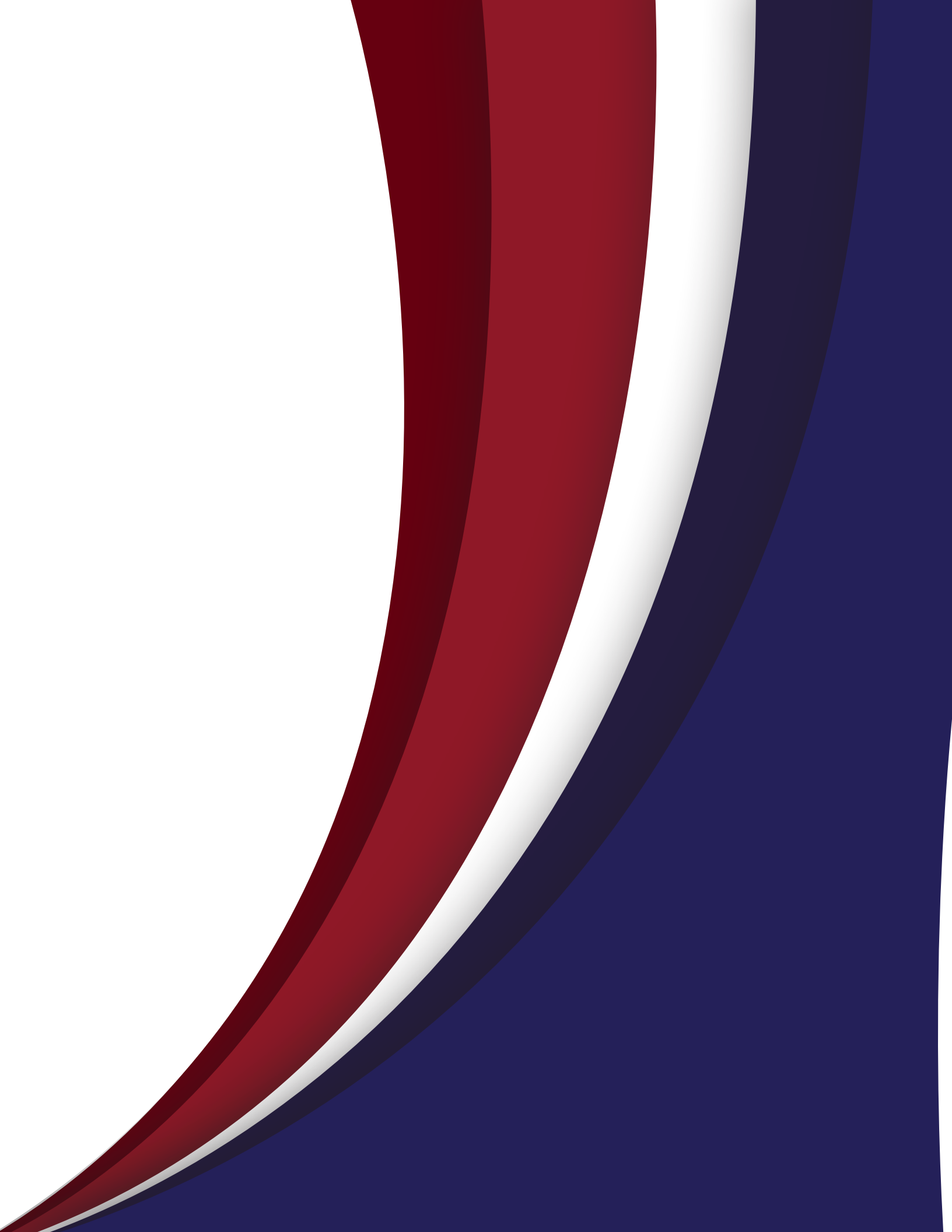




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WELCOME

Welcome to the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS). The “independent schools” of the MAIS are open to the public and are supported voluntarily by families who use their services and by people who value their mission, their product, and their place in the community. Independent schools operate independently of taxpayer funding and exercise the freedom to pursue missions that they believe best serve their unique constituencies and support their values.

Since 1968, the MAIS has certified the educational integrity of its member schools, which have taken great pride in providing exceptional educational opportunities for children in Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Louisiana. The MAIS network of 130+ schools currently boasts an enrollment of over 40,000 students, and these schools directly employ over 6,000 citizens and provide a customer base for countless other businesses. They are integral participants in their communities, both economically and socially. While athletic teams of member schools continue to prove their mettle at greater and greater levels of competition, academic achievements of students in member schools are at an all-time high with no sign of slowing down. MAIS schools placed 96% of their graduates in four year and community colleges, with an average ACT score several points higher than the national average of college-bound students.

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Tunica Academy
West Memphis Christian School

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Manchester Academy
Pillow Academy
Presbyterian Day School - Kosciusko
Sharkey Issaquena Academy
St. Joseph Catholic School - Greenville
Washington School
Winona Christian School

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Travelers Rest Christian School
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Vicksburg Catholic School

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East Rankin Academy
Hartfield Academy
Jackson Academy
Jackson Preparatory School
Kaleidoscope*
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Madison Ridgeland Academy
Mother Goose Christian Academy
New Jerusalem Christian School
Park Place Christian Academy
St. Anthony Catholic School
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Reading Nook Academy
Silliman Institute
Wilkinson County Christian Academy

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Gateway Christian - Wiggins
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Hope Academy
Innova Preparatory School
Lamar Christian School
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Learning Tree Christian Academy
Newton County Academy
Prentiss Christian School
Presbyterian Christian School
Sage Christian Academy
Seminary Baptist Kindergarten
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Providence Classical Academy
Riverdale Academy
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Northeast Baptist School
Prairie View Academy
Riverfield Academy
River Oaks School
Tallulah Academy
Tensas Academy

THE HISTORY OF MAIS

1960 The 1960s were turbulent times in America, and throughout the world. Supreme Court decisions, federal legislation, and world events combined to foster significant cultural change. At the leading edge of the decade, the 1962 decision in *Engel v. Vitale* outlawed prayer in government-controlled schools, and a year later in *School District of Abington Township, Pennsylvania v. Schempp* the Supreme Court applied the same reasoning to outlaw Bible reading as well. They were just the beginning.

As the decade came to a close, 1968 was exploding—often literally. It was also the year the Mississippi Private School Association (now MAIS) was organized. Lyndon Johnson was President. His “Great Society” sifted substantial power from local and state authorities to the national government through civil rights, fair housing and lending, gun control, uniform holiday, and national flood insurance legislation. Shoulder harnesses became required equipment in all new cars. 1968 was the year the US mint stopped the practice of buying and selling gold; gold no longer backed US currency. Martin Luther King organized the “Poor People’s Campaign” to lobby the Congress to enact a \$30 billion “Marshall Plan” to eradicate poverty in the US; it was the year King was murdered. 1968 was also the year Robert Kennedy, leading Democrat candidate for President, was murdered. President Johnson was widely unpopular, and he refused to run for another term. Richard Nixon, the Republican nominee, beat Hubert Humphrey, the sitting Vice-President and Democrat nominee, and third-party candidate George Wallace, who garnered 14% of the vote.

1968 was the year of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, Johnson’s halting bombings in Vietnam, and the first peace talks in Paris. It was the year students organized a national “Turn in Your Draft Card Day” as well as riots, protests, and sit-ins on college and university campuses across the country to protest the Vietnam War and the draft. Student protests were also highly disruptive in Paris, Mexico City, West Berlin, and Londonderry. Anti-War riots disrupted the Democrat National Convention in Chicago, and feminists “burned their bras” in protest of the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. US Chief Justice Earl Warren resigned and Johnson’s choice for his

successor, Abe Fortes, was filibustered in the Senate until his nomination was withdrawn.

The United States signed the UN’s Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and countries around the world were in upheaval. The Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia. The Arab Socialist Baath Party overthrew the government of Iraq, which began the political career of Saddam Hussein. This list goes on....

Meanwhile back in the US, not everything was bleak. McDonald’s invented the Big Mac, which sold for 49 cents, and Roy Jacuzzi invented the first whirlpool bath. OJ Simpson won the Heisman Trophy, and Mister Roger’s Neighborhood first aired. Hewlett-Packard introduced the world’s first programmable scientific desktop calculator, and the first commercially available light-emitting diode (LED) was used for displays and traffic lights. Apollo 8 orbited the Earth.

Cultural norms were changing and being changed. 1968 was the year that Yale made plans to go “co-ed.” The motion picture rating system—G, M, R, and X—was adopted. *Laugh-In* premiered on NBC, and *In the Heat of the Night* won the Academy Award for Best Picture. Katherine Hepburn won Best Actress for her role in *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*. The Beatles’ *White Album* was released in the US. The US Supreme Court in *Epperson v. Arkansas* voided an Arkansas law banning the teaching of evolution in state schools and in *Jones v. Mayer* banned racial discrimination in the private sale and rental of housing.

And, it was the year the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals invalidated a Mississippi law that provided tuition assistance for students in private schools. The law required that (1) the State not be involved in the recipient school, (2) involvement in a recipient private school by a state official would be a criminal offense, and (3) the preponderance of the recipient school’s funding could not come from State tuition assistance. The Mississippi law was modeled on a similar Virginia law that had previously been declared Constitutional. Nevertheless, in February 1966, the NAACP, aided by the US Justice Department, filed suit in Federal Court to invalidate the Mississippi law. That lawsuit, as well as other seismic political and social revolutions in states and communities orchestrated

at the Federal level, motivated a group of men to meet in Greenwood, MS and there to draw up a draft of Bylaws and a Charter of Incorporation for the Mississippi Private School Association.

“A meeting was held on Saturday, January 20, 1968, at 10:00 AM at LeFleur’s Convention Center, Jackson, Mississippi in order to form the Mississippi Private School Association,” begins the Minutes of the organizational meeting of the MPSA. The Minutes continue, “Bill Simmons of Jackson opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates. After the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation by Rev. Bill Carr, Mr. Simmons informed those in attendance that of the forty-one schools that had been invited to send representatives, thirty-two had replied.” Robert Carson and Mrs. Ed Russell, both of the County Day School in Marks, MS, were elected the chairman and secretary of the meeting.

