

JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Scholastic Profile

2009-2010



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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Jackson Preparatory School is an independent, co-educational, college preparatory day school enrolling 745 students in grades six through twelve. The school is located on a 74 acre campus east of Jackson and is the largest independent secondary school in the state of Mississippi. The student body is diverse, representing various racial, ethnic, economic, and religious groups.

MISSION STATEMENT

Jackson Preparatory School inspires and challenges students toward academic, athletic and artistic excellence, instills personal integrity through biblical values and equips students to pursue lives of distinction in service to society.

ACT

All Prep graduates take the ACT. Jackson Prep's Middle 50% range and mean scores for the past five years are listed below:

	Prep		Mississippi	National
	Mid 50%	Mean	Mean	Mean
2004-2005	23-29	25.7	18.7	20.9
2005-2006	23-29	26.1	18.8	21.1
2006-2007	23-29	25.6	18.9	21.2
2007-2008	22-29	25.4	18.9	21.1
2008-2009				

SAT

Approximately 65% of Prep graduates take the SAT. Middle 50% range scores and means over the last five years are shown below. The national middle 50% range and mean in 2007-2008 was Cr. Reading: 430-580 (500) Math: 430 – 590 (510) Writing: 420-570 (490).

	Math		Cr. Reading		Writing	
	Mid-Range	Mean	Mid-Range	Mean	Mid-Range	Mean
2004-05	570-670	621	550-650	612		
2005-06	560-660	613	540-670	600	520-660	590
2006-07	540-650	604	530-660	597	530-650	585
2007-08	530-660	596	530-680	613	520-650	594
2008-09						

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students enrolled in AP programs took 143 exams in 2009 with 87% receiving scores of 3 or higher. Jackson Prep requires all students enrolled in AP programs to write the AP exam.

Summary of 2009 AP Scores

Exam	Number Taken	% Scoring 3 or Higher
Biology	9	77%
Calculus AB	13	100%
Calculus BC	8	100%
Chemistry	14	43%
English Lang. & Comp.	26	96%
English Lit. & Comp.	26	92%
Physics B	1	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	5	80%
Physics C: E&M	5	100%
Spanish - Language	4	100%
Studio Art (2D Design)	4	50%
U.S. Gov. & Politics	13	92%
U. S. History	13	92%

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The class of 2010, with 9 National Merit Semifinalists continues a Jackson Prep tradition of outstanding performance in the National Merit Scholarship program. Since 1970, Jackson Prep has produced 507 National Merit Semifinalists. Statistics for the past five years are shown below.

Class	Size	National Merit Semifinalists	National Achievement Semifinalists	Commended Scholars	Percent of Class
2006	134	16		5	16%
2007	133	10		2	9%
2008	144	17	1	2	14%
2009	113	10		2	11%
2010	96	9			9%

FACULTY

The Prep faculty/staff is comprised of 86 dedicated and experienced professionals, including 50 (58%) who have earned post-graduate degrees. Seven faculty members hold doctoral degrees. Average class size is sixteen students.

CURRICULUM PROFILE

Jackson Prep's primary mission is to prepare students for college. Therefore, the curriculum is challenging and broad, emphasizing a liberal arts education. The school year is divided into four nine-week reporting periods. A six-week summer session is offered for additional credit. AP and/or honors programs are offered in mathematics, science, English, social studies, and foreign languages. Classes meet on a traditional six-period day schedule. Courses in academic disciplines are listed from highest to lowest level.

