



Hillsdale Academy

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School Motto:
virtus et sapientia
virtue and wisdom

History:
Founded 1990 K-8
Upper School added 1998
First graduating class 2001

2025-26 Enrollment
Lower School (K-8): 219
Upper School (9-12): 118
Senior Class: 31

2025-2026 School Profile

Hillsdale Academy Mission Statement & Philosophy

Hillsdale Academy, located on the campus of and under the direction of Hillsdale College, is a private, K-12, classical, Christian school. The mission of Hillsdale Academy is to train the minds and develop the hearts of young men and women through a content-rich, Christian classical education in the liberal arts and sciences with instruction in intellectual, moral, and civic virtue.

Hillsdale Academy's mission, 36-year history, and its example as the flagship private school within the Hillsdale College K-12 network puts it at the forefront of American classical education renewal, emphasizing the following attributes: a content-rich curriculum that is balanced and strong across the four disciplines of math, science literature, and history, utilizing Socratic dialogue and primary sources; the study of Western literary, moral, philosophical, political, and historical traditions; and the intentional cultivation of habits that point the student toward wonder and virtue.

Upper School Curriculum

Overview

- Core college-preparatory classical course of study for all students includes Latin, literature, science, mathematics, history, economics, American government, moral and political philosophy, rhetoric, logic, physical education, art, and music
- Study of Latin begins in third grade; transfer students begin when they enroll
- Electives are offered in fine arts, computer science, and physical education

Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of all core courses as noted above
- Two capstone projects in senior year: one research-based science inquiry, and one humanities thesis entering into the great conversation of humane learning; both require a public presentation and defense
- Passing grade required for the year in Algebra II and Latin II and for both capstone projects
- No minimum graduation credit requirement: transcript credits equal the number of hours a week a class meets divided by three trimesters. Core classes are 1.67 credits per trimester ($5x/\text{week} \div 3$); one hour per week electives earn 0.33 credits per trimester
- Some classes are semester-long over the trimester schedule; they are weighted in the same way and are shown as such on the transcript

Dual enrollment at Hillsdale College

- Open to juniors and seniors in good standing; they must take core academic courses
- Dual enrollment generates a separate Hillsdale College transcript that is not incorporated into the Hillsdale Academy transcript

Advanced Placement

- Courses are not part of AP Course Audit and are not titled "AP" on transcripts
- Students are welcome to take any AP test; no AP test is required of any student
- From 2021-2025, 74% of Academy AP test-takers scored a three or higher on AP exams



Grading Scale

93-100%: A	73-76%: C
90-92%: A-	70-72%: C-
87-89%: B+	67-69%: D+
83-86%: B	63-66%: D
80-82%: B-	60-62%: D-
77-79%: C+	below 60%: F

All grades are unweighted
Students are not ranked

Testing Statistics

SAT mean 2021-2025
ERW 610
Math 588
Composite 1199

ACT mean 2021-2025
English 26
Math 25
Reading 27
Science 25
Composite 26

CLT mean 2021-2025
Verbal 30
Grammar 29
Quantitative 22
Composite 79

Distinctions

National Merit: 409 graduates
26 Commended or Semifinalist
28 Finalists
K-8th grade ITBS 97-99th
percentile for 30 years

Post-graduation:

Class of 2025 (25 students):
20 four-year · 4 trade school · 1
gap year
5-year cumulative college
acceptance average: 96%

Honor Code

An Academy student is honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, dutiful in study and in service, and respectful of others. The student aspires to excellence in intellectual, moral, and civic virtue. The full Profile of a Graduate document is available to download at academy.hillsdale.edu.

Student Life

Athletics:

- Over 90% of the Upper School participates in at least one sport
- Varsity sports: soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field, cross country, golf
- Club sport: clay target shooting team
- Memberships: MHSAA, SCAA conference

Since joining MHSAA competitions in 2001, varsity teams collectively have won scores of conference, district, and regional titles as well as eleven state championships. Over one hundred individual athletes have earned All-State honors, and more than eighty have earned Academic All-State awards. More than sixty alumni have gone on to compete in NAIA or NCAA Division I, II, and III programs. The boys cross country team won the MHSAA Division 4 Team State Championship in 2021, 2023, and 2024.

Organizations & Clubs:

- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Quiz Bowl
- Culture Leaders Club
- Chess Club
- Finance Club
- Service Club (voluntary; no service requirement to graduate)

Fine Arts:

- Over 80% of the Upper School participates in at least one fine arts elective
- Electives: music theory, drama, studio art, yearbook, photography, ceramics
- Music ensembles: concert choir, chamber choir, orchestra
- Past Upper School drama productions:
Guys and Dolls • *The Music Man* • *A Midsummer Night's Dream* • *Fiddler on the Roof* • *The Tempest* • *Twelfth Night* • *Oklahoma!* • *Matilda* • *The Pirates of Penzance* • *Les Misérables*
Twelve Angry Men will be presented in November 2025
Mary Poppins will be presented in April 2026

Colleges Attended 2022-2025

Adrian College, Aquinas College, Baylor University (Honors College), Calvin University, Cedarville University, Concordia University, Nebraska, University of Findlay, Gannon University, Grace College, Hillsdale College (44), Hope College (3), Huntington University, University of Michigan, University of Michigan (School of Engineering) (2), Michigan State University (2), Northwood University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Siena Heights University, Spring Arbor University (3), Trevecca Nazarene University, Trine University (3), and the United States Air Force Academy. Graduates have served in the US Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force, and the National Guard.