Colonel Earl Edwards of Cruger-Tchula Academy in Cruger, MS presented some of the problem areas then facing independent schools: accreditation, athletics, lack of representation in state legislatures, new schools’ organization, teacher retirement, and lack of a forum for teachers and administrators to aid in professional development. A copy of the Bylaws and Article of Incorporation, which resulted from the previous meeting at Pillow Academy, were distributed at the organizational meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued, and amendments were offered. When the vote was called seven organizations represented at the meeting ratified the Bylaws and Constitution of the Mississippi Private School Association. Schools and foundations not represented in person at the meeting had until March 1968 to join as “Charter Members.” Robert Carson was elected President Pro Temp, and Bill Simmons was elected Secretary-Treasurer Pro Temp. An initial \$500 membership fee was established, and it could be paid upon election to membership or in four annual installments.

Although the State Attorney General initially rejected the Articles of Incorporation on the basis that non-profit corporations could not legally be a member of another non-profit corporation (although precedent for such existed). At the next meeting in April 1968, representatives of the fifteen Charter Members in attendance agreed to continue

to operate as an unincorporated association. There was a total of eighteen Charter Members.

From that point on, the Association began to grow in size and scope. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at the First Annual Meeting in June 1968, the Association established three standing committees to address the three areas of need: the Academic Committee, the Interscholastic Activities Committee, and the Teacher Retirement Committee. Considering the politics of the day and ruling of the 5th Circuit Court, it was agreed that to pursue tuition tax credit for families choosing independent schools would be imprudent.

In February 1969, 26 schools were represented at the Second Annual Meeting. The 16 member schools in attendance reported an aggregate enrollment of 2,562 students and aggregate employment of 179 full-time and four part-time faculty members. At the time, the aggregate enrollment figure represented nearly half of the students in independent schools in Mississippi.

It was also reported at the Second Annual Meeting that the US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled Mississippi’s tuition assistance law unconstitutional, and no more State funds would be available to students in independent schools after the close of the current academic year. The Academic Committee recommended remaining with the State Accrediting Agency for the time being because it was not feasible for the Association to organize an accrediting agency at that time. The Interscholastic Activities Committee reported that its focus had been athletic activities and recommended that, although some member schools were members of the Mississippi High School Athletic Association, the MPSA should establish rules for its member schools and asked the schools for help coordinate their athletic schedules. (The Academy Athletic Conference was formed in 1969—separate from MPSA—in north Mississippi with fourteen charter members. It sponsored athletic competition in football, basketball, and baseball.) The Teacher Retirement Committee’s report on meetings with insurers and legal advisors prompted a motion, which was adopted, to instruct the MPSA to propose legislation that would allow teachers to move from the State system into independent schools without losing their retirement benefits.

1970 Implementation of the Supreme Court’s rulings in *Green v. County School Board* and *Alexander v. Holmes* ended “freedom of choice” desegregation of Mississippi’s schools, forcing the busing of children away from neighborhood and community schools to achieve a results-oriented remedy that required evidence of racial balance. By the Third Annual Meeting, in April 1970, 750 representatives from sixty-one schools were in attendance. Following that meeting the MPSA began to devise accreditation standards based on applicable provisions in the standards of the Mississippi Accrediting Commission. There was also discussion over restricting participation in the Academy Athletic Conference to students in MPSA schools.

Following the Fourth Annual Meeting, in February 1971, the MPSA had grown to the point of needing to employ an executive director and open an office. To fund this need, the 44 member schools, with an aggregate enrollment of about 26,000 students, were charged dues of \$1.50 per student in grades 1-12 per annum. Applications from an additional 18 schools were received. Non-Mississippi schools that were members of the Academy Athletic Conference expressed interest in joining. A new application for accreditation fee of \$10 was established, along with a \$50 fee for all schools visited for accreditation purposes. Also, a fee of 15 cents per student in grades 9-12 per annum was charged to fund interscholastic activities. The MPSA was then divided into four districts. The Academy Athletic Conference merged with MPSA during the summer of 1971. From this merger, MPSA created a governing body for athletic activities designated as the Academy Activities Commission, under the jurisdiction of the MPSA executive committee.

1980 The Mississippi legislature passed the Education Reform Act of 1982 to go into effect in 1985. Part of this legislation tied teacher certification to school accreditation through the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). Until this time MPSA teachers were able to renew their state teaching certificates by taking college hours and submitting them to the MDE. Since the vast majority of MPSA schools had voluntarily dropped MDE accreditation in the 1970s because the standards were unreasonable for private schools, some 3,500 teachers in MPSA schools were in danger of not being able to renew their teaching certificates. The Executive Board appointed Mr. John Barrett, headmaster of Central Academy in Macon, MS, to chair the MPSA Accrediting Commission and Mr. Lloyd Lindsey, headmaster of Wilkinson County Christian Academy in Woodville, MS, to chair the newly appointed Teacher Certification Commission. The Accrediting Commission was charged with reviewing and revising the Accrediting Standards, and the Teacher Certification Commission was charged with developing Teacher Certification Standards. The two sets of standards were approved, and the Director of Instruction was charged with implementing both for the 1985-86 school year.

Each member school was required to submit an accrediting report and documentation of credentials for all faculty and administration by October 1, 1985. By December a database was established that contained over 3,500 teachers and administrators verifying each person’s degree, areas of certification, and expiration dates, and each school received a preliminary report on their compliance to the accrediting standards. In the spring of 1986, all certified personnel were issued their initial MPSA Teaching Certificate, and each school received its final accrediting report issuing an accrediting rating noting, if any, deficiencies to the accrediting standards.

1990 In 1990, the MPSA obtained “Approved Agency Status” from the Tennessee Department of Education. This was the first state department of education that recognized the accreditation and teacher certification of MPSA. The Louisiana Independent School Association (LISA) ceased operations at the end of the 1991-92 academic year. A number of schools in LISA contacted the MPSA and were accepted as members in July 1992, joining two other Louisiana schools that were already MPSA members.

2000 In 2009, the MPSA changed its name to the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools. In 2014, it became a partner with AdvancED/CASI (now Cognia), an international accrediting agency, and it began offering web-based courses to member schools to help them meet the educational needs of their students. In 2019, it changed its name to the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools in recognition of its regional membership. The departments of education or legislatures of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee have recognized MAIS as a legal accrediting agency.

Today Although the MAIS was established in 1968, independent (or “non- public”) education is as old as civilization and independent schools have played an undeniably significant role in foundation and development of the United States. Roman Catholics established the first schools in North America in what are now the states of Florida and Louisiana long before any state-funded public schools existed on the continent. Indeed, an organized system of “public” schools did not exist in the United States until the 1840s and concerned parents have always made educational choices for the beneficial development of their children.

In the British educational system independent, fee-paying schools are known as “public schools” - that is to say, like British “pubs,” they are open to and supported by the public on a voluntary basis. In the American system the term “public” applies to schools that are strictly regulated by the states (and increasingly by the US Department of Education) and funded through compulsory taxation.

American “independent schools” are open to the public and are supported voluntarily by families who use their services and by people who value their mission, their product, and their place in the community. Independent schools operate independently of taxpayer funding and exercise the freedom to pursue missions that they believe best serve their unique constituencies and support their values.

MAIS facilitates communication and fosters mutual accountability among its member schools in the midsouth, so that independent schools do not have to operate in isolation. Like independent schools themselves, MAIS is funded by schools that voluntarily join the Association and by voluntary contributions from the public—from people who value educational freedom and the exceptional opportunities that independent schools provide in a community.

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

What is MAIS?

Since 1968, the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools has certified the educational integrity of its member schools, which have taken great pride in providing exceptional educational opportunities for children in the midsouth. Today when parents seek a good education in a safe, Christian environment for their children, they look to independent schools and MAIS schools provide just what parents are looking for.

The MAIS network of 133 schools currently boasts an enrollment of over 40,000 students, and these schools directly employ over 6,000 citizens and provide a customer base for countless other businesses. They are integral participants in their communities, both economically and socially. According to a 2019 PEER Study conducted by the Mississippi legislature, the economic impact of Mississippi's independent schools is over \$214,000,000. While athletic teams of member schools continue to prove their mettle at greater and greater levels of competition, academic achievements of students in member schools are at an all-time high with no sign of slowing down. MAIS schools placed 96% of their graduates in four year and community colleges, with an average ACT score 4 points higher than the national average of college-bound students.

MAIS is an affiliate of CAPE (Council for American Private Education), a member of ISANET (Independent School Association Network), and a member of SECIS (Southeastern Commission of Independent Schools). The MAIS is recognized as an accrediting body by the MS, LA, TN, and AR Departments of Education.

Accreditation

MAIS accreditation is recognized by Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Through a partnership agreement with Cognia (formerly SACS/AdvancED), MAIS schools automatically receive dual accreditation. MAIS's accreditation standards recognize the individuality of independent schools and encourage member schools to improve in their own mission-appropriate ways.

Commerce

MAIS negotiates exclusive deals with providers of goods, services, and software to maximize the buying power of its membership. MAIS partners with ACT through which member schools can receive discounted prices on ACT assessments and resources including ACT Weekday Testing, ACT Online Prep, and more. It is a member of the Independent School Collaborative, a consortium that negotiates member pricing on popular educational digital resources and subscriptions. As a MAIS member, these and other discounted educational resources are available to you. MAIS has joined the Independent School Collaborative (ISC) 403(b) Multiple Employer Plan (MEP). A 403(b) Multiple Employer Plan enables schools to help their employees save for retirement while simultaneously saving the school money and time and reducing risks. MAIS also partners with Decisely to help provide schools affordable medical, dental, and vision plans from Aetna and Cigna.

Advocacy

In a rapidly changing cultural landscape, the MAIS office follows legislation and public policy issues that affect independent schools and lobbies legislators to protect independent schools' interests. It provides insight for heads and boards as they face decisions that impact their schools' ability to pursue their missions.

Competition

Competitive interscholastic athletic and academic activities are abundant. The MAIS Athletic Commission organizes interscholastic athletic events at the secondary school level throughout the year. Sanctioned sports include archery, baseball, basketball, cheer and dance, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball. The MAIS Education Association organizes academic events and competition among member schools including Art Competition, Chess Competition, Creative Writing Contest, Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Reading Fair, Spelling Bee, STEM competitions and Student Council.

