



# Eagle Ridge Academy

SCHOOL PROFILE · 2018

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## **Mission and Vision**

The mission of Eagle Ridge Academy is to provide our students with a traditional, classical education that demands their best in academic achievement, behavior, and attitude, while challenging them to attain their highest potential. Eagle Ridge Academy offers an academically rigorous, time-tested classical, liberal arts curriculum that:

- Prepares students to be exemplary and knowledgeable citizens
- Instills a life-long passion for learning
- Values self-discipline, respect, perseverance, and achievement
- Teaches truth, beauty, and goodness
- Fosters an appreciation for the United States of America and her unique role in the world

## **Faculty**

95 faculty members, 36% have Master's or Doctorate Degree

## **Enrollment**

Eagle Ridge Academy is a free, public, open enrollment K-12 Charter school. Students at Eagle Ridge Academy come from all over the metropolitan area, from as far north as Elk River, south as Jordan, west as Waconia, and east as Eagan. The majority of our students come from Eden Prairie, Edina, Bloomington, Prior Lake, and Minnetonka. 19% of students are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch.

Class of 2019: **45**  
Students in grades K - 12: **1373**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# Curriculum

**Eagle Ridge Academy has a 7 class period day. Students complete 26 credits, including:**

- 4 years of English and History Humane Letters Seminars
- 4 years of Math
- 4 years of Science
- 4 years of Foreign Language, including at least 2 years of Latin
- 1 year of Art History
- 1 year of Fine Arts
- Courses in Logic, Rhetoric, Eastern Thought, Economics, and Healthy Living

## **Humane Letters Seminars**

The most unique component of the Eagle Ridge Academy high school program is the Humane Letters Seminars. In these seminars, which are based on the Great Books Program, students conduct in-depth studies on some of the greatest, unabridged works of Western Civilization. In those courses, primary source documents are used in place of textbooks. The seminars combine a classical framework and the use of Socratic Seminars to draw out each student's inner curiosity and passion. Following seminars, students read and analyze texts individually, then speak and write about the citing evidence for their positions. The Humane Letters Seminars are deep, thought-provoking courses of study. Students earn an English credit and a History credit for successful completion of each year-long seminar.

### HUMANE LETTERS SEQUENCE

- 9th grade: Ancient World
- 10th grade: Medieval World
- 11th grade: Renaissance/Enlightenment
- 12th grade: Modern World

A selection of texts studied in the four Humane Letters Seminars includes:

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| Homer, <i>Iliad</i>   | Publius, <i>Federalist</i>   |
| Homer, <i>Odyssey</i>   | <i>Poetry and Literature from Blake and Austen</i>   |
| Thucydides, <i>Peloponnesian Wars</i>                           | <i>Mary Shelley, Frankenstein</i>  |
| Plutarch, <i>Greek Lives</i>                                    | Goethe, <i>Faust</i>   |
| Virgil, <i>Aeneid</i>   | Whitman, "Song of Myself"  |
| Marcus Aurelius, <i>Meditations</i>                             | Lincoln, <i>Gettysburg Address and Presidential Inaugural Speeches</i>   |
| Augustine, <i>City of God</i>                                   | Dostoevsky, <i>Crime and Punishment</i>  |
| <i>Beowulf</i>  | Eliot, <i>The Wasteland</i>  |
| Aquinas, <i>Summa Theologica</i>                                | Fitzgerald, <i>The Great Gatsby</i>  |
| Dante, <i>The Divine Comedy</i>                                 | Faulkner, <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>  |
| Chaucer, <i>Canterbury Tales</i>                                | Camus, <i>The Stranger</i>   |
| More, <i>Utopia</i>   | Huxley, <i>Brave New World and/or Orwell, 1984</i>   |
| Marlowe, <i>Dr. Faustus</i>                                     | <i>Sources of the Civil Rights Movement: Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail</i> |
| Shakespeare, <i>Othello, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth</i> | Morrison, <i>Song of Solomon</i>   |
| Cervantes, <i>Don Quixote</i>                                   |  |
| Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>                                   |  |
| Milton, <i>Paradise Lost</i>                                    |  |
| <i>Constitution of the United States</i>                        |  |

## **Grading Philosophy and GPA**

Grade inflation is discouraged by Eagle Ridge Academy. GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with College in the Schools (Latin) and AP classes given an additional weight of .25. There is no honors designation for courses because all courses are taught at the honors level. Eagle Ridge Academy does report student rank.

## **Classes of 2012 - 2018 Cumulative Weighted GPA**

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| 16% | 3.75 and above |
| 10% | 3.5 - 3.75     |
| 25% | 3.0-3.5        |
| 19% | 2.5 - 3.0      |
| 16% | 2.0-2.5        |
| 14% | below 2.0      |

## **Average ACT Composite for Class of 2018: 27.8**

## **Advanced Placement**

Eagle Ridge Academy offers a variety of AP courses each year depending on enrollment. Students in the class of 2019 have had the opportunity to take 6 AP classes. The most AP classes any student from the class of 2018 took was 5 AP classes. The available classes were: AP Art Studio, AP Art History, AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Physics, and AP Statistics.

## **College Application and Enrollment Statistics for the Class of 2018**

- 78% attend four year colleges
- 12% of graduates attend two year colleges
- 8% were undecided
- 2% joined the military
- 41% enrolled at out of state colleges

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Chess Club, Climbing Club, Club Terra, Drama, Film Club, Junior Classical League, Math Team, National Honor Society, Robotics, Spanish Club

## **Sports**

Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Track & Field, Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball

## **Student Conduct**

Eagle Ridge Academy does not disclose student discipline records.

