



## 2021-22 High School Profile

**CEEB Code: 443534**

**High School Principal and Counselor: Elisabeth J. Coe, Ph.D.**

**Head of School: Sherry Herron, M. Ed.**

### 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: 302

High School: 75

Class of 2021 – 2022: 21

### 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 3.57-4.0, a mean of 3.95.

### National Merit Scholars

Since 2003, of 277 graduates, 13 are National Merit Scholar Finalists and 9 are National Merit Commended Scholars.

### College Merit Scholarships

Since 2003, over \$46,256,474 has been awarded to 260 graduates.

### Faculty

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

### Accreditations

COGNIA (AdvancED)

Texas Education Agency

### Affiliations

American Montessori Society Member School

ACT

College Board

Educational Records Bureau

### 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, Sexual Orientation, and/or Gender Identification 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, Finance Mathematics)	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

AP Art

Art Film Creation/Scoring

Audio Production

Bicycling/Rock Climbing

Comedy

Conceptual Art

Criminal Justice/Forensics

Dance

Debate

Gardening

Getting Outside Your Comfort Zone

Music Recording/Production

Music Videomaking and Songwriting

Painting/Sculpture

Personal Finance

Photography

Physical Fitness

Playwriting

Practical Life Skills

Psychology

Python Computer Programming

Robotics

Self Defense

Tai Chi

Yearbook/Literary Journal

Yoga\Youth Impact

## 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 timeline, 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

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.