Certification & Professional Development

The community of member schools stretches across Mississippi and into Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee. MAIS offers opportunities for professional development to teachers through T3 (Teachers Teaching Teachers) and to school administrators, faculty, and staff at various times throughout the year. New administrators are offered coaching and specific training through the MAIS Summer Leadership Institute. MAIS also certifies administrators and teachers through flexible routes that enable schools to hire mission-appropriate staff.

Curriculum Support

In addition to providing curriculum resources and professional development, MAIS helps support its member schools by offering curriculum review and feedback services. Also, MSAISnet is available to MAIS schools. This virtual learning component offers an extensive catalogue of over 120 courses for remediation, advancement, and blended learning. It also enables schools to offer specialty courses when an instructor is not available.

CONSORTIUM BUYING POWER

One benefit of MAIS membership includes exclusive member pricing on popular digital resources and subscriptions. Working in conjunction with a group of state associations across the southeast, we have been able to leverage our collective bargaining power to offer discounts on certain resources and subscriptions. We participate in the purchasing consortium at The Independent School Collaborative.

See resources and subscriptions available for the following school year at independentschoolcollaborative.org. When you visit the ISC website, you'll see that there are 2 tabs under Classroom Subscriptions - Consolidated Purchasing and Direct Purchasing. Consolidated purchase subscriptions are ordered under one master PO created by the ISC. All individual school orders and payments for those resources must be paid via credit card or ACH by July 15, 2024. No checks accepted.

All other subscriptions are available by Direct Purchase and a discount will be given to ISC member schools. Please visit the Direct Purchasing page on our website and click on the icon for the resource. Instructions for ordering and contact info for the representatives are available below the resource description. If you have questions, please reach out to the representative directly.

INSURANCE BENEFITS CENTER

MAIS is proud to announce the availability of unique new health solutions available exclusively for its members. MAIS has partnered with Decisely to access new medical plans for our members.

MAIS Benefits Center is here to help your school retain its most important asset – its employees. MAIS members now have access to medical plans that save both the employer and the employee money. The MAIS Benefits Center allows schools to offer high-quality and truly affordable benefits, maintain a healthy workplace and even help improve staff retention.

Plans include instant coverage and no-cost services for important basics like primary and specialist visits, urgent care, scans and labs, generic prescriptions, and more. There are no deductibles, and the employees choose their out-of-pocket maximum, all while taking advantage of the Aetna and Cigna networks.

Visit www.maisbenefitscenter.com for more information.

403(B) MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN

MAIS is excited to partner with the Independent School Collaborative (ISC) 403(b) Multiple Employer Plan (MEP). A MEP is a retirement savings plan that covers two or more employers. It enables small organizations to offer big-company benefits. Key characteristics include: single plan document, one form 5500, one plan audit, pooled assets and administration, and centralized governance. The MEP vendor team includes TIAA as record-keeper, Pentegra as the 3(16) Fiduciary Administrator, and Compass Financial Partners as the 3(38) Fiduciary Investment Manager and education advisor.

Program Advantages include:

- Flexibility in Plan Design – Maintain your unique plan design features such as vesting schedules, type and amount of employer match, Roth option, availability of plan loans and hardship.
- Fiduciary Support – Your MEP 3(38) advisor will handle most of the fiduciary responsibilities.
- Reduction of Administrative Responsibility – Your MEP 3(16) Administrator will take care of items such as employee notices, eligibility tracking and distribution management.
- Cost Savings – Take advantage of expanded share class availability, open architecture, reduced costs associated with plan document maintenance, restatement, or amended responsibilities.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Mission of the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools is to certify the educational integrity of member schools and to promote the development and freedoms of independent schools in the Mid-South. MAIS provides assistance to all member schools by organizing and regulating interscholastic activities through the Academy Activities Commission (AAC) and the Education Association (EA), and by accrediting member schools and certifying teachers through the Accreditation Commission and Teacher Certification Commission, all answerable to the Executive Board.

MAIS holds its member schools to high academic and operational standards while allowing them the flexibility to meet the requirements of its standards within the parameters of their specific missions. MAIS's accreditation standards recognize the individuality of independent schools and encourage member schools to improve in their own mission-appropriate ways.

Please note the following yearly requirements for each MAIS member school. Check the MAIS Calendar on the MAIS webpage for exact dates each year for these meetings, due dates, and other activities or scheduled events.

1. District meetings are held during the first two weeks of July. The purposes of the annual district meetings are for schools within the district to decide who will host EA events and future meetings, to propose by-law changes, and to elect representatives to the Executive Board, EA, AAC, Accreditation Commission, and Teacher Certification Commission. District meetings also provide opportunities for networking with other member schools and disseminating information. Schools are fined for not attending per the MAIS by-laws.
2. Annual Board of Directors Meeting is held on the last Wednesday in July. The purpose of this meeting is to elect MAIS board officers, approve the annual MAIS budget, and approve the actions of the MAIS Executive Board. The chairman of each school's board (or his proxy) is expected to attend this meeting. Schools are fined for not attending per the MAIS by-laws.
3. By the Thursday before the 1st Varsity Football playing date on the MAIS Calendar, each member school must submit the following to comply with accreditation requirements:
 - Annual Accreditation Report, which is intended to ensure accountability and to serve as a catalyst for continuous school improvement. The report consists of a few questions that is submitted electronically and can be found in the Members Only section of the website.
 - Teacher Certification Applications, which can be found under Educators and Teacher Certification on the website.

- **School Personnel List (About Teachers)** can be found in the **Members Only** section and should be updated annually.
 - **School Directory information & Board Member List** in **Members Only** section should be updated by the deadline and regularly throughout the year if any changes in school personnel occur. A name, valid phone number and email address should be entered for every sport a school plans to participate in during the school year as well as every student activity the school plans to participate in during the school year. Fines will imposed if information is not updated by the deadline.
 - If applicable, **Athletic Compliance & Security Plan Form**, which can be found on the MAIS website under **Members Only** section. Schools are not eligible to participate in athletics if the completed form is not submitted by the deadline.
4. **September 1st** - MAIS fees and dues are due. Schools are invoiced on **August 1**. Fees and dues are based upon **February 1** enrollment numbers.
 5. **October 1st** - Submit enrollment numbers in **Members Only** section. This should be the total number of students enrolled at your school as of the end of the day on **October 1**.
 6. **February 1st** - Submit enrollment numbers in **Members Only** section. This should be the total number of students enrolled at your school as of the end of the day on **February 1**.
 7. **Administrators Conference** - Attendance is required at least every other year for the head of school (or designee) but is encouraged annually. Usually held the last week of **May**.

MAIS Member Expectations:

- The MAIS office communicates with member schools through the private Post Office page on the MAIS website under **Members Only** section. Check the Post Office daily for information that needs to be directed to the attention of the right person at your school.
- The MAIS office offers support, encouragement, and professional development to administrators, teachers, board members, and coaches through conferences, seminars/workshops, and webinars throughout the year. Schools are encouraged to participate.
- The Education Association sponsors interscholastic academic events to encourage camaraderie and competition among its member schools. Schools are encouraged to participate.

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MAIS provides assistance to all member schools by organizing and regulating interscholastic activities through the Academy Activities Commission (AAC) and the MAIS Education Association (MAIS-EA), and by accrediting member schools and certifying teachers through the Accreditation Commission and Teacher Certification Commission, all answerable to the Executive Board.

All member schools are located in an MAIS geographical district for the purpose of district meetings and MAIS-EA district competitions. Each member school is also eligible to be a member of the Academy Athletic Conference and is assigned an athletic district based upon enrollment figures for grades 8-11. More information about districts can be found on the MAIS website.

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Members, Post Office and Message Board Pages:

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The Members Only section is intended to be used by member school administrators, athletic directors, and other office personnel to view or enter specific information for the school that includes

- Post Office page
- Request to Host forms for athletic events
- Posting Job Opportunities at your school
- Athletic eligibility forms, athletic sign in sheets, incident report forms, Coaches Association athletic pass enrollment form, assigning secretary information
- Teacher and Personnel Database (About Teachers) for your school
- Board Member List Form
- Directory Information Form
- Nomination forms for All Star/Futures players and All-MAIS players
- Spelling Bee and Reading Fair entry forms for local fair entering district fairs

The MAIS Message Board page is a public message board page with unrestricted viewing. Member schools are able to post a message through Members Only page/Message Board/Add Message.

Academic Competitions:

The MAIS-EA sponsors interscholastic academic activities to encourage camaraderie and competition among its member schools. More information about the different events MAIS offers, visit the MAIS webpage/Events.

Certain activities require a local and district competition before advancing to the overall round.

District level competitions are hosted at schools within a member school's respective EA district. To view your MAIS-EA district, visit the MAIS webpage/Activities/District Hosts.

Athletics:

All MAIS member schools are required to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the AAC Handbook. These rules apply to any and all competition between two member schools and between a member school and a non-member school. The AAC Handbook can be found on the MAIS webpage under Athletics/AAC Handbook.

On the MAIS webpage under Athletics, information is listed for all of the different MAIS sports, athletic alignment, scores, official game balls, admission prices, incident report forms, ejection policies, and dates for transfers.

Athletic passes - All member schools will receive an annual MAIS athletic pass for the head of school and a game administrator. Member schools can also purchase MAIS Coaches Association athletic passes. The MAIS office also issues a designated quantity of numbered passes based on the size, or classification, of the school. The MAIS Coaches Association athletic passes enrollment form can be found under the Members Only section of the MAIS website.

Athletic Score Reporting - Designated members of your school should report all JV or Varsity athletic contest scores to the MAIS Score Reporting app

Other Information:

On the MAIS website, there are various other resources to aid members schools:

- **Education Articles** - Links to articles covering a variety of topics relating to education. Representing a range of viewpoints, the articles do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the MAIS office or of member schools. They are provided to stimulate thinking and to provoke conversation in the MAIS community of leaders.
- **School Resources** - The Educational Resource Page is dedicated to providing resources that will be beneficial to school boards, school administrators, teachers and coaches. Categories include advancement, curriculum, finances and operation, governance, head/leadership, and parents.
- **Recorded Presentations** - Recordings of speaker presentations from various MAIS professional development events.
- **Online Store** - Page to register for student activities (spelling, reading, Honor Society, Student Council, art, ACT, etc), athletics (All Star/Futures fees, program ads, uniforms, etc), and other non-professional development items.

