MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY
A GREAT HEARTS SCHOOL

2026 - 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR
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Maryvale Preparatory Academy

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Accreditation, Curriculum Authority & Advanced Placement (AP)

The Great Hearts network is accredited by the American Academy of Liberal Education (AALE) and Cognia.

In alignment with our classical liberal arts mission, our academies do not participate in the College Board AP Course Audit. Instead, advanced coursework is delivered through a rigorous honors track, and college-level courses.

Our School Community

Total Prep Enrollment (grades 9–12)- 268 students.

First graduating class 2022

Maryvale is 1 of 12 public charter school within the Great Hearts Arizona Network

Title I Schoolwide Status
100% of students receive free meals under the federal Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

Identified Student Percentage (ISP)
63% of our students are automatically certified for free school meals via federal assistance programs such as SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid demonstrating a student body navigating high systemic economic barriers.

Great Hearts Academies is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest "brick and mortar" provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation. As a public charter, we provide a tuition-free education for K-12th-grade students across Arizona and Texas. Great Hearts is subject to open enrollment laws. Typically, our academies receive more applications for enrollment than there are seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during the year if a seat becomes available. Our current enrollment for 9th-12th grade across Arizona is 3,197 students.

Our core curriculum is a robust liberal arts education that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to all disciplines and every walk of life. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are among conversation through many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education while reflecting Plato's belief, that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Curriculum, Rigor, and Advanced Placement (AP): Students follow a set curriculum rooted in the Great Books tradition and Socratic Seminar. Due to our deliberate instruction, AP courses are not offered. Instead, rigor is set through 17 honors and college-level courses from 9th-12th grades. Paid dual enrollment options for the class of 2027 are through Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL) & Arizona Christian University (Glendale, AZ). **Dual course options are are *italicized* and bolded below.**

9TH GRADE CURRICULUM
H. HUMANE LETTERS I: THE AMERICAN TRADITION
H. GEOMETRY
H. BIOLOGY (WITH LAB)
H. SPANISH I OR FRENCH I
MUSIC THEORY III/CHOIR
POETRY

10TH GRADE CURRICULUM
H. HUMANE LETTERS II: THE RISE OF MODERN EUROPE
H. ALGEBRA II / TRIGONOMETRY
H. CHEMISTRY (WITH LAB)
H. SPANISH II OR FRENCH II
H. ECONOMICS
MUSIC THEORY IV/CHOIR

11TH GRADE CURRICULUM
H. HUMANE LETTERS III: ANCIENT GREECE
H. PRE-CALCULUS
H. PHYSICS I (WITH LAB)
H. SPANISH III OR FRENCH III
DRAMA I CL
STUDIO ART I

12TH GRADE CURRICULUM
H. HUMANE LETTERS IV: ROME TO MODERNITY (CL)
H. CALCULUS (CL)
H. SPANISH IV OR FRENCH IV (CL)
DRAMA II (CL)
STUDIO ART II (CL)
SENIOR OPTIONS: ***H. PHYSICS II (CL), H. RETORIC (CL) OR H. LOGIC AND COMPUTATION (CL)***
SENIOR THESIS & DEFENSE

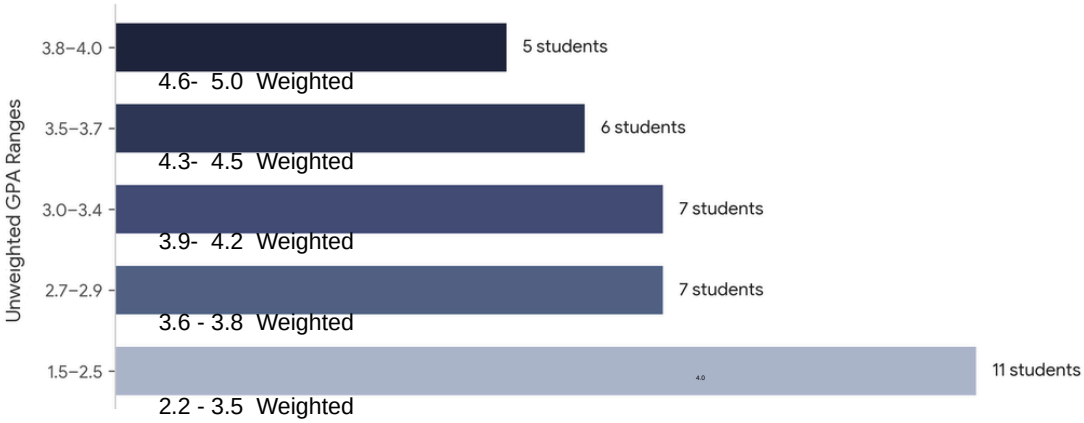
*Note- STRENGHT & CONDITIONING is offered to grades 11-12 as an additional (7thperiod) course option.

