-K–12 school, committed to education in its broadest sense. Founded in 1929, Country Day is located in a suburb of New Orleans. We strongly believe that in a world in which knowledge and facts are changing rapidly, students need the intellectual flexibility, resourcefulness, and determination to tackle new challenges, to pursue multiple careers, and to be positive agents of change in their communities and the world. Developing high-level competence in the traditional academic disciplines is a given; mastering the kind of skills needed for the 21st century has been Country Day's mission since the School's inception. Our students not only learn to think – they prepare to achieve.

MISSION STATEMENT

The School's mission is to prepare its students to excel in higher education and to succeed in a rapidly changing and culturally diverse world. Country Day's cooperative learning environment encourages individual achievement, and fosters critical thinking, curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning for its own sake. The School and the family share responsibility for the development of students' personal, moral, and ethical values. Within this school community, students develop a respect and appreciation for the feelings, perspectives, and needs of others, and a sense of responsibility to communities beyond Country Day. Students learn to be flexible, to be adaptable, and to face the challenges of life with a sense of humor, with optimism, and with confidence.

FACULTY

Metairie Park Country Day School has 79 teaching faculty; 43 have advanced degrees. The Pre-K–12 student population is 690, with 217 students in Upper School and a student to teacher ratio of 7:1. The class of 2009 consists of 43 students.

HONOR CODE

An Honor Code enforced by a student-run Honor Committee governs the academic and social conduct of Metairie Park Country Day School.

Country Day accepts qualified students without regard to race, color, disability, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin.

HONORS AND AP COURSES

Students are admitted to Honors and AP courses by department recommendation and approval of the faculty. While proven ability and work ethic are the established criteria, in some cases students who demonstrate strong interest in a specific subject are accepted into an Honors or AP course.

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|-------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| History/ | | French: | 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Honors AP French Language |
| Social Sciences: | 10 th Honors AP Art History AP European History AP Government AP US History | Science: | 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics B AP Psychology* |
| English: | 10 th Honors 11 th Honors AP English Language AP English Literature | Math: | 9 th , 10 th , 11 th Honors AP Calculus |
| Spanish: | 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , Honors AP Spanish Language | | |

** Offered online through Louisiana Virtual School*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4 | English | 2 | Physical Education |
| 3 | Foreign Language | 2 1/4 | Electives |
| 3 | Mathematics | 1 | Global Humanities |
| 3 | Science (3 lab sciences) | 1/2 | Computer Technology |
| 3 1/2 | History and Social Studies | 50 hours minimum – Community Service | |
| 2 1/2 | Fine Arts | | |

CLASS OF 2009

| SAT SUMMARY 2400 | | MIDDLE 50 % |
|------------------|--|--------------------|
| Critical Reading | | 530 - 660 |
| Math | | 520 - 640 |
| Writing | | 540 - 690 |
| Total | | 1570 - 2010 |

| SAT SUMMARY ALL (V/CR & MATH ONLY) | | MIDDLE 50 % |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Verbal/Critical Reading | | 550 - 660 |
| Math | | 540 - 650 |
| Total | | 1080 - 1310 |

| ACT SUMMARY 36 | | MIDDLE 50 % |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| English | | 25 - 31 |
| Math | | 23 - 29 |
| Reading | | 23 - 30 |
| Science Reasoning | | 22 - 27 |
| Composite | | 23 - 29 |

Unweighted Middle 50% : 2.76-3.49

Weighted Middle 50%: 2.76-3.99

| GRADE | RANGE | QUALITY POINTS |
|-------|--------------|----------------|
| A+ | 100-97 | 4.3 |
| A | 96-93 | 4.0 |
| A- | 92-90 | 3.7 |
| B+ | 89-87 | 3.3 |
| B | 86-83 | 3.0 |
| B- | 82-80 | 2.7 |
| C+ | 79-77 | 2.3 |
| C | 76-73 | 2.0 |
| C- | 72-70 | 1.7 |
| D+ | 69-67 | 1.3 |
| D | 66-65 | 1.0 |
| NC | 64 and below | 0 |

GRADE POINT
AVERAGE
CLASS OF 2009
(60 STUDENTS)

GRADING SCALE

Grades shown on the transcript are raw. Weighting is done only for the calculation of GPA. **The cumulative GPA is computed using final year grades from all high school academic courses taken at Country Day.** If a student earns an NC for a graded class, both the NC and replacement grade are used in GPA calculation.

Both weighted and unweighted GPAs are listed on the transcript.