On the Educators page of the MAIS website:

- MSAISnet is the virtual school component of the MAIS. All of the courses and programs offered by MSAISnet are fully accredited by Cognia (formerly SACS/AdvancED) and the MAIS. AP courses are College Board approved. See MSAISnet.com for more information.

On the Directory page of the MAIS website, there is a directory of all MAIS member schools and contact information. The information provided in the directory is vital for communication with member schools.

Accreditation:

Accreditation through the MAIS is comprehensive, addressing the total school, including its physical plant, community, staff, administration, activities, and instructional personnel. Site visits by evaluation teams are required once in each five year period or whenever deemed necessary by the Accreditation Commission. Accreditation through the MAIS is not permanent. The annual assessment is intended to ensure accountability and to serve as a catalyst for continuous school improvement. Annual Accreditation Report, which is intended to ensure accountability and to serve as a catalyst for continuous school improvement. The report consists of a few questions that is submitted electronically and can be found in the Members Only section of the website.

Awards:

The MAIS offers various awards for teachers and students such as the Teacher Service Award, ACT Scholarship, Honor Society and Student Council Scholarships, and Don Souder Award.

The MAIS also recognizes others in the Association through the Joe Bradshaw Award, Joe Shepard Award, Hall of Fame, and Lay Directors Award.

Professional Development:

MAIS offers support, encouragement, and professional development to administrators, teachers, and coaches through T3, conferences, seminars/workshops, and safaris throughout the year. To view upcoming events and to register and pay for events, visit the MAIS website/Educators.

2023-2024 AT A GLANCE

Total MAIS School Membership	136
Total MAIS Student Enrollment	42,435
Total MAIS Teachers	3,802

- Three Accreditation Visits for New Schools
- 19 Re-Accreditation Visits

Total MSAISnet Enrollment	253 Students taking 455 Courses
Art Competition	66 Local, 10 District, and One Overall
Reading Fair	49 Local, 10 District, and One Overall
Spelling Bee	86 Local, 10 District, and One Overall
Total Number of Athletic Contests:	
Regular Season	14,397
Post Season	1,626
TOTAL	16,023

SWIMMING

Total	287
Regular Season	220
Post Season	67

FOOTBALL

Total	904
Regular Season	846
Post Season	58

TENNIS

Total	2,214
Regular Season	1,953
Post Season	261

FAST-PITCH

Total	1,153
Regular Season	980
Post Season	173

BASKETBALL

Total	5,066
Regular Season	4,800
Post Season	266

TRACK & FIELD

Total	1,548
Regular Season	1,080
Post Season	468

VOLLEYBALL

Total	342
Regular Season	330
Post Season	12

BOYS' SOCCER

Total	789
Regular Season	770
Post Season	67

BASEBALL

Total	2,484
Regular Season	2,296
Post Season	188

GIRLS' SOCCER

Total	789
Regular Season	770
Post Season	19

ARCHERY

Total	216
Regular Season	144
Post Season	72

CROSS COUNTRY

Total	60
Regular Season	50
Post Season	10

GOLF

Total	171
Regular Season	158
Post Season	13

2023-2024 FINANCIAL IMPACT

From 2021 to 2024, the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) played a pivotal role in facilitating the transfer of over \$170 million in tax allocations and private donations to its member schools. Five years ago, the Children's Promise Act tax credit created an opportunity for businesses to divert a portion of their Mississippi state tax liability from the Department of Revenue (DOR) to non-profit providers of recognized educational services on behalf of several categories of disadvantaged students.

The Children's Promise Act, which has allocated over \$35 million to our schools in the past five years, is a crucial source of funding. The Executive Committee has requested that schools contribute 1% of the funds they receive from this act. This contribution assists in covering the expenses associated with monitoring legislation, mitigating any additional requirements imposed by legislators on the tax credit, and increasing the cap.

However, it is regrettable to note that MAIS has received less than half of 1% of the total funds allocated to schools through the Children's Promise Act. Consequently, we strongly urge all member schools to recognize the Association's vital behind-the-scenes efforts. These efforts cannot be adequately funded through activity fees and member dues alone. Annually, the Association expends over \$55,000 to combat regulatory encroachment and problematic legislation, advocate for an increase in the cap, and safeguard the integrity of the tax credit.

We implore you to make a concerted effort to contribute 1% of the funds received, as requested by the Executive Committee. This contribution is essential to ensure that we can continue providing the necessary resources and safeguarding the independence of our member schools.

CPA RECIPIENTS

2023

AMITE SCHOOL CENTER	LEE ACADEMY (MS)
ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL	LEFLORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
BAYOU ACADEMY	MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY
BENEDICT DAY SCHOOL	MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL
BROOKHAVEN ACADEMY	MISSION FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER
CANTON ACADEMY	MOUNT SALUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL	NORTH DELTA SCHOOL
CENTREVILLE ACADEMY	OAK HILL ACADEMY
CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL	PARKLANE ACADEMY
CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	PILLOW ACADEMY
COLUMBIA ACADEMY	PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL (CLEVELAND)
COPIAH ACADEMY	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL (KOSCIUSKO)
DELTA STREETS ACADEMY	REGENTS SCHOOL OF OXFORD
DISCOVERY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL	ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL (GREENVILLE)
HARTFIELD ACADEMY	ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL (MADISON)
HERITAGE ACADEMY	ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HOPE ACADEMY	STARKVILLE ACADEMY
HUMPHREYS ACADEMY	SYLVA BAY ACADEMY
INDIANOLA ACADEMY	THE REDEEMER SCHOOL
JACKSON ACADEMY	TUNICA ACADEMY
LAMAR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	WASHINGTON SCHOOL
LAMAR SCHOOL	WAYNE ACADEMY
LAUREL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	WILKINSON COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
LEAKE ACADEMY	

2024

AMITE SCHOOL CENTER	LAUREL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL	LEAKE ACADEMY
BAYOU ACADEMY	LEE ACADEMY (MS)
BENEDICT DAY SCHOOL	LEFLORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
BROOKHAVEN ACADEMY	MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY
CANTON ACADEMY	MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL
CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL	MISSION FIRST EARLY LEARNING CENTER
CENTRAL HINDS ACADEMY	NORTH DELTA SCHOOL
CENTRAL HOLMES ACADEMY	PARKLANE ACADEMY
CENTREVILLE ACADEMY	PILLOW ACADEMY
CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL	PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL (CLEVELAND)
COPIAH ACADEMY	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL (KOSCIUSKO)
DELTA STREETS ACADEMY	REGENTS SCHOOL OF OXFORD
DISCOVERY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL	ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GREENVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HARTFIELD ACADEMY	ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HERITAGE ACADEMY	STARKVILLE ACADEMY
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	SYLVA BAY ACADEMY
HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	THE REDEEMER SCHOOL
HOPE ACADEMY	TUNICA ACADEMY
HUMPHREYS ACADEMY	WASHINGTON SCHOOL
INDIANOLA ACADEMY	WAYNE ACADEMY
INNOVA PREP SCHOOL	WILKINSON COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
JACKSON ACADEMY	

ACT SCORES AT A GLANCE

MAIS schools and students are on an upward trajectory. For the first time since the pandemic, there has been an increase in ACT scores. In addition to bucking the national trend of declining scores, MAIS students continue to outperform public school students in our states by 2-3 composite points. Furthermore, there was significant performance growth in math and science, as well as 17 composite scores of “35” or “36” during the 2023-2024 academic year. It is also noteworthy that a record number of MAIS students took the ACT this year, with the largest increases among 9th and 10th graders. This illustrates the growing commitment MAIS schools place on effective preparation for both college and career.

To qualify for the MAIS David Derrick ACT Award, a student must earn a composite score of 33 or above. The Association would like to recognize all of the 2023-2024 David Derrick ACT Award Finalists.

DAVID DERRICK ACT AWARD FINALISTS AND THEIR SCORES:

SCORE OF 33:

LEVI HILL HARTFIELD ACADEMY

TREVOR BRYSON JACKSON ACADEMY

ALEXANDRA GUILD JACKSON ACADEMY

SYDNEY THAXTON JACKSON ACADEMY

NOLAN CANOY JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

KENNEDY CLEVELAND JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

BLAIR HURST JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MEREDITH MCCLAIN JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

DARBY MCCOY JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

RICHARD REBICH JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WILLIAM SHEPHERD JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

AVERY WILLIAMS JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HARRY DURGIN LAMAR SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN ROMAN LAMAR SCHOOL

ALISON POWERS MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY

COURTLYN TAYLOR MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY

EVAN ATKINSON PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

JOHN MUSE PARKLANE ACADEMY

BENJAMIN BRETT PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MICHELLE CHUNG PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ADDISON COLEMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SAMUEL VOSS PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SCORE OF 34:

ABIGAIL STEVENS EAST RANKIN ACADEMY

HAYDEN HUGHES HARTFIELD ACADEMY

MALLORY BROOKS JACKSON ACADEMY

RICHARD DEATON JACKSON ACADEMY

TITUS TAYLOR JACKSON ACADEMY

ELISHA BIGGS JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WILLIAM HERRON JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

JAMES JORDAN JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HENRY LOWRY JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

IAN TURNER LAMAR SCHOOL

EMMA COOK MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY

WILLIAM MELLE PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SAXON ROBBINS PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WALKER DAVIS SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

BRENNAN STOWERS SILLIMAN INSTITUTE

SCORE OF 35/171:

RIDWAN IFTEKHAR MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY

MARA QUARLES SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

SCORE OF 35/172:

NOLAN LUNDBERG JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

TRAVIS ROSS LAMAR SCHOOL

ALYSSA VASSEL LEE ACADEMY - MS

SIMMONS PENN PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SCORE OF 35/173:

CAROLINE CHAMPAGNE JACKSON ACADEMY

RACHEL HAMMACK JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

STEVEN YOUNG JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

JOHN HROM PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SCORE OF 35/174:

EMILY PRICE LAMAR SCHOOL

SCORE OF 35/175:

CHARLES BARBOUR JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HARRISON HOLLIDAY STARKVILLE ACADEMY

SCORE OF 35/176:

