

McKenzie B. Cohen, Ed.D. *Head of School* Warren Grimm, *Principal* 

3353 Faxon Avenue Memphis, Tennessee 38122 Office 901.591.8200 | Fax 901.591.8299

## School Profile

**Mission Statement** – The mission of *The Collegiate School of Memphis* is to prepare young ladies and gentlemen for college success within a highly structured, nurturing, Christian environment.

**School History and Enrollment** – *The Collegiate School of Memphis* is a comprehensive middle school and high school which opened in August 2008 with an enrollment of 63 students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The current enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is 364 scholars in grades 6 through 12. *Collegiate* is an independent, private, co-ed, college-preparatory, non-denominational Christian school that has been awarded the status of SACS-SAIS Accreditation through the accreditation process of the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS).

The student body ethnic composition is Hispanic/Latino 69.51%, Black 24.73%, White 3.3%, and 2.47% Asian. CSM students come from 29 different zip codes throughout the Memphis metropolitan area. Tuition cost at *Collegiate* is \$12,950 per year for middle school scholars and \$13,100 for high school; 100% of last year's students received scholarships which covered up to 97% of their tuition. A total of \$4,318,650 million in scholarships was awarded during the 2022-2023 school year, with 93% of the students qualifying for *Collegiate* scholarship covering at least 80% of their tuition. Last year, approximately 79% of the students qualified for free or reduced-price lunch.

**Faculty** – For the 2023-2024 school year, educators at *The Collegiate School of Memphis* include 39 faculty and 14 staff members. *Collegiate's* faculty and staff members have an average of 5.25 years of experience at *Collegiate*; 46% hold Master's degrees and 7% have attained degrees beyond the Master's level. The instructional staff-to-student ratio is 1:10, with an average class size of 15 for the current school year.

**Curriculum** – *Collegiate's* academic program is organized on a rotating block, 90-minute schedule for high school and a five-day, sevenperiod, 50-minute schedule for middle school. The 176-day school year is comprised of four nine-week quarters. Students at *Collegiate* are taught the core academic courses of English, math, science, and social studies as well as taking courses in Bible, PE, music, computer, art, Spanish, and Latin. Beginning the 2021-2022 academic year, 10-12 grade English classes are genre-based, half-year classes. *Collegiate* students are required to take one class each semester of their academic career. For the 2023-2024 school year, *Collegiate* offers seven honors courses and seven Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Through partnerships with Bethel University and The University of Memphis, fifteen students are currently enrolled in five different dual enrollment classes.

**Credits Required for High School Graduation** – High school students earn one credit for each full-year course successfully completed and one-half credit for semester (half-year or two-quarter) courses. Middle school students are awarded one high school credit each when successfully completing Algebra I and/or Physical Science in eighth grade. A minimum of 22 credits is required by the state of Tennessee for graduation. While *The Collegiate School of Memphis* requires 24 credits for graduation, many *Collegiate* students graduate with 30 credits. Graduation requirements are:

| Graduation Requirements     |           |                  |             |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|--|
| English                     |           | Fine Arts        | 1 credit    |  |
| Math                        |           | Personal Finance | 0.5 credits |  |
| Science                     | 3 credits | PE/Wellness      | 1.5 credits |  |
| Social Studies              | 3 credits | Bible            | 2 credits   |  |
| Foreign Language            | 2 credits | Electives        | 3 credits   |  |
| Total credits required = 24 |           |                  |             |  |

**Grading Scale & Academics** – Academic Grade Point Averages (GPAs) at *Collegiate* are calculated based on an unweighted scale for standard or honors courses and a weighted scale for AP classes according to the following grades:

| Letter<br>Grade | Numerical Range | Unweighted Grade Point<br>Equivalent | Weighted Grade Point<br>Equivalent |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| А               | 90 - 100        | 4.00                                 | 5.00                               |
| B+              | 87 - 89         | 3.50                                 | 4.50                               |
| В               | 80 - 86         | 3.00                                 | 4.00                               |
| C+              | 77 – 79         | 2.50                                 | 3.50                               |
| С               | 70 - 76         | 2.00                                 | 3.00                               |
| D               | 65 - 69         | 1.00                                 | 2.00                               |
| F               | 0 - 64          | 0.00                                 | 0.00                               |

**Grading Scale & Academics** (continued) Except for announcing Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honors (*Collegiate* graduates within the top five highest academic rankings), *The Collegiate School of Memphis* does not publish students' class ranks. Each of *Collegiate's* honors graduates – based on cumulative, weighted GPAs calculated at the end of their senior year – are recognized at Commencement for their achievement. Honors designations are printed on transcripts upon graduation.

