

Memorial Lutheran School 2025-2026 Profile

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Memorial Lutheran School is pleased to announce its third graduating class—the Class of 2026!

Memorial Lutheran School is an EC–12 classical Lutheran School, serving about 250 students in Houston, Texas. The school was founded in 1980 and the high school started in 2020 with four students. With the addition of one grade each year, MLS is now an established secondary education institution that uniquely combines classical education with a Lutheran Christian worldview. Memorial Lutheran School is accredited by the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education and the National Lutheran School Association.

CEEB Code: 447427

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Graduation Requirements

Humane Letters: 4 credits

Including Senior Thesis

History: 4 credits

Logic: 1 credit

Rhetoric: 1 credit

Math: 4 credits

Science: 4 credits

Including Biology,

Chemistry, & Physics

Foreign Lang.: 4 credits

Including at least 2 of Latin

Theology: 4 credits

Fine Arts: 1 credit

Physical Education: 1 credit

Minimum: 28 credits

MISSION

Memorial Lutheran School's mission is to "build a strong foundation" for the love of God and the neighbor. This is done through the spiritual foundation of the preaching and teaching of the Gospel and the academic foundation of a comprehensive, classical education.

CURRICULAR & PEDAGOGICAL DISTINCTIVES:

- All students complete the same core of classes throughout high school. Due to this shared curriculum, with intentional cross-disciplinary integration, there is no elective choice in the core classes.
 - Students are required to carry the same 6-credit core class load each year which includes the standard disciplines of Humane Letters, History, Science, Math, Foreign Language and Theology. In addition, students take required classes in Logic and Rhetoric during their sophomore and junior years and may pursue a number of fine arts electives each year (choir, band, orchestra, art).
 - All students are required to complete a year-long senior thesis which includes a 10-15 page written research paper and a 15-minute oral presentation and defense.
 - Students are required to complete Latin to Level II (in 10th grade), although many students advance beyond this level.
 - All humanities courses include extensive primary source reading, Socratic discussion, critical analysis, and oral and written exams, with frequent writing and class presentations.
 - Classes are taught by enthusiastic scholar-teachers, 70% of whom have advanced or terminal degrees.
 - Memorial Lutheran School offers the following Texas high school diploma endorsements: Multidisciplinary and Arts & Humanities
- Note:** Due to our intentionally classical curriculum, MLS does not offer official AP courses. Our classes are carefully integrated with other disciplines in our set curriculum and rigorous in content. The academic course load is quantitatively and qualitatively heavier than most schools for all four years. Students must develop perseverance and excellent time management skills to fulfill their academic and co-curricular responsibilities.

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Normal Sequence of High School Courses (elective choices in italics)

	Theology	English / Humane Letters	History / Geography	Languages	Logic & Rhetoric	Math	Science	Fine Arts / Physical Education
9th Grade	Old Testament: Genesis - Proverbs; Small and Large Catechisms	Iliad, Greek Playwrights, C.S. Lewis	Ancient History	Henle Latin Grammar		Algebra II	Introductory Physics	Music Band/Orchestra Art I Health & Physical Education
10th Grade	Old Testament: Isaiah - Malachi; Apocrypha and Intertestamental Period; Creeds, Augsburg Conf.	Odyssey, Divine Comedy, Shakespeare, Tolkien	Late Antiquity - Renaissance	Henle Latin Grammar or Caesar's Gallic War	Logic I & II	Geometry	Biology	Music Band/Orchestra Art II Physical Education
11th Grade	New Testament: Matthew - Jude; Bondage of the Will; Law and Gospel; Smalcald Articles	Aeneid, American and European Lit	Reformation, Exploration, American History	Vergil, Aeneid or Classical Greek I, Spanish I	Rhetoric I & II	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	Music Band/Orchestra Art III Physical Education
12th Grade	Revelation, the Formula of Concord, Theological Novels and Books	Paradise Lost, 20th Century Literature	Government and Economics	Cicero, Catiline Orations or Classical Greek II, Spanish II		Calculus	Advanced Physics	Music Band/Orchestra Art IV Physical Education

Selections from Grade Level Reading Lists

Ninth Grade

The Epic of Gilgamesh
The Code of Hammurabi
The Histories
 by Herodotus
The Republic by Plato
The Rhetoric by Aristotle
The History of Rome by Livy
*The Lives of Greeks and
 Romans* by Plutarch
On Obligations
 by Cicero
The Iliad by Homer
The Oedipus Trilogy
 by Sophocles
A Midsummer Night's Dream
 by William Shakespeare
The Chronicles of Narnia
 by C.S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters
 by C.S. Lewis
The Small & Large Catechism
 by Martin Luther