NOAH PRESSLER JACKSON ACADEMY

BENJAMIN BERTEAU PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SCORE OF 35/177:

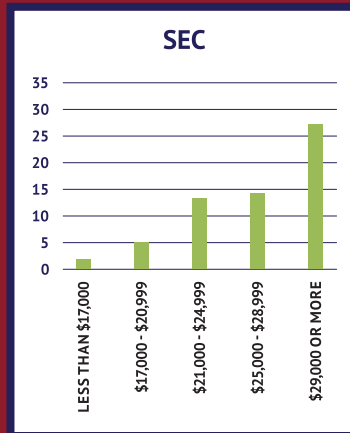
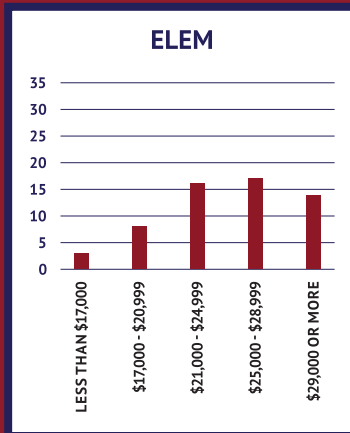
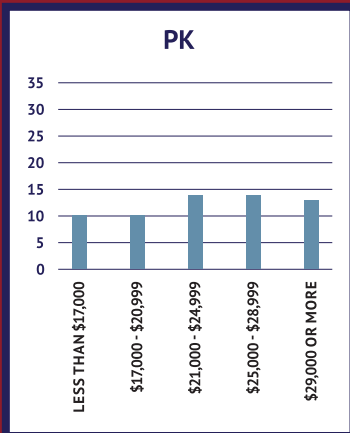
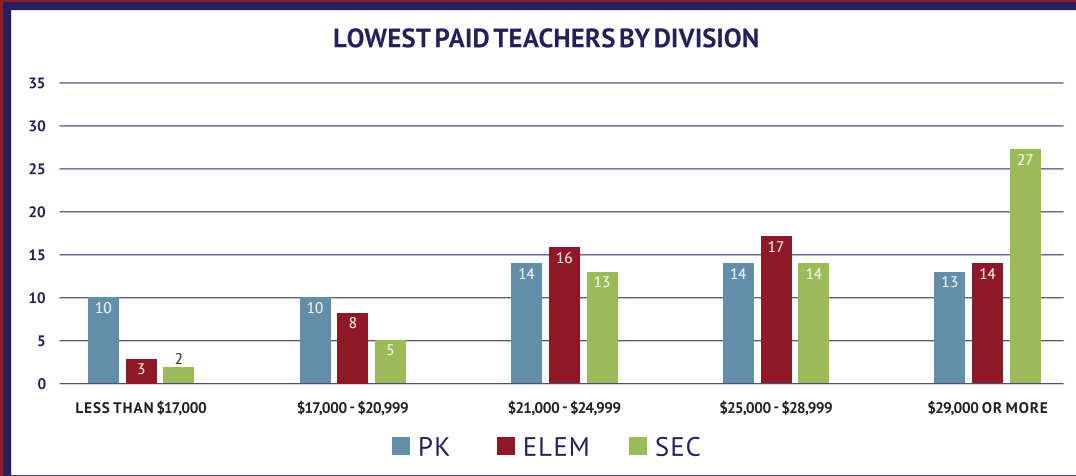
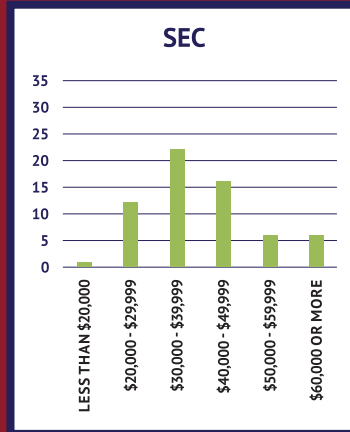
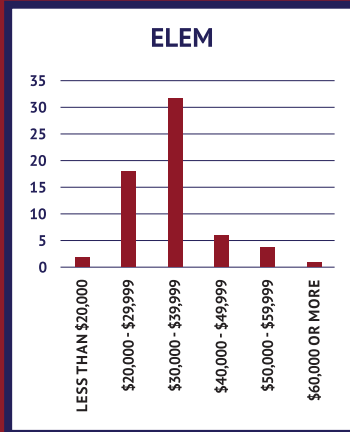
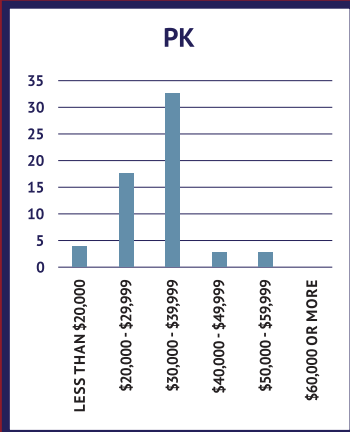
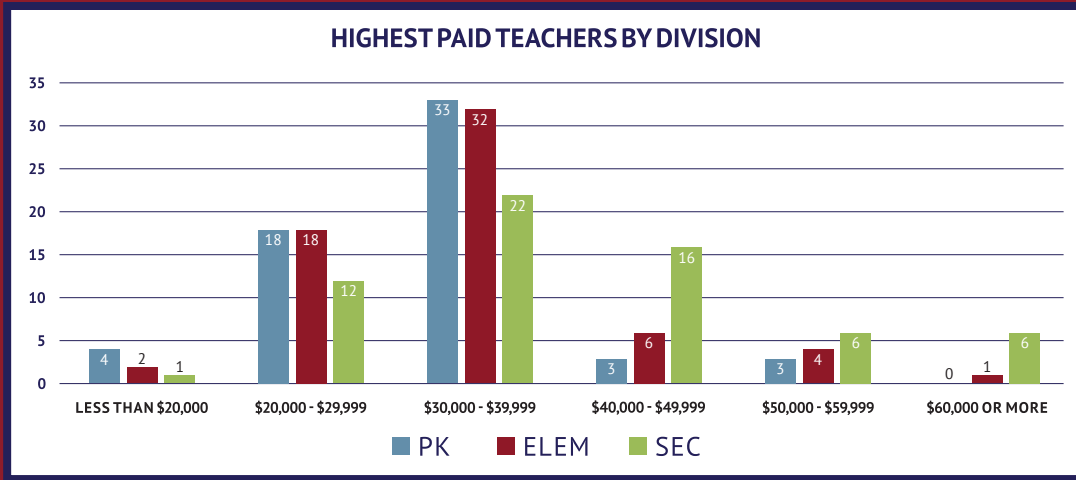
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SCORE OF 36/178:

BRENNAN CRACE SIMPSON ACADEMY

SCORE OF 36/179:

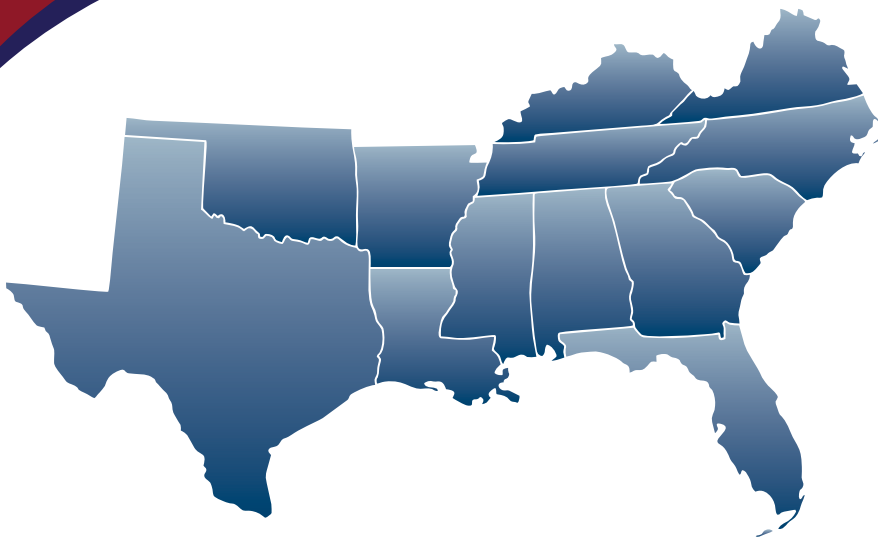
WILLIAM MOORE JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL



TEACHERS COMPENSATION OVERVIEW

In the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), teachers confront a stark contrast in compensation compared to their public school counterparts. While certain MAIS educators may enjoy higher salaries than their public school peers, many are among the southeast's lowest-paid educators. Additionally, unlike their public school counterparts, a notable portion of MAIS teachers lack insurance or retirement benefits as part of their employment package. This gap in compensation and benefits raises concerns about the sustainability of the teaching profession within MAIS, further exacerbating the overarching issue of the teacher shortage. As the demand for qualified educators continues to surge, particularly in underserved areas, rectifying these disparities becomes crucial to attracting and retaining talented individuals in the teaching profession. In Mississippi, for example, it utilizes the traditional "step-and-lane" salary schedule; the minimum salary for a teacher is \$41,500 for a first-year teacher with a Class A license, escalating with each additional year of experience and level of licensure. Average public school teacher pay for 2023-2024: AL: \$60,441 Rank 31, AR: \$54,309 Rank 45, LA: \$54,248, Rank 46, MS: \$53,354, TN: \$55,363.

THE SCHOOL CHOICE TRAP



The School Choice: The movement is not about choice, it is about control and inclusion at your expense.

Alabama

Accountability Act of 2013 Parent-Taxpayer Refundable Tax Credit
Education Scholarship Program

Arkansas

Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program
Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Scholarship Program
Succeed Scholarship Program

Louisiana

Elementary and Secondary School Tuition Deduction
School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities
Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program
Tuition Donation Credit Program

Florida

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options Program
Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (ESA)
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program
Hope Scholarship Program

Georgia

Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program
Qualified Education Expense Tax Credit

Mississippi

Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Program
Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program
Nate Rogers Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program

Tennessee

Education Savings Account Program
Individualized Education Account Program

Amidst the clamor for school choice and the enormous amount of resources for the implementation of such policies, it's essential to remain mindful of the broader landscape shaping the education system and the threats it poses to independent schools. The allure of purportedly free money through vouchers or subsidies may seem tempting, but it comes at a cost beyond mere financial gain. These incentives represent a fundamental shift in funding allocation and control, undermining the autonomy and quality of independent schools. Furthermore, the known regulatory creep and governmental control accompanying such initiatives pose additional challenges, eroding the very foundations upon which independent education thrives.

