
LIVING GOLDEN IN THE TRIANGLE

A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE IN
MISSISSIPPI'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGION :
STARKVILLE, COLUMBUS, AND WEST POINT



EXPERIENCE CULTURE

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Find something new or something just you at one of the Golden Triangle's annual events

JANUARY

Frostbite Half Marathon
GTKC Dog Show

FEBRUARY

Magnolia Independent Film Festival

MARCH

Charles H. Templeton
Ragtime and Jazz Festival

APRIL

Pilgrimage: Antebellum Festival,
5K, & Half Marathon
Wings over Columbus Air Show
Cotton District Arts Festival
Taste of Starkville

MAY

Market Street Festival
King Cotton Crawfish Boil

JUNE

Island Paddle Fest
Sounds of Summer
Downtown at Sundown

JULY

Fireworks on the Water
Christmas in July
Sounds of Summer
Downtown at Sundown

AUGUST

Possum Town Triathlon
Forks and Corks
Sounds of Summer
Downtown at Sundown
Golden Triangle Comic Con

SEPTEMBER

MSU Football Begins:
Bulldog Bash
Prairie Arts Festival & Race
The Art Walk Downtown
Roast n Boast BBQ Comp

OCTOBER

MSU Homecoming
Pumpkinpalooza

NOVEMBER

Turkey Trot
Possum Town Grand Prix
Ghosts and Legends Tours
Christmas Open Houses

DECEMBER

Christmas Open Houses
Wassail Fest
G.F. Handel's Messiah

CULTURE CURATED

Tennessee Williams Home
Friendship Cemetery
Howlin' Wolf Blues Museum
Starkville Community Theatre

A COMMUNITY THAT HELPS YOU GROW

Mississippi Small Business Development Center
Columbus Arts Council
Starkville Area Arts Council
Homestead Education Center
Starkville Community Garden in Josey Park
The Garden at Covenant United Methodist

A SOCIAL SCENE WITH PURPOSE

Columbus & Starkville Young Professionals
Habitat for Humanity
United Way
Starkville Area Runners and Walkers

IT'S ALL GRAVY

Starkville Community Market
Hitching Lot Farmer's Market
The Meat & Three, Brunswick stew, and BBQ mark our menus and showcase our culture
73% of Golden Triangle residents live within 10 minutes of a full-service grocery store

FAITH IN ALL FORMS

Annunciation Catholic Church
Congregation B'nai Israel
First Baptist Church
First United Methodist Church
The Islamic Center of Mississippi
Main Street Presbyterian
Our Savior Lutheran
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Vibrant Church (Nondenominational)
Parochial education is available in Columbus, Starkville, and West Point

ELEVATE HEALTH

EXPLORE

Natchez Trace NPS Scenic Trail
Plymouth Bluff Hiking Trails
Columbus Riverwalk Walking & Biking Trail
Lake Lowndes Hiking & Mountain Biking Trails
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge
Kitty Bryan Dill Memorial Parkway

PLAY

Starkville Dog Park & Columbus Bark Park
J.L. King Park Splashpad
Propst Park: Splashpad, Skate Park, & Disc Golf
Lake Lowndes Disc Golf Course
Sports facilities of all types

ADVENTURE

Watersports on the Tennessee-Tombigbee
Golf at Old Waverly, Elm Lake, or Lion Hills
Premier shooting at Prairie Wildlife

FLEX

PureBarre, Orange Theory, & Hotworkx
The W's Stark Recreation Center
MSU's Sanderson Center
Fitness Factor, Core Fitness, Planet Fitness,
3 area YMCAs

COMPREHENSIVE CARE

ALWAYS CLOSE TO
HOME



12 MINUTES TO CARE

56% of GTR residents live within 12
minutes of a major hospital



BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL- GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Only hospital in MS to obtain Leapfrog Patient Safety
Grade Straight A's since 2012
Facilities include: Level III Trauma Center & ICU
Employs more than 100 physicians and surgeons,
representing nearly every medical specialty



OCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Affiliated with University of Mississippi Medical Center
Facilities include: Level III Trauma Center, ICU, &
Pediatric ICU
Employs more than 100 physicians and surgeons,
representing 19 medical specialties