AP and Honors courses are weighted 1 point for GPA purposes only.

Due to our small class size and the considerable percentage of high academic achievers, Country Day does not rank its students.

RANKING POLICY

Country Day students excel in academics, athletics, the arts, and community service. The school fosters a love of learning for its own sake that precludes the traditional array of academic awards found in many schools. Consequently, no internal awards or honors are granted. Any such recognition comes from external sources, such as the Cum Laude Society, College Book Awards, or the State Literary Rally.

AWARDS
PHILOSOPHY

National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Finalists - 2 (1 Scholarship Winner); Commended - 1

NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

AP National Scholar: 2 AP Scholar with Distinction: 5 AP Scholar with Honors: 1 AP Scholar: 16

AP SCHOLARS

All students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are required to take AP examinations. The five year average score on all AP exams taken by Country Day students is 3.25. For the 2008-2009 school year, 74 sophomores, juniors, and seniors took 163 AP exams in 12 subjects. Scores of 3 or higher were achieved by 100% of students in European History and French Language, by 91% of students in Calculus AB, and by 86% of students in English Language, English Literature, and Physics B.

ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
SCORES

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

2006-2009

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|--|---|---|---|
| Agnes Scott College | Florida A & M University | Princeton University | University of Kentucky |
| American International University in London | Florida Institute of Technology | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of Louisiana Lafayette |
| American University | Florida State University | Rhodes College | University of Miami |
| Appalachian State University | Furman University | Rice University | University of Michigan |
| Art Institute of Chicago | George Washington University | Roanoke College | University of Mississippi |
| Auburn University | Georgetown University | Rollins College | University of Nebraska Lincoln |
| Austin College | Georgia Institute of Technology | St. Edward's University | University of New Orleans |
| Bates College | Hendrix College | St. Leo College | University of North Carolina Chapel Hill |
| Baylor University | High Point University | St. Louis University | University of North Carolina Greensboro |
| Belhaven College | Indiana University Bloomington | Samford University | University of Notre Dame |
| Belmont University | Jacksonville University | Santa Barbara City College | University of Oklahoma |
| Birmingham-Southern College | Johns Hopkins University | Savannah College of Art & Design | University of Pennsylvania |
| Boston College | Kenyon College | School of Visual Arts | University of Pittsburgh |
| Boston University | Lake Forest College | Skidmore College | University of Richmond |
| Brandeis University | Louisiana College | Southeastern Louisiana University | University of Rochester |
| Bristol School of Art, Media and Design | Louisiana State University | Southern Methodist University | University of San Diego |
| Brown University | Louisiana Tech University | Spelman College | University of the South |
| Butler University | Loyola Marymount University | Spring Hill College | University of South Carolina |
| Carleton College | Loyola University New Orleans | Stanford University | University of Southern Mississippi |
| Centenary College of Louisiana | Lynchburg College | Stetson University | University of Tampa |
| Charlemagne University College Antwerp | Manhattanville College | Texas A & M Galveston | University of Tennessee Knoxville |
| Clark Atlanta University | Marymount Manhattan College | Texas Christian University | University of Texas Dallas |
| Clemson University | Marymount University | Tisch School of the Arts | University of Vermont |
| Colgate University | McGill University | Transylvania University | University of Virginia |
| College of Charleston | Mercer University | Trinity University | Valparaiso University |
| Colorado School of Mines | Middlebury College | Tufts University | Vanderbilt University |
| Colorado State University | Millsaps College | Tulane University | Vassar College |
| Columbia University | Mississippi College | Tuskegee University | Virginia Polytechnic Institute |
| Connecticut College | Mississippi State University | United States Naval Academy | Wake Forest University |
| Converse College | New York University | University of Alabama Tuscaloosa | Washington and Lee University |
| Cornell University | Nicholls State University | University of Arizona | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Dartmouth College | North Carolina School of the Arts | University of California Los Angeles | Wesleyan University |
| Davidson College | North Carolina State University | University of California San Diego | Wheaton College |
| Drexel University | Northeastern University | University of California Santa Barbara | Williams College |
| Duke University | Northwestern State University of Louisiana | University of Colorado Boulder | Wofford College |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Oglethorpe University | University of Colorado Denver | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Emory University | Otterbein College | University of Dallas | |
| Flagler College | Parsons School of Design | University of Denver | |
| | Pennsylvania State University | University of Georgia | |
| | Pomona College | University of Kansas | |
| | Pratt Institute | | |