The current push for school choice often masquerades as an avenue for parental empowerment, yet it serves as a guise for shifting control of private entities and expanding the entitlement programs at the expense of the taxpayer. While proponents argue for choice, it's crucial to recognize that private and independent schools already epitomize such freedom. However, the school choice movement isn't merely about choice; it's about equity and inclusion, often at the expense of independent schools. This shift represents a necessary attempt to address the shortcomings of the public system, which lacks true public accountability despite appearing otherwise.

Private schools, in contrast, are more transparent and accountable to the public. Yet, they now face the threat of being sidelined as the scapegoats for the failures of the current system. The monetary allure of government subsidies may seem enticing, but history has shown that private businesses seldom thrive under such conditions. The encroachment of regulation and increasing governmental control pose significant threats to the autonomy and quality of independent schools. Recognizing our roles as stakeholders in education, it becomes imperative to grasp the gravity of the situation. The school choice movement has deftly targeted constituents by dangling the lure of "free money," all the while overlooking the broader implications for educational quality.

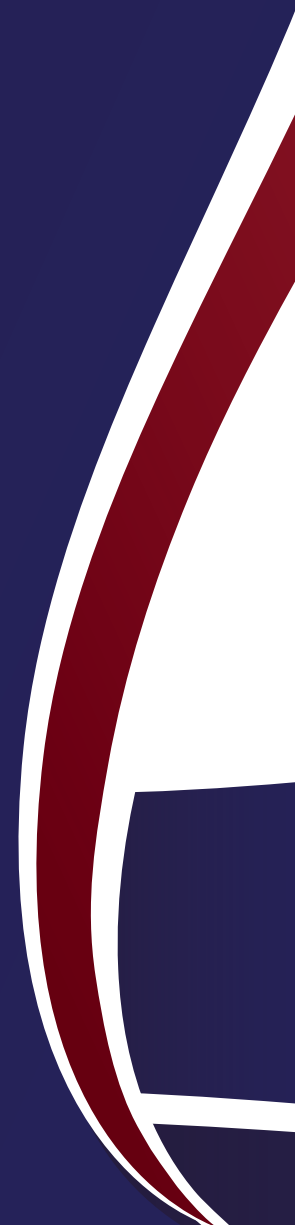
In this battle, independent schools are not just bystanders; they are the roadblocks to be dismantled in the pursuit of a flawed vision of choice. Thus, it is essential for stakeholders to stay vigilant and proactive in safeguarding the principles and practices that define independent schooling amidst the currents of change.



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AWARDS &
SCHOLARSHIPS





HALL OF FAME

There are numerous individuals who have helped to make the MAIS the strong association that it is today. Each year the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools Coaches' Association seeks to honor a special group of these coaches, players, officials and/or administrators at the MAISCA Hall of Fame ceremony.

CLASS OF 2023:

JIMMY McGREGOR

CHRIS McMINN

RILEY MYERS (POSTHUMOUSLY)

AUDREY SIDNEY

ROBBIE WEEKS

HONOR SOCIETY & STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

MAIS sponsors two major leadership development programs: the MAIS Student Council and the MAIS Honor Society. Member schools select students to participate in these programs and pay their yearly MAIS Student Council or Honor Society dues that allow “iron to sharpen iron” as student leaders from across the Association get to work with one another. The MAIS awards two scholarships for Honor Society and two scholarships for Student Council to eligible seniors.

2024 HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

RHYSER GYNES COPIAH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

AVA RANDALL WILKINSON COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2024 STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

SIMS JONES MADISON-RIDGELAND ACADEMY

ANNA CLAIRE MABRY CANTON ACADEMY

DAVID DERRICK ACT AWARD

The Association continues to have outstanding ACT scores submitted by our schools for this award. Submission of scores is restricted to a composite of 33 or above. The David Derrick ACT Award is presented to the student with the highest score.

2024 | WILLIAM MOORE *JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL*

LAY DIRECTORS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Each year the MAIS Family recognizes the dedication and hard work of a member school lay director. These key individuals have helped to make their school, and our Association, what it is today. The recipient of this award is honored each year at the MAIS Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

2023 | JIM QUINN *PILLOW ACADEMY*

JOE BRADSHAW AWARD

Each year the MAIS Family pays tribute to the memory of Coach Joe B. Bradshaw and his many years of service to the AAC. This award is given to an individual who, like Coach Bradshaw, has faithfully served the Academy Activities Commission for an extended period of time.

2023 | PETE LEWIS (POSTHUMOUSLY) *LEAKE ACADEMY*

JOE SHEPARD AWARD

Each year the MAIS Family honors the memory, hard work, and dedication of Joe F. Shepard. Mr. Shepard served both Leake Academy and the MAIS tirelessly for many years. The recipient of this award is recognized for also having given his expertise, dedication, service, loyalty, and leadership to MAIS over an extended period of time.

2023 | CATHY HAYNIE *CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL*



DON SOUDER AWARD

Each year MAIS recognizes one outstanding senior female and one outstanding senior male scholar-athlete by awarding them the annual Don Souder Award. Mr. Souder served the MAIS as association director.

2024 | BREWER CARRUTH *PARKLANE ACADEMY*

2024 | AVA RANDALL *WILKINSON COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY*

TEACHER SERVICE AWARD

The MAIS Teacher Service Award recognizes teachers who have 25 years of teaching experience in MAIS member schools.

CHARLES GODFREY

BAYOU ACADEMY

MARCUS DAVIDSON

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

LAURA FULGHAM

HEBRON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THOMAS SYKES

HEBRON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

JUDY HEAD

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MICHELE WATTS

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

DR. LUKE NEALEY

JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

BEVERLY WARD

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

SUSAN BOUCHILLON

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

CINDY HAYES

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

BOBBY BOUCHILLON

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

MARTHA GOODWIN

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

KRISTI HAGER

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

BARRY COLEMAN

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL

NIKKI SMITH

PARKLANE ACADEMY

LIBBY BYRD

PARKLANE ACADEMY

MARY KLINE

PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL (CLEVELAND)

2023 - 2024 COACHES OF THE YEAR

SPORT	COACH	SCHOOL
Girls' Cross Country 2A	April Johnson	Marvell Academy
Boys' Cross Country 2A	Jay Stricker	Heritage Christian Academy
Girls' Cross Country 3A	Peter Davis	St. Augustine School
Boys' Cross Country 3A	Brandon Beckett	Regents School of Oxford
Girls' Cross Country 4A	Chuck Rose	Kirk Academy
Boys' Cross Country 4A	Tyler Smith	Christian Collegiate Academy
Girls' Cross Country 5A	David Hopper	East Rankin Academy
Boys' Cross Country 5A	Tommy Smith	Cathedral Catholic School
Girls' Cross Country 6A	Pat Lovitt	Madison-Ridgeland Academy
Boys' Cross Country 6A	Josh Gonslaves	Presbyterian Christian School
Girls' Soccer Division III	Henry Gantz	Central Hinds Academy
Girls' Soccer Division II	Mary Claire Brock	Pillow Academy
Girls' Soccer Division I	Phillip Buffington	Jackson Academy
Fast Pitch 2A	Matt Harper	Briarfield Academy
Fast Pitch 3A	Chris Smith	Tunica Academy
Fast Pitch 4A	Carlton Gibson	Marshall Academy
Fast Pitch 5A	Greg Gatlin	Parklane Academy
Fast Pitch 6A	Todd Aultman	Hartfield Academy
Volleyball Division III	Kacie Hengler	Regents School of Oxford
Volleyball Division II	Courtney Schimelpfening	Lamar School
Volleyball Division I	Melissa Denson	Jackson Academy
Football 1A	Matt Homan	Sharkey Issaquena Academy
Football 2A	Sam Pearson	DeSoto School
Football 3A	John Baker	St. Joseph Catholic School - Greenville
Football 4A	Philip Wasson	Tri-County Academy
Football 5A	David King	Adams County Christian School
Football 6A	Craig Bowman	Hartfield Academy
Boys' Soccer Division III	Jeffrey Giachelli	Washington School
Boys' Soccer Division II	Serafin Simon	Pillow Academy
Boys' Soccer Division I	Jon Marcus Duncan	Jackson Preparatory School
Girls' Basketball 2A	Craig Dailey	Delta Academy
Boys' Basketball 2A	Blake Ratcliff	Briarfield Academy
Girls' Basketball 3A	John Stoker	DeSoto School
Boys' Basketball 3A	Daniel Bandy	West Memphis Christian
Girls' Basketball 4A	Henry Gantz	Central Hinds Academy
Boys' Basketball 4A	Josh Zeitz	Clinton Christian Academy

Girls' Basketball 5A
Boys' Basketball 5A
Girls' Basketball 6A
Boys' Basketball 6A
Girls' Basketball Overall
Boys' Basketball Overall

Archery 2A
Archery 3A
Archery 4A
Archery 5A
Archery 6A

Golf 2A
Golf 3A
Golf 4A
Golf 5A
Golf 6A

Girls' Tennis 2A
Boys' Tennis 2A
Girls' Tennis 3A
Boys' Tennis 3A
Girls' Tennis 4A
Boys' Tennis 4A
Girls' Tennis 5A
Boys' Tennis 5A
Girls' Tennis 6A
Boys' Tennis 6A

Girls' Track & Field 2A
Boys' Track & Field 2A
Girls' Track & Field 3A
Boys' Track & Field 3A
Girls' Track & Field 4A
Boys' Track & Field 4A
Girls' Track & Field 5A
Boys' Track & Field 5A
Girls' Track & Field 6A
Boys' Track & Field 6A

Baseball 2A
Baseball 3A
Baseball 4A
Baseball 5A
Baseball 6A

Kendrick Watson
Alex Ainsworth
Michael McAnally
Jesse Taylor
Brooke Rhodes
Jesse Taylor

