



2020-21 High School Profile

CEEB Code: 443534

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The School

School of the Woods was founded in 1962 and is today the oldest continuously operating Montessori School in the Houston, Texas area. The school provides an educational program for children and adolescents ages 2 1/2 years through grade 12. The high school program began September 1999, with the first graduating class in May 2003.

Enrollment

Whole School: 356

High School: 81

Class of 2020 – 2021: 19

Rank

Woods High School does not rank students

Grading

The Woods High School grade-point system is based on 4-point scale, non-weighted. In this class, the GPA range is 2.79-4.0, a mean of 3.87.

National Merit Scholars

Since 2003, of 258 graduates, 12 are National Merit Scholar Finalists and nine are National Merit Commended Scholars.

College Merit Scholarships

Since 2003, over \$41,242,474 has been awarded to 241 graduates.

Admissions

Students are admitted to the school through an application and interview process when a vacancy occurs. The school selects students and families desiring an interactive, developmentally responsive learning community. Factors considered during the admissions process are past school performance, student's motivation to learn, diversity, standardized test performance, and family interest in a learner-centered interactive education.

Faculty

All core teachers have earned the American Montessori Society Secondary Credential. Seventy percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees.

Accreditations

AdvancED (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)

Texas Education Agency

Affiliation

American Montessori Society

Full Member School

Student and Faculty Vision and Mission Statements

We, the students, faculty, and staff of Woods High School, strive to create an open-minded and intellectually stimulating community that implements the Montessori philosophy. We inspire individuals to become lifelong learners and interdependent global citizens.

We are a Montessori High School community creating self-construction through intellectual stimulation, interdependence through working together, and peace through meaningful change.

All Students Regardless of Race, Color, Creed and National or Ethnic Origin are eligible for enrollment in School of the Woods

Curriculum

The high school courses of study offer diversity of thought, rigor, vigor, and relevance. This curriculum design includes an integration of the current standards of educational requirements, the state of the art in current learning theory, and the predictions of the skills needed for a productive life in the twenty-first century. The school mentors students who choose to prepare for AP examinations, and does not offer AP classes.

Courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses in the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) in the Texas Education Code.

Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts* (English I, II, III, IV)	4
Mathematics* (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, Calculus)	4
Science* (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science)	4
Humanities* (World Geography, World History, US History, US Government/Economics)	4
Additional Languages* At least three years in one language; four years is encouraged	3-4
Self – Construction Strand* (Personal and Social Responsibility, Communication Application and Advanced Communication Application, Theory of Knowledge and Senior Thesis)	4
Health Education 0.5 credit each year	2
Electives At least 8 courses Health Fitness Electives: Foundations in Personal Fitness and two other courses required, 0.5 credit each Fine Arts Electives: Two courses required, 0.5 credit each Academic Electives: One course required (Business entrepreneurship or Personal finance), 0.5 credit	4
Intersession 0.75 per year = 3 credits required: 0.5 credit service learning, 0.25 credit senior thesis internship, 0.25 credit college preparation, and then choices of in-depth studies and field experiences	3
*Honors Available	Minimum Credits
	32-33

Schedule

Each year is comprised of two semesters, which are composed of two quarters. Each core class is held two days per week for two hours. At the end of each quarter assessments are given in the areas of English, humanities, math, science, and second languages. In addition, there are project presentations and written self-assessments. The quarter format is designed to help students learn organizational, decision-making, and time management skills. Between each quarter there is a one-week intersession.

Unique Intersession Offerings

Service Learning – Ninth and Tenth Grade

College Preparation Workshop, Simulated Dorm Life, College Tours, and Washington DC tour – Eleventh Grade

Internship Shadowing a Professional Related to Thesis Topic – Twelfth Grade

Topics related to STEAM, Fine Arts, Outdoor Education, Peace Education, and History/Government

Elective Offerings

3-D Engineering

Art Film Creation/Scoring

Audio Production

Bicycling/Rock Climbing

Computer Programming

Conceptual Art

Criminal Justice/Forensics

Dance

Debate

Painting/Sculpture

Personal Finance

Physical Fitness

Photography

Self Defense

Tai Chi

Yearbook/Literary Journal

Yoga

Senior Thesis Year-Long Project

Seniors complete a year-long project that includes a week-long internship with a person in the field of their topic; an abstract; an annotated bibliography; a written document; and an hour-long presentation to the school community. Students have a faculty and field advisor as well as their senior thesis teacher.

Additional Opportunities for Students

Creative, Autonomous, Trans-Disciplinary (CAT) Two-Quarter Project

Students present a question of their interest and research solutions from multiple disciplines. Students set their own time line, meet with faculty advisor, produce a written product, and then present their findings to the high school community in a symposium. An introductory version for freshmen is called CATapult.

Transdisciplinary exams

One semester each year students participate in a two-to-three day simulation resolving real life issues using knowledge gained in all of their courses.