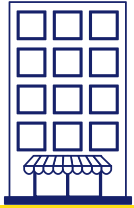
NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER - WEST POINT

Facilities include Level IV Trauma Center, Urgent Care
and Wellness Center
Specialties include: Adolescent Medicine,
Dermatology, Medical Genetics, Nephrology,
OB/GYN, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatrics, Podiatry

ESTABLISH THE ESSENTIALS



A HOME FOR EVERY LIFESTYLE



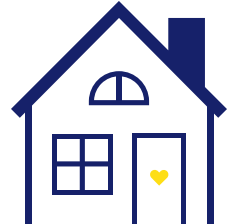
Downtown living, walkable to restaurants and watering holes: Starkville's Cotton District & Columbus' Mainstreet



Managed communities for families with active lifestyles: Old Waverly Golf Course, Starkville Country Club, Elm Lake



Apartment living with managed facilities and perks: The Helix, Haven 12, Audubon Cove

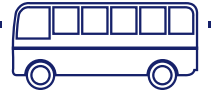


Affordable home and land ownership with property tax rates half the national average (.069% vs. 1.2%) and an average ppsf of \$90

✓ Minimal traffic and congestion between you and where you want to go

✓ Uber and Lyft ride-share services keep you golden throughout the Triangle

✓ Bike lanes and S.M.A.R.T. transit open Starkville up for exploration



CHILDCARE

MUW Child & Parent Development Center
First United Methodist Early Learning Center
First Presbyterian Church Childcare Center
PediaTrust (Medically Fragile Day Care)
MSU T.K. Martin Center for Tech & Disability
First Baptist's Early Childhood Ministry

K-12 & DUAL ENROLLMENT

With four public school districts, four parochial / private school systems, Mississippi's only residential high school for academically gifted students, and Mississippi's only early college high school, the Golden Triangle has options for every student (see appendix)

All three local higher education institutions offer dual enrollment high school programming

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Golden Triangle is home to three esteemed institutions of higher learning, providing a range of academic & professional focuses:

Mississippi State University
East Mississippi Community College
The W (Mississippi University for Women)



LEARNING AFTER HOURS

Mississippi State Center for Continuing Education:
Beekeeping, Conservation, Bulldog Bytes
East Mississippi Community College (GT Campus):
Camp Amp, Code Academy, & Beauty Boot Camp
The W (formerly Mississippi University for Women):
Governor's School, Summer Discovery, Culinary Camp
GameTime Athletics:
Ninja, Tumbling, Stunt, and Cheer Camps
Wide variety of VBS and Sports Camps options abound

EXPECT GROWTH

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS DIVERSE TRIANGLE EMPLOYERS

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING



AEROSPACE



RETAIL



CREATE

Mississippi Small
Business
Development Center



NAVIGATE & BUILD

Golden Triangle
Development LINK



CONNECT

Columbus Chamber of
Commerce, Greater
Starkville Development
Partnership, West
Point Chamber of
Commerce



ADVOCATE

MS Economic
Council & Mississippi
Economic
Development
Council



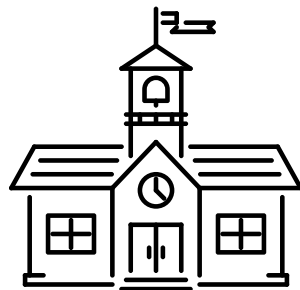
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TRIANGLE HAS ONE
OF
THE NATION'S
MOST BUSINESS
FRIENDLY
CLIMATES & THE
BUILDING BLOCKS
FOR YOUR FIRM'S
GROWTH AND
PROSPERITY

APPENDIX: K-12 INSTITUTION PROFILES



ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission: Annunciation Catholic School teaches the whole child in a Christ-centered environment. We encourage all children to meet their full potential by building character, fostering community, and creating lifelong learners.



1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating: ★★★★★

*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment.....215

*Annunciation offers bus service from Starkville, MS daily.