Algebra Students who attended a Great Hearts Academy in 8th grade will have Algebra I listed on their transcript indicating Pass (P) or Fail (F).

Humane Letters
As the most distinctive feature of Maryvale Prep's high school curriculum, Humane Letters integrates English and History into a single, cohesive discipline. During this two-hour course, students engage in Socratic seminars while exploring Western Civilization's finest works of philosophy, literature, history, and poetry. This collaborative study of the Great Books prepares scholars for civil discourse by fostering habits of intellectual humility, receptive thinking, and rhetoric.

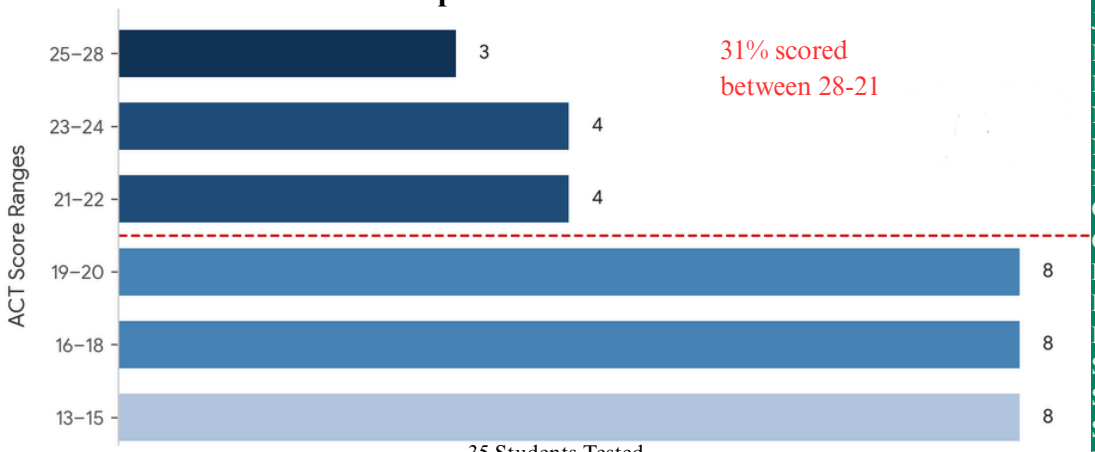
Senior Thesis & Defense
This project is the final capstone of a student's years at the academy. Completed during senior year alongside a standard honors course load, this independent project requires students to explore a scholarly question of their choice under the guidance of a faculty advisor. Scholars conduct a close reading of two foundational works from the Western tradition, culminating in a 10-to-12-page research paper and an oral defense before faculty, family, and peers. Students earn 0.25 credits upon successful completion, with superior work eligible for a "Pass with Excellence" mark.

Class of 2027 GPA Distribution



***Note:** GPA distributions reflects 36 of 37 students. One recent new-to-Great Hearts student is pending cumulative Network GPA calculation.

Class of 2027 ACT Composite Score Distribution



35 Students Tested

Student Involvement, Leadership & Enrichment Opportunities

Extracurricular offerings are led by Maryvale Prep staff including athletics, team manager roles, cheerleading, student council, and enrichment courses. Enrichments include Robotics, Media, Yearbook, Honors Choir, Guitar, Cooking & Baking, and Art. Activities include representing the school community, organizing and executing special events, leading mentor & tutor programs, creating & editing school content publications, and promoting school spirit.

Academy Virtues & Awards

Students are encouraged to holistically integrate moral excellence into their daily lives through seminar discussions and personal interactions. Each year, awards are given to exemplar students in grades 9-12 for exemplifying the following virtues: Citizenship, Courage, Friendship, Honesty, Humility, Integrity, Perseverance, Responsibility, and Wisdom.

Important Notes

- Students are not ranked.
- All honors courses receive an additional full point for a Weighted GPA calculation.
- Honors is the highest course level offered. AP courses are not offered.
- Transfer and recovery credits earned outside the Great Hearts Network are not included in GPA calculations.
- The Arizona state requirement of one credit US/AZ History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters.
- The Arizona state requirement of one-half credit U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th-grade Humane Letters.

Maryvale Prep College Acceptances & Matriculation

Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University
Aveda Institute
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Carrington College
Colorado State University
Colorado State University Pueblo
Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Estrella Mountain Community College
Gateway Community College
Glendale Community College
Grand Canyon University
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard University
Jackson State University
Mesa Community College
Montana State University
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Illinois University
Oregon State University
Ottawa University-Phoenix
Paradise Valley Community College
Phoenix College
Purdue University Fort Wayne
Scottsdale Community College
South Mountain Community College
Southern New Hampshire University
The Refrigeration School
The University of Utah
Universal Technical Institute
University of Arizona
University of California, San Diego
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Miami
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus
University of Oregon
University of Toledo
University of Washington
Wartburg College
Whittier College
Yavapai College

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