Tenth Grade

The Antiquities of the Jews
 by Josephus
The Jewish War Histories
 by Tacitus
*The Apostolic Fathers Church
 History* by Eusebius
Confessions by St. Augustine
*Ecclesiastical History of the
 English People* by Bede
Historia Regum Britanniae
 by Geoffrey of Monmouth
The Odyssey by Homer
Beowulf
The Divine Comedy
 by Dante Alighieri
Macbeth
 by William Shakespeare
The Lord of the Rings
 by J. R. R. Tolkien
The Augsburg Confession
 by Phillip Melanchthon

Eleventh Grade

Common Sense
 by Thomas Paine
*Autobiography of Ben
 Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin
*Reflections on the French
 Revolution* by Edmund Burke
Speeches of Abraham Lincoln
*Mathematical Principles of
 Natural Philosophy*
 by Isaac Newton
The Aeneid by Vergil
Hamlet
 by William Shakespeare
Pride and Prejudice
 by Jane Austen
The Scarlet Letter
 by Nathanael Hawthorne
Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Killer Angels
 by Michael Shaara
The Bondage of the Will
 by Martin Luther

Twelfth Grade

The Prince by Machiavelli
Social Contract by Rousseau
The Federalist Papers by
 Madison, Hamilton & Jay
Economics in One Lesson
 by Hazlitt
Wealth of Nations
 by Adam Smith
Paradise Lost by John Milton
Nicholas Nickleby
 by Charles Dickens
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
The Formula of Concord
Hammer of God by Bo Giertz
Here We Stand
 by Hermann Sasse
The Cost of Discipleship
 by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Mere Christianity
 by C.S. Lewis
Orthodoxy
 by G.K. Chesterton

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Memorial Lutheran School Grading Scale

Grading Scale (letter grade)	Numerical Grade (percentage)
A	93 & Above
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	79
C	77-78
C-	75-76
D+	74
D	71-73
D-	70
F	69 - Below

Grading Scale (letter grade)	Unweighted Value (regular courses)
A	4.0
A-	3.6
B+	3.5
B	3.2
B-	3.0
C+	2.8
C	2.6
C-	2.4
D+	2.0
D	1.8
D-	1.6
F	0

Honors & Dual Credit Classes are weighted by one point

Class Rank & GPA

Due to the small class size, Memorial Lutheran School does not provide GPA distribution or class rank.

Dual Credit

Memorial Lutheran School partners with Concordia University Nebraska to offer dual credit classes. Students will submit college transcripts separately. The following dual credit offerings are available:

American Govt.	(PS 111)	Linear Algebra	(MATH 284)
Calculus I	(MATH 184)	Music Theory I	(MU 103)
Calculus II	(MATH 186)	New Testament	(REL 131)
Calculus III	(MATH 284)	Old Testament	(REL 121)
Experiences in Writing	(ENG 102)	Pre-Calculus	(MATH 151)
Introduction to Literature	(ENG 201)	U.S. History	(HIST 115)

College Acceptances & Matriculations for 2024 & 2025

Abilene Christian University+	Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi+
Baylor University+*	Texas A & M University – Galveston
Concordia University Irvine+	Texas Lutheran University
Concordia University Nebraska	Texas Tech University
Emory University+	Trinity University+
Hillsdale College+	University of Houston
Houston Christian University+*	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor+
Kansas State University	University of Oklahoma
Patrick Henry College+	University of Texas
Sam Houston State University	University of Texas at Dallas
Sapienza University of Rome	University of Texas at San Antonio
Texas A & M University	

Yellow denotes college of matriculation (+) denotes significant merit scholarship
(*) denotes Honors College

CO-CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:

- Required participation in the House Program. Our House Program intentionally fosters community across K–12th grades. House life encompasses all aspects of student culture and encourages students toward the Good, True, and Beautiful while engaging in friendly competition.

- 96% of all High School students are involved in musical activities and opportunities, including: choir, band, orchestra, and jazz band.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:

- 87% of the graduating class has participated on athletic teams. Memorial Lutheran School currently offers cross country, track and field, girls volleyball, boys basketball, and archery.

- Clubs exist as they have organically grown out of student interests. All class members have heavily and selflessly engaged in the school community to help our young school grow. 87% of the graduating class has participated in the school's nascent theatre program. Each year MLS produces multiple stage productions. High School students are involved onstage and backstage.