GRADING SCALE

PK-2nd Grade-

Standards Based Grading on a scale of (1-3)

3rd-8th Grade- A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,

D = 65-69, F = Below 65

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

11.7 %

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ANNUNCIATION'S
STRATEGIC PLAN**

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Joni House

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223 North Browder St.
Columbus, MS 39702
662-328-4479

GRADUATION
RATE

100 %

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

36.0 %

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

64.0 %

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

14:1 Elementary

10:1 High School

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

10.0 %

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CCA'S STRATEGIC
PLAN**

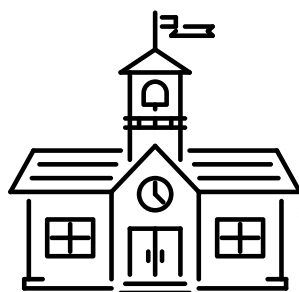
CONTACT:

Principal
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COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Mission: Columbus Christian Academy, in partnership with parents and area evangelistic churches, strives to provide a Christ centered education of excellence to enable students to soar in truth and wisdom and to become men and women of true faith, equipped to stand strong for Christ and impact their world for eternity.



1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:



*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment.....276

High School 7-12.....94

Elementary PK3-6.....182

Columbus Christian Academy Academy is accredited by Association of Christian Schools International, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools.

GRADING SCALE

A = 90 -100, B = 80 - 89, C = 70 - 79, F = Below 70



GRADUATION
RATE

80.8%

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

57.81%

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

9.28 %

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

14.41

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

10.08%

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SCHOOLS WITHIN
THIS DISTRICT**

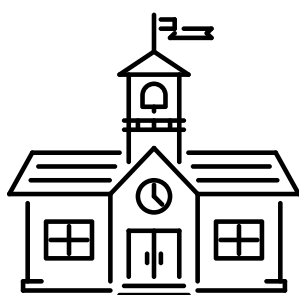
CONTACT:

Superintendent
Dr. Cherie Labat

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662-241-7400

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: Excellence All Over – One Team! One
Columbus!



9 FACILITIES

- 1 High School
- 1 Middle School
- 5 Elementary Magnet Schools
- 1 Career & Technology Center
- 1 Success Academy

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: D

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12.....	1064
Middle School 6-8.....	874
Elementary K-5.....	2038
Pre-K.....	99
CTE.....	269

GRADING SCALE

Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65
Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65



HERITAGE
ACADEMY

GRADUATION
RATE

100 %

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

27.0 %

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

73.0 %

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

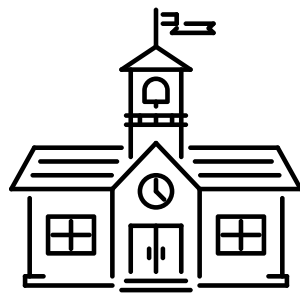
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DUAL
ENROLLMENT

70 %

HERITAGE ACADEMY

Mission: Heritage Academy is a college preparatory school that inspires, challenges, and motivates its students as it prepares them for college and for life.



1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:



*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment K4-12.....480

Heritage Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

GRADING SCALE

Elementary

A = 93 -100, B = 85 - 92, C = 75 - 84, D=70 - 74, F = Below 70

Middle and High School

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, F = Below &0

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HERITAGE ACADEMY
STRATEGIC PLAN**

CONTACT:

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GRADUATION
RATE

85.1%

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

59.17%

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

10.65%

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

13.42

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

7.32%

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THE LCSD STRATEGIC
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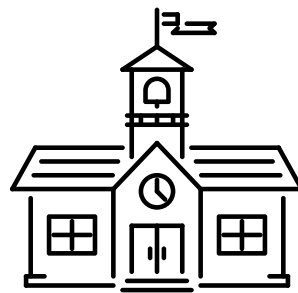
CONTACT:

Superintendent
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LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: Provide a superior educational system that challenges all students to attain their greatest intellectual, social, and personal potential. Serving New Hope, Caledonia and West Lowndes communities.



