

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Mars Hill Academy continues to deliver strong academic results. The three standardized tests taken by Mars Hill students are the Stanford Achievement Test, the PSAT, and the College Board SAT*. In addition to solid standardized test scores, several students from MHA demonstrated their academic expertise on a national stage. James Brinkerhoff earned the title of National Merit Finalist, and Luke Leichty was a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Our sixth through eighth grade students (37 altogether) again took the National Latin Exam (the “Latin I” and “Latin II” versions), with Rachel Chastain, Shelly Peters, and Whitney Snowden earning “Gold” Summa Cum Laude honors. Eleven others achieved the “Silver” Maxima Cum Laude recognition. Altogether nearly 60% of our students

earned an award, compared to a national average of 49% for those two particular exams. (Note the sizable number of participants in this event – 52,000 students for the Latin I exam and 33,000 for the Latin II.)

Our third through eighth grades participated in an ACSI regional math competition with five other schools. There were 160 total participants in the categories of Computation and Reasoning. Overall, 29 of our 34 participants finished in the top half among those in their grade and category; 14 of them “placed” (top 3 spots), including 6 of the 12 first places.

2006-07 Junior and Sophomore PSAT Results*

Sophomore results are from a practice test completed in preparation for the actual test taken their junior year.

Median Senior SAT Scores*

Class	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Composite (CR & M)
2007	680 (93%)	660 (87%)	630 (87%)	1340

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Composite
11th	64 (91%)	63 (87%)	60 (88%)	187 (91%)
10th	56 (88%)	51 (73%)	56 (90%)	162

*Concerning the percentages for the PSAT and SAT, note that these represent how our students have done vis-à-vis other college-bound students, not merely the general student population.

First through Eighth Grade Stanford Achievement Test Results

The chart below shows the average scores for each class. These scores are percentages: the first figure compares our students nationally, while the second compares to ACSI schools only.

	Total Reading	Total Math	Language	Spelling	Listening	Thinking Skills	Basic Battery
1st	82 (69)	94 (86)	--	--	92 (83)	--	86 (73)
2nd	76 (55)	81 (67)	89 (76)	66 (52)	88 (83)	--	80 (66)
3rd	92 (85)	87 (74)	83 (68)	86 (75)	96 (95)	91 (85)	89 (79)
4th	92 (84)	91 (84)	93 (85)	88 (77)	85 (75)	90 (80)	89 (79)
5th	93 (85)	96 (91)	95 (88)	85 (72)	95 (91)	95 (88)	93 (85)
6th	81 (61)	96 (93)	92 (85)	88 (80)	83 (71)	89 (79)	89 (79)
7th	86 (77)	91 (80)	87 (76)	88 (77)	85 (80)	86 (74)	87 (77)
8th	88 (78)	92 (83)	85 (70)	80 (64)	86 (73)	88 (79)	87 (74)
	86 (78)	93 (82)	89 (78)	83 (71)	89 (81)	90 (84)	88 (77)