



MIRUS ACADEMY

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2017 – 2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL FACTS

Founded in 2006, Mirus Academy is a non-sectarian, independent private secondary school enrolling fewer than 100 students. Admission is selective, requiring an excellent academic and disciplinary record. The school day consists of 6 sixty-minute periods, and the curriculum and calendar closely follow the standards of Katy ISD.

COMMUNITY

Mirus Academy is located in the small town of Katy, TX (population 13,500), a rural/suburban community west of Houston, TX. The socio-economic level of the area is mixed. Half of Mirus students commute from outside the Katy area. Approximately 25% of students commute 20+ miles to attend Mirus.

CLASS RANKING

Because Mirus is a small school with selective admissions, the students are not ranked. If ranking is required, we recommend the following guidelines:

1st Quarter 4.00 + 3rd Quarter 2.00 – 2.99
2nd Quarter 3.00 – 3.99 4th Quarter 1.00 – 1.99

GRADING SYSTEM

The school year has 6 grading terms, divided into two semesters of 3 terms each. The semester grade is calculated by averaging the 3 term grades with the semester final exam. The grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the number of high school credits attempted.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A full-year course is assigned the value of 1 credit; shorter courses receive 0.5 credits. Under normal circumstances, 26 credits are required for graduation. However, a 22 credit basic graduation plan may be approved on a case-by-case basis. Requirements for the *Regular Plan*, *Honors Plan*, and alternative *Basic Plan* are listed at right.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Mirus Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, or any other protected group in its admissions, programs, or policies.

ACCREDITATION

Mirus Academy is accredited by the National Association of Private Schools.

GRADING SYSTEM				
Percent Grade	Letter Grade	Regular GPA	Honors/AP [add 1.00]	Unweight UGPA
97-100	A+	4.00	5.00	4.00
93-96	A	4.00	5.00	4.00
90-92	A-	3.67	4.67	4.00
87-89	B+	3.33	4.33	3.00
83-86	B	3.00	4.00	3.00
80-82	B-	2.67	3.67	3.00
77-79	C+	2.33	3.33	2.00
73-76	C	2.00	3.00	2.00
70-72	C-	1.67	2.67	2.00
00-69	F	0.00	0.00	0.00
	P	Pass (non-academic course)		

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION		
GRADE	CLASSIFICATION	CREDITS
Grade 9	Freshman	0.0 – 6.5
Grade 10	Sophomore	7.0 – 13.5
Grade 11	Junior	14.0 – 19.5
Grade 12	Senior	20.0 +

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			
SUBJECT	BASIC ¹	REGULAR ¹	HONORS
English	4	4	4
Mathematics	3	4	4
Science	3	4	4
Social Studies	3	3	3
Foreign Language	0	2	2
Fine Arts	0	1	1
Communications	0	½	½
Health	0	½	½
"Endorsement" ²	0	2	2
Electives	9	5	5
TOTAL:	22	26	26³

1. In Texas Public Schools beginning 2015, "Basic" is called "Foundation" and "Regular" is called "Endorsement".

2. Choice of endorsement classes will earn an "Endorsement" in STEM, Arts & Humanities, or Multi-Disciplinary.

3. Honors requires completion of either Pre-Calculus or a 3rd year of foreign language, 4 or more honors-level classes, 3.5 gpa, and meet college-readiness benchmarks on ACT or SAT.



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POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Student plans following high school graduation:

- 4-Year University—70%
- 2-Year University—20%
- Other—10%

HONORS COURSES

In addition to regular courses, Mirus Academy offers HONORS options for most high school courses. Honors courses include additional reading and writing, more difficult versions of exams, and more opportunities for critical thinking and analysis. Honors courses include:

- **Honors English:** English 9, World Literature, US Literature, British Literature, Literary Genres
- **Honors Math:** Algebra 1, 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus
- **Honors Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Space Science, Human Anatomy
- **Honors Social Studies:** U.S. History, Government, Economics, World History, Sociology
- **Honors Foreign Language:** Spanish/French 2, 3, 4

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

Mirus Academy currently offers 7 Advanced Placement courses. Four courses are new for the 2017-2018 school year and may not be available to current seniors because of scheduling considerations.

- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Psychology**
- **AP English Language**
- **AP English Literature** *[new 2017-2018]*
- **AP Computer Science A** *[new 2017-2018]*
- **AP Macroeconomics** *[new 2017-2018]*
- **AP United States Government** *[new 2017-2018]*

COMMUNITY SERVICE & INTERNSHIPS

High school students are encouraged to accumulate at least 80 hours of community service, and the school hosts many volunteer events and opportunities. If desired, seniors have the opportunity to explore career options off campus by applying for a selective Senior Internship.

CLASS SIZES AND RATIOS

CLASS SIZES		RATIOS	
1 – 5 Students	30%	Avg. Class Size	8
6 – 10 students	47%	Teacher: Student	1:8
11 – 15 students	23%	Staff : Student	1:6
16 + students	0%		

STUDENT DIVERSITY

ETHNICITY		GENDER	
White	76%	Hispanic	7%
Asian	12%	Native American	0%
Black	5%	Other	0%

ANNUAL STANDARDIZED TESTS (THROUGH 10TH GRADE)

	MIRUS Average	National Avg.
Reading	76 th %	50 th %
Language	72 nd %	50 th %
Math	73 rd %	50 th %
TOTAL	75 th %	50 th %

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS (11TH – 12TH GRADES)

SAT	MIRUS	National	Texas	KISD *
Reading	610	496	484	525
Math	586	516	505	554
TOTAL	1196	1012	989	1079
ACT	MIRUS	National	Texas	KISD *
English	27	21	20	-
Math	22	21	21	-
Reading	27	21	21	-
Science	24	21	21	-
COMPOSITE	25	21	21	24

* Average scores as posted on the Katy ISD website.

RECENT MIRUS GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES:

Adelphi University (NY)
Austin College (TX)
Baylor University (TX)
Butler University (IN)
College of St. Rose (NY)
Cornell College (IA)
Denison University (OH)
DePauw University (IN)
Drake University (IA)
Earlham College (IN)
Goucher College (MD)
Houston Baptist Univ. (TX)

Knox College (IL)
Mary Hardin-Baylor Univ. (TX)
Ohio-Wesleyan University (OH)
Purdue University (IN)
Rice University (TX)
Rhodes College (TN)
Sam Houston State Univ. (TX)
Schreiner University (TX)
Southern Methodist Univ. (TX)
Southwestern University (TX)
Stephen F. Austin Univ. (TX)
St. Louis University (MO)

Texas A&M University (TX)
Texas Christian Univ. (TX)
Texas State University (TX)
Texas Tech University (TX)
Texas Women's Univ. (TX)
Trinity University (TX)
University of Alabama (AL)
University of Arkansas (AR)
University of Houston (TX)
University of North Texas (TX)
University of St. Thomas (TX)
University of Texas, San Ant (TX)