

Frequently Asked Questions

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School Day/Year Questions

1. School hours during the MCA academic year are 8am-3pm.
2. Our Academic Year always falls between Labor Day (September) and Memorial Day (May). Leaving families with clear expectations to plan vacations during the summer months.
3. Students' families are responsible for getting students to/from school.
4. Morning drop-off begins at 7:45am, and at 3pm afternoon pick-up begins.
5. Before/After school care is currently not offered by MCA. However, the MBC Kingdom Kids program (located in our building) does offer before/after school programs. Visit their website, www.mbckingdomkids.org for more information.

Tuition, Fees, & Costs

1. Tuition for the 2024/2025 academic year is \$4,400. Our Admissions Application details payment plan options and schedule.
2. MCA charges a one-time application fee for new students of \$150.
3. MCA charges a yearly fee for "Curriculum" that varies depending upon grade level, and that is due on July 1st prior to the beginning of the academic year.
4. Tuition Assistance (scholarship) options are available. There is a separate form that we encourage all families to fill out. Typically we offer up to \$400 per semester, per qualifying student family. However, this varies each year depending upon our grants, donations, and scholarship partners.
5. New students generally have a cost to purchase uniform shirts. Our "Parent Support Team" also coordinates an exchange of uniform shirts, as students grow out of a size. This provides families with an opportunity to purchase *gently used* uniform shirts at discounted prices.

Academics, Curriculum, & Ideology

1. Our Mission: To educate young hearts and minds to impact their communities and the world for Jesus Christ.
2. Curriculum draws from sources such as: My Father's World, Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), Bob Jones University publishing, Rod & Staff textbooks, Berean Builders, and Apologia.
3. Each student is placed in a classroom with no more than 10-12 students, and 1 teacher. Creating an environment for each student to receive individualized instruction and attention.
4. Mastery-based learning means establishing a foundation of new skills or information, then demonstrating that knowledge, and finally the ability to teach that subject to younger students. One of the best methods to solidify knowledge is the ability to teach another what you've learned. Students must demonstrate mastery before advancing in a subject.

5. Learning methodologies vary to meet every student's needs: in-person (1-on-1) instruction, self-paced reading, video tutorials, and supplementing books or computer programs.
6. Classrooms always feature multiple ages and grades, to create a "one room schoolhouse" environment. This enhances the learning experience for all students.
7. Standardized testing is done every spring to assess progress.
8. Field trips are scheduled throughout the academic year to various sites, including:
 - Museums (ex: SELU Conservancy, Wilderness Road, train museum, etc)
 - Historically significant sites (ex: Thomas Jefferson's Monticello)
 - Radford Planetarium
 - ...and more!
9. Guest speakers give presentations at school on:
 - Music (ex: worship music and instrument learning)
 - Biblically-based events (ex: Seder meal before Easter)
 - Historic events (ex: Civil War re-enactors)
 - Career highlights (ex: engineer, pastor, doctor, educator, cybersecurity, etc)
 - Art workshops (ex: drawing, painting, dancing, etc)

Admissions & Paperwork

1. All that is required to start this process is to fill out the Admissions application (and the application fee) for each student applying. If your family has more than one student, a separate application and fee should be submitted for each student.
2. Tuition Scholarship forms can be filled out, and only ONE application per family is needed. The requisite tax forms can be provided directly to our Office Administrator, Ainsley McDougal. She can be reached by email admissions@mayflowerswva.org, or calling (540) 388-0025.
Note: there is a deadline each semester for the Tuition Scholarship application. If you miss the deadline, we cannot guarantee scholarship monies will be available for your family.
3. Next step is to schedule a Family Interview, including the student.
4. Accepted students will receive an Offer Letter.
5. While we can, in some cases, accept students partway through the academic year. It's preferable to put your students' application in as early as possible – so that when we are planning our next academic year we know what additional resources, classroom space, and teachers need to be allocated. Transferring after the start of the academic year is entirely dependent upon classroom space and resources.