**ACT** – The ACT code for *Collegiate* is 431-479. All students in *Collegiate's* Class of 2023 took the ACT with an average composite score of 22.3 versus the national average of 19.8 and the Tennessee state average of 18.6. For the Class of 2023, 63% scored at or above a composite of 21.

**Graduation & College Attendance** – By December of their senior year, 100% of scholars in all ten of our graduating classes (Class of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023) had received college acceptance. The Class of 2023 had a graduation rate of 100%. From the classes of 2014 – 2019, 50% of alumni have graduated from college, 4% have completed an alternative degree program, and 13% still enrolled and on track to graduate. The college enrollment rate for the Class of 2020, 67% enrolled; for the Class of 2021, 88% enrolled; for the Class of 2022, 96% enrolled; and for the Class of 2023, 100% enrolled.

## Colleges & Universities - Classes of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 (attended / accepted)

Agnes Scott College Albright College Alcorn State University Allegheny College Alma College Appalachian State University Aquinas College Arkansas State University Auburn University Augustiana College Austin Peay State University Avila University **Baptist College of Health** Sciences Barry University Baylor University Belhaven University Bellarmine University Belmont University Bethel University-Tennessee Berry College Birmingham-Southern College Blue Mountain College Boston College Boston University Bradley University Bridgewater University Bryan College California Baptist University California State University Carson Newman University **Christian Brothers** University Clark Atlanta University Coe College College of the Ozarks Columbia College Chicago Columbia University Concord University-Irvine Concordia University Portland Cornell College Cumberland University DePaul University Dillard University East Tennessee State University Eckerd College El Centro College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach Emory University Fisk University Florida Atlantic University Florida Institute of Technology Florida Memorial University Freed-Hardeman University Full Sail University George Mason University Georgetown College Georgia State University Gustavus Adolphus College Hampton University Harding University Harvard University Hawaii Pacific University Herzing University Hendrix College Hofstra University Howard University Illinois Institute of Technology Indiana University Iowa State University Ithaca College Jackson State University Kentucky State University Lane College Langston University Lee University Lewis & Clark College Liberty University Lipscomb University Louisiana State University Loyola University New Orleans Lvnn University Massachusetts Institute of Technology Marymount University Maryville College Maryville University Memphis College of Art Mercer University Middle Tennessee State University Midwestern State University Millsaps College

Mississippi College Mississippi State University Mississippi University for Women Murray State University New York University Niagara University North Park University Nova Southeastern University Oakland University Oglethorpe University Ohio Valley University Ozarka College Palm Beach Atlantic University Piedmont College Pomona College Rhodes College Rochester Institute of Technology Roosevelt University Rust College Saint Leo University Saint Louis University Saint Mary's College of California Samford University Savannah College of Art and Design Southern Arkansas University Southern Illinois University Spelman College St. Edward's University St. Thomas Aquinas College Stephens College Suffolk University SUNY Oswego Tennessee State University Tennessee Technological University Texas Christian University The University of Tampa Tougaloo College Transylvania University Trevecca Nazarene University Trinity University Trinity International University

Union University United States Military Academy University of Akron University of Alabama University of Arkansas -Fayetteville University of Arkansas -Pine Bluff University of California, Riverside University of Central Arkansas University of Chicago University of Dallas University of Evansville University of Florida University of Kentucky University of Memphis University of Mississippi University of Missouri St. Louis University of Notre Dame University of Rio Grande University of San Francisco University of Tennessee Chattanooga University of Tennessee -Knoxville University of Tennessee -Martin University of the Ozarks University of the Pacific University of Toledo University of Tulsa Vanderbilt University Visible Music College Washington University in St. Louis Watkins College of Art and Design Webster University Western Kentucky University Westminster College William Carey College Williams Baptist College Xavier University of Louisiana

**Counselor & Contact Information** – *The Collegiate School of Memphis* has on staff a Director of College Guidance as well as a Registrar who are available to assist students with college preparation and submittal of records and transcripts as needed. These individuals are:

Tusculum College

Ms. Tasha Burnett, Director of College Guidance Ms. Ashley Williams, Registrar