### 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.

# 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	Global College, Long Island Univ.	University	University of Connecticut
Adam State College	Goldsmiths, University of London	Pomona College	University of Dallas, Honors College
Albright College	Goucher College	Portland State University	University of Denver Honors College
Allegheny College	Gonzaga University	Prairie View A&M University	University of Dundee, Scotland
American University	Grinnell College	Pratt Institute	University of Edinburgh
Angelina College	Hampshire College	Prescott College	University of Findlay
Appalachian State University	Hampton University	Princeton University	University of Florida
Arizona State University	Hardin Simmons University	Purdue University	University of Georgia
Art Institute of Houston	Harvard University	Quality Leadership Univ., Panama	University of Houston
Auburn University	Hendrix College	Randolph-Mason College	University of Houston Downtown
Austin College	High Point University	Reed College	University of Houston Honors College
Austin Community College	Hiram College	Regis College	University of Houston, C.T.
Averett University	Holy Names University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Bauer College of Business
Babson University	Houston Baptist University	Rhodes College	University of Idaho
Ball State University	Houston Community College	Rice University	University of Illinois
Bard College	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Illinois-Urbana
Barnard College	Ithaca College	Rollins College	University of Kansas
Bates College	Indiana University Bloomington	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	University of Kentucky
Baylor University	Jackson State University	Sam Houston State University	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Bellarmino College	Jacksonville University	St. Edward's University	University of Mary Washington
Belmont Abbey College	James Madison University	St. Johns College, Santa Fe	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Beloit College	Johns Hopkins University	St. John's University, Queens NY	University of Michigan
Benedictine College	Johnson & Wales University	St. Lawrence University	University of Minnesota
Bennington College	Kansas State University	St. Mary's College, Moraga CA	University of Mississippi
Bentley College	Kenyon College	San Diego State University	University of Missouri
Berklee College of Music	Kettering University	Sanford Brown College	University of Montana
Bethel College	Kilgore Junior College	Santa Clara University	University of Nebraska
Birmingham Southern University	King's College London	Santa Rosa Junior College	University of New Haven
Blinn College	Knox College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of North Carolina
Boston College	Lake Erie College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of North Texas
Boston University	Lamar University	Schreiner University	University of Northern Arizona
Bradley University	Lander University	Seoul National University	University of Oklahoma, Norman
Brigham Young University	Eugene Lang College	Sewanee: The University of The South	University of Oregon
Brooks Institute	Langston University	Shimer College	University of Pennsylvania
Brown University	Lawrence University	Skidmore College	University of Pittsburgh
Bryn Mawr College	Lehigh University	Simmons College	University of Puget Sound
Bucknell University	Lewis and Clark College	Smith College	University of Redlands
California Institute of the Arts	Los Angeles College of Music	South Texas College of Law	University of St. Thomas
California State College	Louisiana State University	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	University of San Diego
Carleton College	Louisiana Technological University	Southern Methodist University	University of San Francisco
Carnegie-Mellon University	Loyola Marymount University	Southern New Hampshire University	University of San Jose, Costa Rica
Case Western Reserve University	Loyola University, New Orleans	Southwestern University	University of Southern California
Centenary College of Louisiana	Loyola University of Chicago	Stanford University	University of St. Thomas
Centre College	Luther College	Stephen F. Austin State University	University of Texas, Arlington
Chapman University	Lynn University	Stetson University	University of Texas, Austin
City University of NY (John Jay College)	Macalester College	Suffolk University	School of Business
Clark University	Manhattan College	Sul Ross State University	University of Texas, Dallas
Clarkson University	Manhattanville College	SUNY College, Purchase Honors College	University of Texas Medical Branch, School of Nursing
College of Charleston	Marist University	Swarthmore College	University of Texas, San Antonio
College of Charleston Honors College	Marlboro College	Syracuse University	University of Texas, Tyler
College of Santa Fe	Marquette University	Temple University	University of the Incarnate Word
College of the Atlantic	Marquette University-Opus College Of Engineering	Texas A&M Univ., College Station	University of Tulsa
College of Wooster	Maryland Institute Coll. of Art	Texas A&M Univ., Corpus Christi	University of Utah
Colorado College	Marymount California University	Texas A&M Univ., Galveston	University of Vermont
Colorado School of Mines	Marymount Manhattan College	Texas A&M Univ., Kingsville	University of Virginia
Colorado State University	Maryville College	Texas A&M Univ., Tarleton	University of Washington
College Hollywood	Massachusetts Institute of Tech.	Texas A&M Univ., Mays Bus. School	University of Washington, St. Louis
Columbia University	McDaniel College	Texas Christian University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Columbia College of Chicago	McNeese State University	Texas Lutheran University	University of Wyoming
Concordia University Texas	Menlo College	Texas Southern University	Ursinus College
Connecticut College	Michigan State University	Texas State University	Vanderbilt University
Cooke County Comm. College, Gainesville, TX	Millersville University	Texas State Univ. Honors Program	Vassar College
Cornell University	Millikin University	Texas Tech University	Virginia Polytechnic & State Univ.
Cornish College of the Arts	Milsaps College	Texas Wesleyan University	Virginia Technological University
Creighton University	Mississippi State University	Texas Woman's University	Wake Forest University
Curry College	Missouri U. of Science & Tech.	The New School	Warren Wilson College
Dallas Baptist University	Mitchell College	Trinity College Connecticut	Washington University
Dartmouth College	Montana State University	Trinity University	Washington & Lee University
Dean College	Montclair State University	Trinity University San Antonio	Webster College
Denison University	Mt. Holyoke College	Tufts University	Western State Colorado University
DePaul University	Harvey Mudd College	Union College	Wentworth Inst. of Technology
Drew University	Nebraska Wesleyan University	U.S. Naval Academy	Westminster College
Drexel University	New College of Florida	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	West Virginia University
Duke University	New York University	University College Oxford University	West Virginia Wesleyan College
East Carolina University	North Carolina State University	University College London	Western State Colorado University
Eckerd College	Northeastern University	University Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala	Wheaton College
Elmira College	Northern Arizona State University	University of Akron	Whitman College
Elon University	Northwestern University	University of Alabama	Whittier College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	Northwestern Missouri State Univ.	University of British Columbia	William Woods College
Emerson College	Oberlin College	Vancouver	Willamette University
Emory University	Occidental College	University of Buffalo	Wittenberg University
Emory and Henry College	Oglethorpe University	University of California, Berkeley	Winthrop College
The Evergreen State College	Ohio State University	University of California, Davis	Wofford College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of California, Los Angeles	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Institute of Technology	Oklahoma City University	University of California, San Diego	Yale University
Florida State University	Oklahoma State University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida State University, Panama	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	University of Central Florida	
Fordham University	Our Lady of the Lake University	University of Chicago	
Fort Lewis College	Pace University	University of Colorado	
Gardner Webb University	Peabody Conservatory	University of Colorado, Boulder	
George Mason University	Pennsylvania State University		
Georgetown University	Point Park University Honors College		
George Washington University	Polytechnic Institute of New York		
Georgia Institute of Technology			