10 FACILITIES

3 High Schools
3 Middle Schools
3 Elementary Schools
1 Career & Technology Center

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: B

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12.....	1544
Middle School 6-8.....	1182
Elementary K-5.....	2338
Pre-K.....	83
CTE.....	166

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL LCSD STATS

GRADING SCALE

Elementary

A = 94 -100, B = 85 - 93, C = 75 - 84, D = 70 - 74, F = 69

Middle and High School

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 59



The Mississippi School
for Mathematics and Science
An Opportunity for Excellence

GRADUATION
RATE

85.0 %

PUBLIC & PRIVATE
UNIV.
PLACEMENT

100.0 %

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

11.24

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

72.0 %

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MSMS STRATEGIC
PLAN**

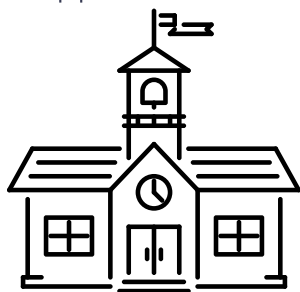
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1100 College St. MUW-1727
Columbus, MS 39701
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THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

Mission: to enhance the future of Mississippi in the global society by meeting the individual needs of gifted and talented students through providing innovative learning experiences and leadership development in a residential environment. In addition, we will provide quality educational leadership for other educators and aggressive outreach programs that impact students across Mississippi.



1 FACILITY

1 Residential High School

2017 Great Schools Rating: 10

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment.....	245
11th Grade.....	130
12th Grade.....	118

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,

69 and below-No Credit

*No Credit to be used only for students returning to their home school before graduation

GRADUATION
RATE

87.5%

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

47.53%

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

28.25%

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

16.27

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

7.6%

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STRATEGIC PLAN**

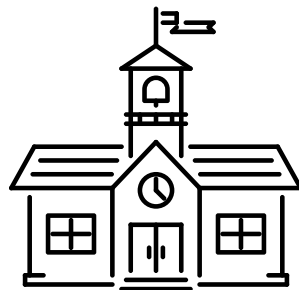
CONTACT:

Superintendent
Dr. Eddie Peasant

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STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: To achieve excellence by facilitating the discovery and development of each student's passion, purpose, and potential.



8 FACILITIES

- 4 Elementary Schools
- 1 Middle School
- 1 High School
- 1 Career & Technology
- 1 Preschool
- 1 Alternative School

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: C

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12.....	1371
Middle School 6-8.....	1180
Elementary PreK-5.....	2609
CTE.....	225

**CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS OF SCHOOLS
WITHIN DISTRICT**

GRADING SCALE

Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 74-79,
D = 69-73, F = Below 69
Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65



GRADUATION
RATE

100%

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

33.33%

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

28.25%

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

11.73

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

81.8%

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STARKVILLE
ACADEMY'S
STRATEGIC PLAN**

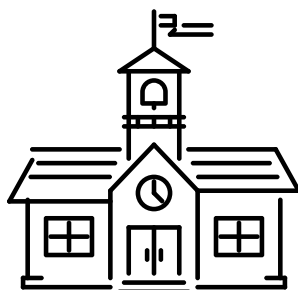
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STARKVILLE ACADEMY

Mission: The mission of Starkville Academy is to provide quality educational programs in a safe, Christian environment that will challenge students to excel academically, physically, socially, spiritually, and culturally.



1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:



*CS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

Starville Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and AdvancED

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment.....	616
High School 7-12.....	248
Elementary PreK-6.....	368

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79 F = Below 70



GRADUATION
RATE

90.3%

COMM. COLLEGE
PLACEMENT

57.71%

PUBLIC UNIV.
PLACEMENT

16.42%

STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO

14.8

DUAL
ENROLLMENT

2%

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THE WPCSD
STRATEGIC PLAN**

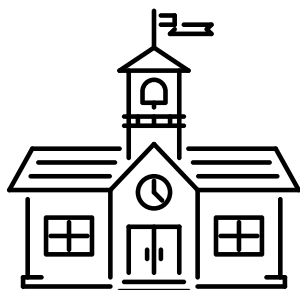
CONTACT:

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West Point, MS 39773
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WEST POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: Provide an educational system characterized by innovation, individualized instruction, and shared responsibility in a safe and supportive environment.



8 FACILITIES

4 Elementary Schools

2 Middle Schools

1 High School

1 Career & Technology Center

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: D

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12.....	912
Middle School 6-8.....	678
Elementary K-5.....	1446
Pre-K.....	84
CTE.....	311

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WITHIN DISTRICT**

GRADING SCALE

Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65
Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65