Athletics

Basketball

Soccer

Swimming

Track

Volleyball

Musical Theater

Each year students have the opportunity to perform in musical play.

Montessori Model United Nations

Woods High School students who have served as middle school delegates in the Montessori Model United Nations simulation have the opportunity to be trained in a leadership role guiding the UN committees and mentoring the approximately 2000 young people. They serve as leaders in New York, China, and Italy.

Adolescent Summit

International gathering of students to study a current issue in society. It includes preparation, a four day summit, creation of a manifesto, and a follow up action plan.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY OR ACCEPTING SCHOOL OF THE WOODS GRADUATES AND ALUMNI

The colleges and universities listed below are those currently in the School of the Woods database. The list is not exhaustive, as the School does not have records concerning institutions attended by most former students before addition of grade eight in 1984.

Abilene Christian College
Adam State College
Albright College
American University
Angelina College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Art Institute of Houston
Auburn University
Austin College
Austin Community College
Averett University
Babson University
Ball State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Bellarmine College
Belmont Abbey College
Benedictine College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Bethel College
Birmingham Southern University
Blinn College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brigham Young University
Brooks Institute
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California Institute of the Arts
California State College
Carleton College
Carnegie-Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary College of Louisiana
Centre College
Chapman University
City University of NY (John Jay College)
Clark University
Clarkson University
College of Charleston
College of Charleston Honors College
College of Santa Fe
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
College Hollywood
Columbia University
Columbia College of Chicago
Concordia University Texas
Connecticut College
Cooke County Comm. College, Gainesville, TX
Cornell University
Cornish College of the Arts
Creighton University
Curry College
Dallas Baptist University
Dartmouth College
Dean College
Denison University
DePaul University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elmira College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory and Henry College
The Evergreen State College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Florida State University, Panama
Fort Lewis College
Gardner Webb University
George Mason University
Georgetown University

George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Global College, Long Island Univ.
Goucher College
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
Hardin Simmons University
Harvard University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hiram College
Holy Names University
Houston Baptist University
Houston Community College
Howard University
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Kettering University
Kilgore Junior College
Knox College
Lake Erie College
Lamar University
Lander University
Eugene Lang College
Langston University
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Technological University
Loyola University, New Orleans
Loyola University of Chicago
Luther College
Lynn University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marlboro College
Marquette University
Marquette University-Opus College Of Engineering
Maryland Institute Coll. of Art
Marymount California University
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
Massachusetts Institute of Tech.
McDaniel College
McNeese State University
Menlo College
Michigan State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
Missouri U. of Science & Tech.
Mitchell College
Montana State University
Montclair State University
Mt. Holyoke College
Harvey Mudd College
Nebraska Wesleyan University
New College of Florida
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona State University
Northwestern University
Northwestern Missouri State Univ.
Oberlin College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Our Lady of the Lake University
Pace University
Peabody Conservatory
Pennsylvania State University
Polytechnic Institute of New York

University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Prairie View A&M University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Quality Leadership Univ., Panama
Randolph-Mason College
Reed College
Regis College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology
Sam Houston State University
St. Edward's University
St. Johns College, Santa Fe
St. John's University, Queens NY
St. Lawrence University
St. Mary's College, Moraga CA
San Diego State University
Sanford Brown College
Santa Clara University
Santa Rosa Junior College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Schreiner University
Seoul National University
Sewanee: The University of The South
Shimer College
Skidmore College
Simmons College
Smith College
South Texas College of Law
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
Southern New Hampshire University
Southwestern University
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Sul Ross State University
SUNY College, Purchase Honors College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M Univ., College Station
Texas A&M Univ., Corpus Christi
Texas A&M Univ., Galveston
Texas A&M Univ., Kingsville
Texas A&M Univ., Tarleton
Texas A&M Univ., Mays Bus. School
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas State Univ. Honors Program
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Woman's University
The New School
Trinity College Connecticut
Trinity University San Antonio
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
University Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala
University of Akron
University of Alabama
University of British Columbia
Vancouver
University of Buffalo
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago

University of Colorado
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas, Honors College
University of Denver Honors College
University of Dundee, Scotland
University of Findley
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Houston Downtown
University of Houston Honors College
University of Houston, C.T.
Bauer College of Business
University of Idaho
University of Illinois
University of Illinois-Urbana
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina
University of North Texas
University of Northern Arizona
University of Oklahoma, Norman
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburg
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of St. Thomas
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of San Jose, Costa Rica
University of Southern California
University of St. Thomas
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Austin, McCombs School of Business
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas Medical Branch, School of Nursing
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of Texas, Tyler
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Tulsa
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Washington, St. Louis
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
Ursinis College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic & State Univ.
Virginia Technological University
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington & Lee University
Webster College
Western State Colorado University
Wentworth Inst. of Technology
Westminster College
West Virginia University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Western State Colorado University
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Whittier College
William Woods College
Willamette University
Wittenberg University
Winthrop College
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
Xavier University of Louisiana