Eric Hopperdietzel
Dean Davis
Penny Sawyer
Mike Barber
Kenny Williams

Mac Cagnolatti
Chris Terry
V.J. Trolio
Kyle Carpenter
Harry Hill

Jennifer Weir
Lisa Walters
Pete Mazzella
Kristen Eley
Jamie Bell
Jamie Bell
Holly Ann Singh
John Cox
Daniel Yopez
Jay Stroble

Adam Crump
Adam Crump
Sam Pearson
Sam Pearson
Jack Sudduth
Jack Sudduth
Bill Beck
Bill Beck
Melanie Black
John Weaver

Kyle White
Colby Daniels
RJ Barrett
Chris McMinn
Brent Heavener

Rossville Christian School
Parklane Academy
Jackson Preparatory School
Jackson Academy
East Rankin Academy
Jackson Academy

Heritage Christian Academy
St. Augustine School
Centreville Academy
Columbia Academy
Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Tallulah Academy
Central Holmes Christian School
Oak Hill Academy
Lamar School
Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Benedict Day School
Briarfield Academy
Newton County Academy
St. Augustine School
Washington School
Washington School
Pillow Academy
Bayou Academy
Jackson Preparatory School
Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Lee Academy (AR)
Lee Academy (AR)
DeSoto School
DeSoto School
Washington School
Washington School
Bayou Academy
Bayou Academy
Madison-Ridgeland Academy
Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Wilkinson County Christian Academy
Prairie View Academy
Tri-County Academy
Magnolia Heights School
Jackson Preparatory School

2023-2024 ALL-STAR AND FUTURES MVPS

GIRLS' SOCCER ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

All-Stars MVP **Elise Howard** | Pillow Academy

All-Stars MVP **Chloe Boyd** | Heritage Academy

Futures MVP **Kassidy McMillan** | Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Futures MVP **Emma Reeves** | Jackson Preparatory School

FAST PITCH ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Ava Randall** | Wilkinson County Christian Academy

2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Audrey Teutsch** | Claiborne Academy

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **GiGi Lindsey** | Parklane Academy

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Abigail Stevens** | East Rankin Academy

Futures MVP **Taylor Caton** | Jackson Preparatory School

Futures MVP **Samantha Coco** | Amite School Center

VOLLEYBALL ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

All-Stars MVP **Ava Antonaros** | Jackson Academy

All-Stars MVP **Harper Griffin** | Jackson Academy

Futures MVP **Kayden Mangum** | Presbyterian Christian School

Futures MVP **Fallon Humphries** | Madison-Ridgeland Academy

FOOTBALL ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

1A-2A-3A All-Stars MVP **John Ward** | Central Holmes Christian School

1A-2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Tyler Wilson** | Kirk Academy

1A-2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Chris Hunter** | Canton Academy

1A-2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Chris Mayfield** | St. Joseph Catholic School - Greenville

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Ben Jackson** | Leake Academy

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Zed Washington** | Parklane Academy

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Omar Scott** | Winston Academy

4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Chris Jones** | Hartfield Academy

Futures MVP **Peyton Puckett** | Jackson Preparatory School

Futures MVP **Bralan Womack** | Hartfield Academy

Futures MVP **Reggie Vaughn** | Hartfield Academy

Futures MVP **George Wilcox** | Leake Academy

BOYS' SOCCER ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

All-Stars MVP **Cole Cress** | Jackson Preparatory School

All-Stars MVP **Greg Fore** | St. Joseph Catholic School - Greenville

Futures MVP **Wade Hansford** | Madison-Ridgeland Academy

Futures MVP **Brooks Karnes** | Presbyterian Christian School

BASKETBALL ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES | 3-POINT & DUNK CONTEST

2A-3A Girls' All-Star MVP **Jada Foster** | Humphreys Academy
2A-3A Girls' All-Star MVP **Jae'la Smith** | Porter's Chapel Academy
2A-3A Boys' All-Star MVP **Ty Mack** | Porter's Chapel Academy
2A-3A Boys' All-Star MVP **Gary Jackson** | Sharkey Issaquena Academy
4A-5A-6A Girls' All-Star MVP **Avery Howard** | Pillow Academy
4A-5A-6A Girls' All-Star MVP **Addy Sherer** | Presbyterian Christian School
4A-5A-6A Boys' All-Star MVP **Deshun Payton** | Rossville Christian Academy
4A-5A-6A Boys' All-Star MVP **Brewer Carruth** | Parklane Academy
Girls' Futures MVP **Zoe Alford** | Parklane Academy
Girls' Futures MVP **Kathryn Ford** | Central Hinds Academy
Boys' Futures MVP **Samuel Prince** | Leake Academy
Boys' Futures MVP **Garrett Shoemaker** | Oak Forest Academy
Girls' 3-Point Contest Champion **Ava Dunn** | Simpson Academy
Boys' 3-Point Contest Champion **Brooks Roberts** | Presbyterian Christian School
Dunk Contest Champion **Chanse Funchess** | Simpson Academy

BASEBALL ALL-STARS & FUTURES GAMES

2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Hayes Hopkins** | Tallulah Academy
2A-3A All-Stars MVP **Parker Cook** | Tunica Academy
4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Jack Ketchum** | Heritage Academy
4A-5A-6A All-Stars MVP **Conner Hillman** | Tri-County Academy
2A-3A-4A Futures MVP **John Cade Ziegler** | Riverfield Academy
2A-3A-4A Futures MVP **Gage Palmer** | Tri-County Academy
5A-6A Futures MVP **Colton Stringer** | Wayne Academy
5A-6A Futures MVP **Gage Smith** | Simpson Academy

2023-2024 ALL-SPORTS AWARD WINNERS

2A Champions Briarfield Academy
3A Champions DeSoto School
4A Champions Washington School
5A Champions Bayou Academy
6A Champions Madison-Ridgeland Academy

2023-2024 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Over 1,400 teachers, counselors, and administrators have engaged with MAIS professional development and programming in 2023-2024. MAIS has offered a diverse range of programs that has allowed for reach to even more educators in the Association.

DATE	EVENT
June-July 2023	District Meetings
June-July 2023	MAIS Leadership Institute (MAIS Office)
June 20, 2023	Public to Private Teacher Seminar (MAIS Office)
July 13, 2023	Early Childhood Workshop (Muse Center)
July 16-17, 2023	New Administrator Meeting (MAIS Office)
July 25, 2023	Executive Committee Meeting (MAIS Office)
July 26, 2023	Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2023	Academic Symposium (Bayou Academy)
August 4, 2023	T3 – Lamar School
August 5, 2023	Hall of Fame Reception & Ceremony (Muse Center)
August 21, 2023	ACT Teaching & Tutoring Workshop (MAIS Office)
August 22, 2023	Site Visit Workshop
August 27-29, 2023	Education Safari (Jackson, MS)
August 30, 2023	Student Organization Planning Meeting (MAIS Office)
September 10-12, 2023	Education Safari (Little Rock, AR)
September 28, 2023	Counselor Workshop (Muse Center)
October 14, 2023	Marching Band Festival
October 17, 2023	ACT Weekday Testing
October 21, 2023	Regional STEM Competition (Lamar Christian School)
October 25, 2023	Executive Committee Meeting (MAIS Office)
October 26, 2023	Chess Tournament (Muse Center) Lower Elementary Team Champion - St. Augustine School Upper Elementary Team Champion - St. Augustine School Jr High Team Champion - St. Augustine School High School Team Champion - Jackson Preparatory School
November 1, 2023	Middle School Quiz Bowl (Muse Center) Champion - East Rankin Academy
November 2, 2023	Choral Festival (Belhaven University)
November 5, 2023	Regional STEM Competition (Heritage Academy)
November 8, 2023	ACT Teaching & Tutoring Workshop (MAIS Office)
November 17, 2023	T3 – Riverfield Academy

December 2, 2023	Teach Live (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
December 5, 2023	Independent School Collaborative: Upper School Teachers – Young Adult Literature Symposium
December 8, 2023	Creative Writing Contest 3rd-5th Division - Sadie Arledge - Briarfield Academy 6th-8th Division - Lauren Fisher - Clinton Christian Academy 9th-10th Division - Addison Barry - Simpson County Academy 11th-12th Division - Kristen Martin - Bowling Green School
January 4-6, 2024	Honor Band Clinic
January 8-10, 2024	Heads of School Retreat (Ocean Springs)
January 11, 2024	Academic Support Teacher Workshop (MAIS Office)
January 13, 2024	Overall STEM Competition (Hartfield Academy) 3rd-5th Champion - Heritage Academy 6th-8th Champion - Park Place Christian Academy 9th-12th Champion - Washington School
January 22, 2024	MS/HS Science Teacher Symposium (MAIS Office)
January 24, 2024	Executive Committee Meeting (MAIS Office)
January 26, 2024	Overall Quiz Bowl (Muse Center) Champion - Presbyterian Christian School
January 31, 2024	ACT Teaching & Tutoring Workshop (MAIS Office)
February 1, 2024	Federal Programs Workshop (MAIS Office)
February 9, 2024	Overall Spelling Bee (Jackson Preparatory School) 8th Grade - Amaz Bhuyan - Jackson Academy 7th Grade - Hailey Clark - Lamar Christian School 6th Grade - Amaan Jemsheer - Pillow Academy 5th Grade - Emie Brevil - Washington School 4th Grade - Anna Colbert - Hartfield Academy Overall – Estaphan Choufani - St. Joseph Catholic (Madison)
March 12, 2024	ACT Weekday Testing
March 12, 2024	T3 – Magnolia Heights School
March 24-26, 2024	Education Safari (Mobile, AL)
March 25, 2024	Student Organization Convention (Muse Center)
March 27, 2024	Overall Reading Fair (Muse Center)
March 28, 2024	Overall Art Competition (Muse Center)
April 8, 2024	Fine Arts 2D/3D Teaching Workshop (MAIS Office)
April 11, 2024	MAIS Concert Band Festival
April 16, 2024	Independent School Collaborative: Children’s Literature Symposium Grades K-8
April 23, 2024	K-12 Mathematics Symposium (MAIS Office)
May 28-30, 2024	Women in Leadership Breakfast, Golf Tournament, & Administrator Conference (Orange Beach, AL)

2023-2024 ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE

EVENT

July 25, 2023

AAC Meeting (MAIS Office)

