

Marist School

An Independent Catholic School of the
Marist Fathers and Brothers

Academic Dean

SEARCH PROSPECTUS



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ATLANTA, GA

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FAST FACTS



1901

The year Marist School was founded by the Marist Fathers and Brothers as an all-male military school located in downtown Atlanta



10,000+

Number of alumni around the world (6000+ in Georgia)



1,100

Number of students in grades 7 through 12— 50% boys and 50% girls



23%

Percentage of Marist School who self-identify as non-Caucasian



The School

Marist School is an independent, Catholic, nonprofit, college preparatory, coeducational day school of the Marist Fathers and Brothers serving students in grades seven through twelve. The school is owned and operated by the Society of Mary, more commonly known as the Marists, a religious congregation of priests and brothers founded in France in 1836. Marist was founded in downtown Atlanta in 1901 and is the oldest Catholic secondary school in the Atlanta area. The school moved to its current expansive North Atlanta site on Ashford Dunwoody Road in 1962. Marist is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) as well as AdvancEd, and holds memberships in numerous professional and educational organizations.

The Mission

The mission of Marist School is to form the whole person in the image of Christ through instruction grounded in religious values, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and the spirit of the Society of Mary. This mission is advanced through communal pursuit of excellence in academic, religious, extracurricular, leadership, and service programs.





Spiritual Life at Marist

At Marist School, the personal faith of our resident Marist priests, our manner of sharing in the mission of the Gospel, and our association with one another are all shaped by the spiritual way introduced into the life of the Church by Venerable Jean Claude Colin (1790-1875) and Saint Marcellin Champagnat (1789-1840) and developed by successive generations of Marists. The entire school community models their lives on Mary, our Good Mother, imitating her faith response to God and sharing in her work of bringing Christ's life to birth and nurturing its growth in young people, being with the Church as it comes to be born. The spirituality embedded throughout the Marist culture is marked by a profound experience of God's abiding presence and love, by trust in God, by a deep personal love of Jesus and his Gospel, by community living in a family spirit, and by a humility expressed through simplicity.

Campus Ministry & Student Activities

Following a six year cycle focusing on various aspects of the spirit of the Society of Mary, the Marist Way provides vibrant opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to experience and express the school's cores values. Additionally, students are required to perform community service at every grade level. Every club and varsity team at Marist also performs required community service. Throughout the year, peer orientation programs and several retreat offerings are also sponsored by Campus Ministry.

The students at Marist keep extremely active. Approximately 87% of the student body participates in over 67 different extracurricular clubs and student organizations. There are also strong fine and performing arts programs encompassing choral and instrumental music, dance, drama, debate, literary activities, and visual arts. On the courts and fields, 84% of students participate in an interscholastic sport. Varsity and/or lower program sports are offered in basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

FAST FACTS



40

Number of required community service hours students perform—most volunteer many more



83%

Percentage of faculty who hold advanced degrees



96%

Percentage of the Class of 2018 who took at least one Advanced Placement course



100%

Percentage of the Class of 2019 admitted to a college or university



Academics

The goal of Marist's curriculum is to challenge each student to reach his/her academic potential. Teachers provide instruction in a variety of modalities to reach different learning styles with the goal of preparing students to be successful in college and life thereafter. Their goal is to produce independent, life-long learners who will be able to manage and make use of the information explosion that the twenty-first century will bring.

The school places a curriculum-wide emphasis on strong writing skills. In addition to its 23 AP courses, Marist also supports an ambitious commitment to STEAM and global education initiatives. Its AP Summer Institute offers professional development for educators from around the region to learn best practices from current and former Marist teachers.

Arts

The Arts Department has experienced tremendous growth over the past 20 years. Building on a long tradition of theater productions, the fine arts department offers extensive curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for all students. Students are provided a place of support and encouragement for both beginners and those seeking specialization as they pursue a degree or career in the fine arts. While the department strongly emphasizes fundamental skills in the arts, the curriculum is always progressing in order to prepare students to understand new technology, global issues, and contemporary ideas in the arts. This nationally recognized theatre program performs four to five productions annually.

Athletics

Marist Athletics is an important component of the school's mission to "form the whole person." Since the school's founding in 1901, thousands of Marist students have learned sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, personal responsibility and leadership on the playing fields. Today, more than 83.5% of Marist students participate in at least one of the school's 71 interscholastic athletic teams, receiving lessons in responsibility to their school, their teams, and themselves.