Course Offerings			
English	Mathematics	Science	Electives
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Calculus BC	AP Biology	Accounting
AP English Language & Composition	AP Calculus AB	AP Chemistry	American Legal System
British Literature	Applied Calculus/Statistics	AP Physics	Ancient Cultures
American Literature	Pre-Calculus	AP Env. Science	Christian Literature
World Literature	Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry	Advanced Biology	Classical Literature
Survey of Literature	Senior Algebra	Physics I	Classical Philosophy
	Algebra II	Chemistry I	Computer Applications
	Geometry	Biology I	Computer Programming
	Algebra I	Physical Science	Creative Writing
			Debate
			Financial Mgt./Marketing
Social Studies	Language	Fine Arts	Italian Studies
AP U.S. Government	AP Latin-Vergil	AP Studio Art	Old Testament/New Testament
AP U.S. History	AP French-Language	Advanced Art	Speech
Government/Economics	AP Spanish-Language	Art I, II	
United States History	Classical Greek I	Band	Publications
Modern World History	Latin I-III	Drama I, II	<i>Sentry</i> (newspaper)
World Geo./Cultures	French I-III	Media Arts	<i>Earthwinds</i> (literary magazine)
Mississippi Studies	Mandarin Chinese I, II	Show Choir	<i>Précis</i> (yearbook)
	Spanish I-III		

GPA DISTRIBUTION PROFILE - CLASS OF 2010

Number of Students: 96

Grade Range	Number of Students
95-100+	
90-94	
85-89	
80-84	
75-79	
70-74	

GRADING SCALE

A	90-100+
B	80-89
C	70-79
F	69 and below

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

4.0	English	
4.0	Mathematics	22 units are required
4.0	Science	for graduation
4.0	Social Studies	
2.0	Foreign Language	
0.5	Computer Applications	
1.0	Fine Arts Elective	
2.5	Other Electives	

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Jackson Prep reports numerical grades. The cumulative GPA is based on final grades earned in all courses for credit in grades 9-12 at Jackson Prep. **Individual subject averages shown on the transcripts are not weighted.** Five points for honors courses and 7.5 points for AP courses are added in the cumulative GPA for the successful completion of each course designated as Honors (H) and/or Advanced Placement (AP). In computing GPA, final grades in courses taken at other schools while the student is enrolled at Jackson Prep are not considered.

CLASS RANK

Because of the school's selective admissions policy and the strong competitive performance of its students, Jackson Prep does not rank students except for designation of valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation.

CLASSICAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

This program offers students the opportunity to focus on the language and culture of the Greco-Roman civilization. To receive a diploma with emphasis in Classical Studies, a student must complete at least six courses in Latin, Greek, and classical civilization.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS (2004-2009)

Jackson Prep has compiled an exceptional record in the area of college admissions. All of Prep's graduates have entered a post-secondary educational institution with 99% enrollment in four year institutions. Many have received academic scholarships from these institutions. Listed below are schools to which Prep graduates (2003-2008) have been admitted and have enrolled.

Auburn University (6)	Southern Methodist University (6)
Belhaven College (4)	Springhill College (2)
Belmont University (6)	St. Edward's University
Birmingham-Southern College (5)	St. John's College
Boston Conservatory	St. Olaf College
Bowdoin College	Stanford University
Brown University (2)	Texas A&M University (3)
Catholic University of America	Texas Christian University
Centenary College	Tulane University
College of Charleston (4)	United States Coast Guard Academy
Columbia University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Covenant College	United States Naval Academy
Dartmouth College	University of Alabama (16)
Delta State University (8)	University of Alabama, Birmingham (2)
Elon University	University of California, Berkeley
Florida State University	University of Cincinnati
Furman University	University of Colorado (2)
Georgia Institute of Technology (5)	University of Dallas
Harvard University (3)	University of Florida
Hinds Community College (6)	University of Georgia (6)
Holmes Community College (3)	University of Kentucky
Houston (TX) Community College	University of Michigan
Ithaca College	University of Mississippi (330)
Jackson State University	University of Missouri
Lee University	University of Montana
Louisiana State University (10)	University of North Carolina
Loyola University, New Orleans (3)	University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Marshall University	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Memphis College of Art	University of South Carolina
Millsaps College (29)	University of Southern Mississippi (22)
Mississippi College (32)	University of Tennessee (1)
Mississippi State University (171)	University of Texas (7)
Mississippi University for Women	University of Victoria, BC
New York University (2)	University of Virginia (5)
Northwestern Louisiana State University	University of Wisconsin
Oklahoma City University	Vanderbilt University (5)
Pepperdine University	Vassar College (1)
Princeton University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Purdue University (1)	Washington University, St. Louis (2)
Rhodes College (3)	West Texas A&M University
Samford University (9)	Wheaton College
Savannah College of Art & Design	Xavier University of Louisiana
Sewanee: The University of the South (5)	Yale University