August 26, 2023

SECIS Football (Macon, GA & Columbus, GA)
Football - Canton Academy v. John Milledge Academy
Football - Parklane Academy v. First Presbyterian Day School

September 20, 2023

Cheer/Dance Championships (75 Performances, Mississippi Coliseum)
2A Champions - Calhoun Academy
3A Champions - Regents School of Oxford
4A Champions - Washington School
5A Champions - Oak Forest Academy
6A Champions - Hartfield Academy

September 26-27, 2023

Elementary & High School Swimming Championships (GRIT Training Facility, Flowood)
2A Champions - Claiborne Academy
3A Champions - Christ Covenant School
4A Champions - Oak Hill Academy
5A Champions - Vicksburg Catholic School
6A Champions - Jackson Preparatory School

Sept. 30 & Oct. 2, 2023

Fast Pitch Championship Tournament (66 Games, Magee Sportsplex)

October 3-7, 2023

Fast Pitch Championship Series (12 Games, Campus Sites)
2A Champions - Briarfield Academy
3A Champions - Tunica Academy
4A Champions - Marshall Academy
5A Champions - Parklane Academy
6A Champions - Hartfield Academy

October 3-5, 2023

Girls' Soccer Playoffs (16 Matches, Campus Sites)

October 9, 2023

Girls' Soccer Championships (3 Matches, Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
Division I Champions - Jackson Academy
Division II Champions - Pillow Academy
Division III Champions - Central Hinds Academy

October 11, 2023

Girls' Soccer All-Stars & Futures Games (1 Futures, 1 All-Star, Jackson Preparatory School)

October 11, 2023

Fast Pitch All-Stars & Futures Games (1 Futures, 2 All-Star, Jackson Preparatory School)

October 12, 2023

AAC Meeting (MAIS Office)

October 16 & 18, 2023

Volleyball Championships (12 Matches, Mississippi College)
Division I Champions - Jackson Academy
Division II Champions - Lamar School
Division III Champions - Regents School of Oxford

October 19, 2023

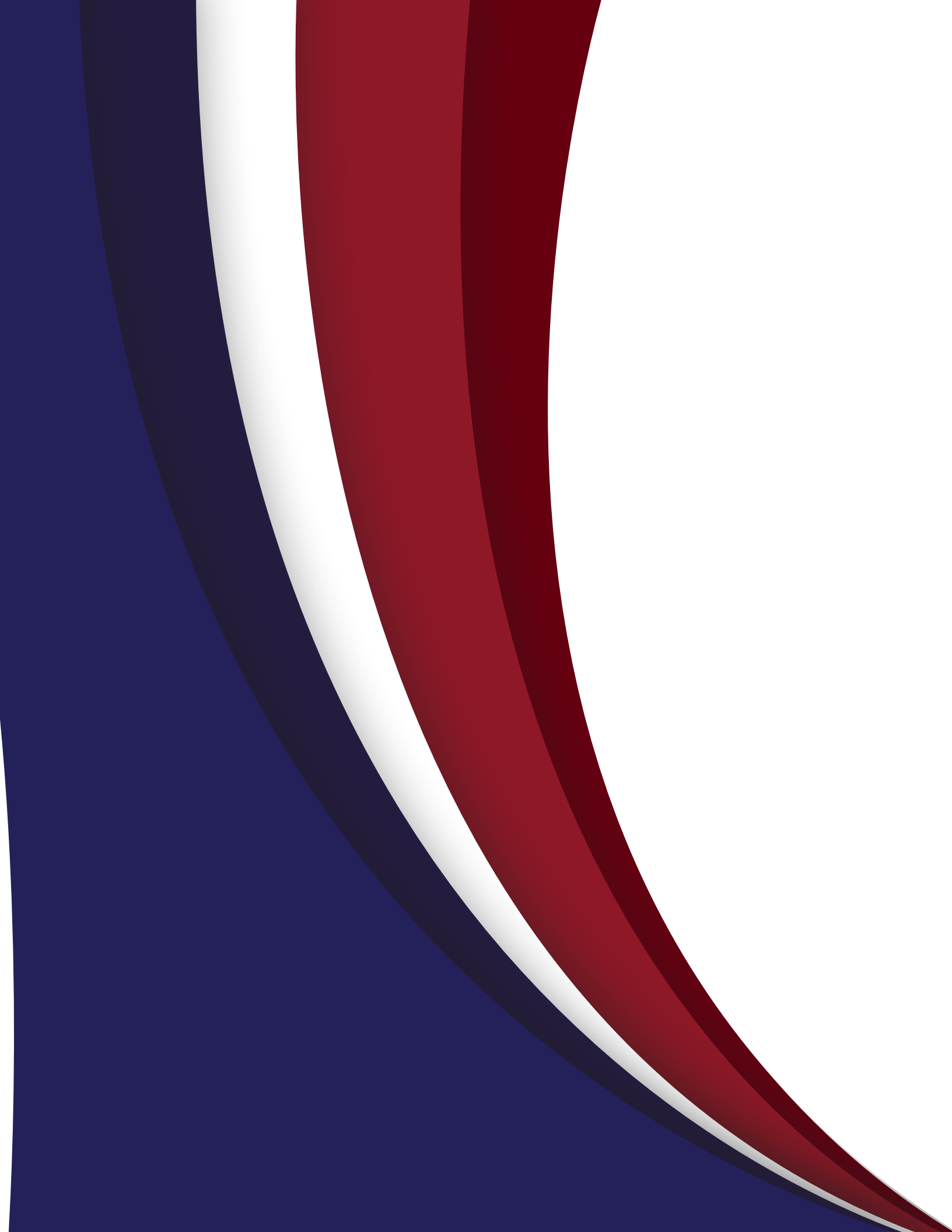
Volleyball All-Star/Futures Match (1 Futures, 1 All-Star, Jackson Academy)

October 23, 2023

Cross Country Championships (Choctaw Trails/Mississippi College)
Girls'
2A Champions - Marvell Academy
3A Champions - St. Augustine School
4A Champions - Kirk Academy
5A Champions - East Rankin Academy
6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy
Boys'
2A Champions - Heritage Christian Academy
3A Champions - Regents School of Oxford
4A Champions - Christian Collegiate Academy
5A Champions - Cathedral Catholic School
6A Champions - Presbyterian Christian School

Oct. 27-Nov. 10, 2023	Football Playoffs (50 Games, Campus Sites)
November 16-18, 2023	Football Championships (6 Games, Jackson Academy & Mississippi College) 1A Champions - Sharkey Issaquena Academy 2A Champions - DeSoto School 3A Champions - St. Joseph Catholic School- Greenville 4A Champions - Tri-County Academy 5A Champions - Adams County Christian School 6A Champions - Hartfield Academy
November 30, 2023	Futures Football Game (MRA)
December 1, 2023	All-Star Football Games (2 Games, Jackson Preparatory School)
January 7-9, 2024	Athletic Directors Retreat (Bay St. Louis)
January 19, 2024	AAC Meeting (MAIS Office)
February 12-17, 2024	Class Basketball Championship Tournaments (84 Games, Campus Sites) <i>Girls'</i> 2A Champions - Delta Academy 3A Champions - DeSoto School 4A Champions - Central Hinds Academy 5A Champions - Rossville Christian Academy 6A Champions - Jackson Preparatory School <i>Boys'</i> 2A Champions - Briarfield Academy 3A Champions - West Memphis Christian School 4A Champions - Clinton Christian Academy 5A Champions - Parklane Academy 6A Champions - Jackson Academy
February 8-14, 2024	Boys' Soccer Playoffs (14 Matches @ Campus Sites)
February 15, 2024	Boys' Soccer Championships (3 Matches @ Jackson Preparatory School) Division I Champions - Jackson Preparatory School Division II Champions - Pillow Academy Division III Champions - Washington School
Feb. 19-21, 26 & 28, 2024	Overall Basketball Championships (28 Games, Mississippi College) Girls' Champion - East Rankin Academy Boys' Champion - Jackson Academy
February 29, 2024	Basketball Futures Games, 3-Point & Dunk Contest (2 Games, MRA)
March 1, 2024	Basketball All-Star Games (4 Games, Jackson Preparatory School)
March 1, 2024	Boys' Soccer All-Stars & Futures Games (2 Games, Jackson Preparatory School)
March 20, 2024	SECIS Golf (Auburn/Opelika, AL)
April 9, 2024	Archery Championships (Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson) 2A Champions - Heritage Christian Academy 3A Champions - St. Augustine School 4A Champions - Centreville Academy 5A Champions - Columbia Academy 6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy
April 11, 2024	AAC Meeting (MAIS Office)
April 24-28, 2024	Golf Championships (4 Locations) 2A Champions - Tallulah Academy 3A Champions - Central Holmes Christian School 4A Champions - Oak Hill Academy 5A Champions - Lamar School 6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy

- April 22-May 10, 2024** **Baseball Playoffs & Regional Championships** (210 Games, Campus Sites)
- April 25 & May 1, 2024** **Tennis Championships** (123 Matches, Ridgeland Tennis Center)
Girls'
 2A Champions - Benedict Day School
 3A Champions - Newton County Academy
 4A Champions - Washington School
 5A Champions - Pillow Academy
 6A Champions - Jackson Preparatory School
Boys'
 2A Champions - Briarfield Academy
 3A Champions - St. Augustine School
 4A Champions - Washington School
 5A Champions - Bayou Academy
 6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy
- May 3-4, 2024** **Track & Field Championships** (Canton Academy, Jackson Academy & Jackson Preparatory School)
Girls'
 2A Champions - Lee Academy (AR)
 3A Champions - DeSoto School
 4A Champions - Washington School
 5A Champions - Bayou Academy
 6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy
Boys'
 2A Champions - Lee Academy (AR)
 3A Champions - DeSoto School
 4A Champions - Washington School
 5A Champions - Bayou Academy
 6A Champions - Madison-Ridgeland Academy
- May 13-17, 2024** **Baseball Championships** (12 Games, Campus Sites)
 2A Champions - Wilkinson County Christian Academy
 3A Champions - Prairie View Academy
 4A Champions - Tri-County Academy
 5A Champions - Magnolia Heights School
 6A Champions - Jackson Preparatory School
- May 20, 2024** **Baseball All-Stars & Futures Games** (4 Games, Mississippi College)





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