A commitment to excellence is shown by the administration, faculty, coaches, parents, and student athletes. In 2018, Marist was awarded the AAAA GADA Directors Cup for the 19th consecutive year in recognition of outstanding overall performance. The Marist Athletic program recently ranked 5th in the nation by MaxPreps based on the final 2016-2017 standings in the MaxPreps Cup race. MaxPreps Cup rankings are compiled by giving schools points for finishing 1st or 2nd at the state competition level. In 2004, Sports Illustrated named Marist School the #15 athletic program in the country of more than 38,000 high schools in the U.S. Their criteria emphasized all-around excellence during the prior ten years including state titles won and college athletes produced.

The Position

It's an exciting time to become part of greater Atlanta's premier Catholic college preparatory school community. Marist School now seeks a faith-driven, experienced school leader to serve as Academic Dean for the 2020-2021 school year. The Academic Dean works closely with the Principal to provide leadership, direction, guidance, and supervision of the school's academic programs, policies, and experiences, ensuring alignment with the school's mission. The Academic Dean works with teachers, staff, and students to ensure a high-quality, mission-driven learning experience. Essential Duties include the following:

- Chairs the Academic Council and coordinates all processes leading to recommendations of curriculum revision, expansion, or modification.
- Approves the selection of all textbooks, course syllabi, goals, objectives, and means of student evaluation.
- With the Principal, develops and implements a program of school-wide professional development for faculty.
- Trains and supports academic Department Chairs.
- Works with the academic Department Chairs, the Registrar, and other appropriate administrators to assign faculty instructional duties.
- Cultivates a strategic vision for the school's schedule, course offerings, and student placement.
- Monitors student academic performance.
- Oversees the testing program of the school.
- Coordinates student awards.
- Oversees student summer academic enrichment courses, student travel experiences, and student publications.

This position is a 12-month, full-time position in an office and campus environment. Additional time is required beyond a normal work day or week for evening and some weekend meetings and gatherings.

Expected Qualities and Characteristics

- Faith-filled servant leader who embraces Catholic education and the Marist charism. Practicing Catholics in communion with the Church desired; however, candidates of all religious beliefs and traditions who are faith-driven educators are welcome to apply.
- Master's degree in Education related field from an accredited college or university is required, along with a minimum of 3 years of administrative experience; Doctorate degree a plus. Progressively responsible college preparatory teaching experience and administration of curriculum and standards expected.
- Academic visionary possessing strong communication, supervision, and evaluation skills along with demonstrated experience leading and transforming teaching and learning in a college preparatory setting.
- Experienced in program development, assessment, and technology best-practices while being extremely organized and innovative.
- Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, professional development standards, and program implementation processes.
- Proven experience in curriculum design and implementation for diverse populations and models of curriculum integration/differentiation for all subjects.

FAST FACTS



\$2 Million

Approximate tuition assistance is awarded each year



11:1

Student/Faculty Ratio



17

Average Class Size

1310

Average SAT score



30

Average ACT score

Class of 2018 - Colleges and Universities Attended

Agnes Scott College
The University of Alabama
American University
Appalachian State University
The University of Arizona
Auburn University
Belmont Abbey University
Belmont University
Berea College
Berry College
Boston College
Brandeis University
University of California, Berkley
University of California, Davis
Chapman University
The University of Chicago
Clemson University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Davidson College
Denison University
University of Denver
Emory University
Florida State University
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Furman University
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Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
University of Georgia
Hofstra University
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University
Louisiana State University
University of Louisville
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology



Expected Qualities and Characteristics CONTINUED

- Proven experience in curriculum design and implementation and models of curriculum integration/differentiation for all subjects.
- Fair and compassionate leader with a sense of humor who embraces collaboration while leading with missionary zeal.

About Atlanta

Atlanta has been dubbed everything from the “capital of the new South” and “the next international city” to “the best place to do business.” It’s not only an exciting place to live, but also a great place to visit. Fueled by the prosperity of local mega companies like Coca Cola and Home Depot, the prestige of hosting the 1996 Summer Olympic Games and the energy of young upwardly mobile types who have migrated to the city in droves - Atlanta is on fire. And this time it’s a good thing.

From world-class restaurants and a myriad of cultural attractions to a hip nightlife and sporting events galore, the city is cosmopolitan in every sense of the word. But Atlanta has also managed to maintain its historic character. Stop by the Atlanta History Center or visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Historical Site, a moving tribute to an American icon. Browse through the former home of famous author Margaret Mitchell or pop into the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum for details on the life and times of the former president and his family. Whether you choose modern urban endeavors or old southern pleasures, Atlanta will not disappoint.



Application Procedure

To apply, please submit the following materials, confidentially and as separate PDF attachments in one email to Michael Furey. Please include Marist School in subject field.

- Cover letter that aligns your experiences and skill set with the current needs of the school as you understand them.
- Current resume with all appropriate dates included.
- List of five references including names, physical addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. No references will be contacted without your knowledge and approval.



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