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

In recent years, Prep students have earned many scholarships and awards including the Presidential Scholars Award, Principal's Leadership Scholarship, Robert Byrd Scholarship, AXA Achievement Award, Intel Talent Search Scholarship, National Merit Corporation Scholarship, Coca-Cola Scholarship, and numerous academic and leadership awards from individual colleges and universities. The Class of 2008 received scholarship offers totaling \$7.8 million and accepted merit-based scholarships or grants representing a value of \$3.3 million. Prep teams routinely win quiz bowl matches, math and science tournaments, literary contests, mock trial competitions, debate tournaments, and many other academic competitions. Jackson Prep is also one of four schools in Mississippi to have a chapter of the Cum Laude Society, the high school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa.

STUDENT LIFE

Prep students have many opportunities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally through participation in a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Global Leadership Institute exists to encourage the personal growth and development of leadership skills in students. The student government association, debate team, student publications, service clubs, academic honorary societies, band, choir, drill team, cheerleading, visual arts classes and exhibits, drama and musical theater productions, intramural sports, and special interest clubs are representative examples of the more than twenty co-curricular activities available to students.

Strong moral ethics which support family values receive balance at Prep. As a non-denominational school, Prep offers opportunities for spiritual growth in its students through curriculum choices, Morning Watch, Bible studies, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and other faith-based programs.

Prep enjoys statewide and regional recognition for its competitive athletic programs. Varsity teams compete in Class AAA of the Mississippi Private School Association in baseball, basketball, cross-country, fast pitch softball, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track. Prep also competes against schools from outside this association and from other states and regions. Prep teams have won championships in football, basketball, baseball, track, cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and golf. Many Prep graduates go on to participate in collegiate athletics.

FACILITIES

Jackson Prep's 74-acre campus is home to an impressive complex of flexible educational facilities. The Junior High and Senior High buildings each include academic classrooms, science labs, and computer centers with internet-connected workstations. A world language lab is located in the senior high building. The Guyton Science Center, completed in 2005, houses six state of the art science classrooms with laboratories and the lyceum, a two hundred seat lecture/meeting facility. Division administrators and counselors are located in both buildings.

The creative heart of the campus is the McRae Fine Arts and Media Center, which houses three art studios, a ceramics studio, band hall, choir room, and art gallery. The McRae Center is also home to the Jesse Howell Library, administrative and development offices, and the office of admission. The second floor houses two sixth grade classrooms and the business and technology offices.

The Fortenberry Auditorium and Gymnasium, along with the J.O. Manning Patriot Center, provide athletic venues, a performing arts complex, dressing rooms, weight rooms, coaches' offices, and laundry facilities. Prep's outdoor athletic complex includes lighted baseball and softball fields, a lighted football stadium with 400-meter track, a soccer field, eight wheelchair-accessible tennis courts, a cross-country course, and practice fields.

In the fall of 2008, Prep completed two new elements, Patriot Avenue and the Dining Commons, which add a sense of place and give students and faculty an opportunity to gather and relax, as well as provide space for outdoor classrooms. Patriot Avenue will give a new heart to the center of campus. It is a central green space for students and faculty to enjoy. Lined with park benches and streetlamps, Patriot Avenue features a stained concrete plaza and connecting pathways, as well as stepped amphitheater seating for student gatherings and outdoor teaching.

At the end of Patriot Avenue, the new Dining Commons makes a bold statement with its monumental architecture. It boasts high ceilings, large windows with views of the outdoors and stained concrete floors. The Dining Commons is a state of the art, multi-purpose dining hall and student common area with al-fresco dining options, gathering and performing space.

Memberships and Affiliations

National Association of Independent Schools
Southern Association of Independent Schools
Mississippi Association of Independent School
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
National Association of College Admissions Counselors
Southern Association of College Admissions Counselors
Cum Laude Society
College Board

Jackson Preparatory School admits students of any race, color, religion, nationality, or ethnic origin.