

67 AL Counties Represented by Alumni

100% College Acceptance

**16:1** Student:Teacher Ratio

> STEM CERTIFIED through Cognia

**100%** of faculty have Ph.D. or Master's degree

200+ courses taught at honors level or university equivalent



Educating the next generation of leaders, scholars, and innovators

### 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

### **OUR MISSION**

The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science offers students educational opportunities they will not find anywhere else in the state of Alabama. ASMS is set apart by its academic rigor, residential learning environment, leadership opportunities, and research focus for students.

### **ABOUT ASMS**

The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science is the state of Alabama's only fully residential public high school for highly motivated sophomores, juniors, and seniors seeking advanced studies in math, science, and the humanities. The Alabama State Legislature founded ASMS in 1989 to better prepare Alabama's future leaders for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. ASMS's mandate encourages it to offer a challenging academic environment for students from all around Alabama and especially to those from underserved counties.

### **ADMISSIONS**

Rising 10th and 11th graders from across Alabama apply to attend ASMS. The Admissions Committee receives nearly 600 applications per year and selects approximately the top 17% of applicants. The committee considers ACT score, GPA, extracurricular activities, motivation, maturity, and campus diversity in choosing the best students from the state's 67 counties.

# Curriculum

ASMS operates on an accelerated system of three academic terms per year. Students benefit from a challenging curriculum that includes AP courses, honors courses, electives modeled on university seminars, and individualized independent study courses. Access to AP courses and upper-level electives requires department or instructor approval. All students are required to enroll in at least five academic courses per term, but many choose to take on additional research hours and electives in their areas of interest.

Students must complete a minimum of 26.5 Carnegie Units in coursework. Those who surpass the curriculum requirement in a subject area by 1.5 CU may graduate with a "Concentration" in the subject, while those who exceed the requirement by 3.0 CU may earn a "Concentration with Distinction" designation. All concentration coursework must meet subject-area GPA requirements set by the department.

### **Required Academic Coursework**

Biology	1.5 CU
Chemistry	1.5 CU
Computer Science	0.5 CU
English	4.0 CU
Fine Arts	0.5 - 1.0 CU
General Electives	1.25 - 1.50 CU
History	4.0 CU
Mathematics	4.0 CU
Physical Education and Health	1.5 - 2.0 CU
Physics	1.5 CU
World Languages	2.0 CU
Additional Elective Credits	4.0 - 5.25 CU

# **Student Body Demographics**

RACE / ETHNICITY STU	IDENTS	PERCENT
Black or African American	44	17%
Caucasian	140	54%
Hispanic	12	5%
Asian	38	14%
Arab American	6	2%
Biracial or Multiracial	9	4%
Native American or Alaskar	n 1	1%
Other	0	0%
Prefer not to answer	8	3%
Total	258	100%
YEAR IN SCHOOL	ΤΟΤΑ	L STUDENTS
Seniors		79
Juniors		95
Sophomores		84
Total		258
ALABAMA COUNTIES REPRESENTED: 43		

# College Preparedness

All ASMS instructors hold advanced degrees in their subject areas and most have experience teaching at postsecondary institutions. All courses are taught at the Honors level or above. Most academic courses are modeled on university equivalents and are taught using college textbooks. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Thanks to ASMS's challenging academics and collegelike residential environment, our graduates begin their college experience uniquely prepared to succeed.



# Grading

ASMS reports unweighted cumulative GPA, which includes transfer credits from prior schools, and weighted ASMS GPA, which does not include transfer credits. ASMS does not rank students.

## **Research Fellows**

ASMS students are eligible to apply and be selected for the Research Fellows program. Working with the ASMS Research Coordinator and a faculty mentor, participants choose a research topic and then compile a bibliography, conduct research, prepare a paper, deliver a presentation, and defend their work. Finally, students present their projects at the ASMS Spring Research Forum. ASMS also encourages students to submit their work to professional conferences and publications when possible.

# **Special Projects**

Between the Winter and Spring Terms, ASMS students participate in a five-day academic event known as Special Projects Week. Each student enrolls in a single intensive course that meets for six hours per day. These specialized courses are designed around the research interests of ASMS faculty, and they introduce students to the exciting challenge of academic and professional labor.

# Student Life and Leadership

Students at ASMS hold leadership positions that empower them to improve their learning and residential environments. Student Government manages a total annual budget of \$39,500, which it uses to host events, invite guest speakers, and install amenities. Student Ambassadors escort visitors on campus and serve as hosts during official functions. Peer Advisors acclimate new students to dorm life, plan hall activities, and supervise cleaning responsibilities. Students invent and perpetuate memorable campus traditions from the Geekfest convention to Goofy Olympics.

## **Class of 2023 Statistics**

### GRADUATES

67 Students

100% College Bound

#### STANDARDIZED TEST PERFORMANCE

ACT Average Composite Score: 30 SAT Mean Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: 667 SAT Mean Mathematics: 698 SAT Mean Total Score:1380

### NATIONAL MERIT

4 National Merit Finalists

7 Commended and Recognized Students

### GPA

4.0 - 3.75 = 33 students 3.74 - 3.5 = 21 students 3.49 - 3.0 = 11 students 2.99 - 2.5 = 2 students

## AP Data for 2023 Test Takers

Total AP Students: 119 Number of Exams: 226 Average AP Exam Score: 3.5 % of Exams with Scores 3+: 84%



### Academic Course Offerings

#### BIOLOGY

Honors Biology AP Biology Anatomy and Physiology **AP Environmental Science** Zoology **Classical Genetics** Marine Biology **Biological Systems** Microbial Ecology Oceanography Paleontology Veterinary Medicine History of Microbiology **Evolution and Biodiversity** Molecular Biology **Biology Research** 

#### CHEMISTRY

Introductory Chemistry General Chemistry Organic Chemistry AP Chemistry Intro to Organic Chemistry Biochemistry Inorganic Chemistry Environmental Chemistry Chemistry Research

### COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Computer Science: Principles AP Computer Science Database Design & SQL Data Science w/ Python Webpage Development Advanced C# Advanced Java Advanced Web Development Computer Ethics Computer Security Fundamentals Cybersecurity Fundamentals of Programming Microcomputer Applications Computer Research

#### ENGLISH

AP English Language Sophomore English American Literature I & II Dystopian Novel AP English Literature British Literature I & II African-American Literature Speech Communication Journalism, Media Literacy, & Mass Communication **Creative Writing** Shakespeare on Stage Adv Speech Communications Out of the Canon Victorian Women's Studies Writing about Film **Gothic Studies** Survey of World Drama English Research

#### FINE ARTS

AP Studio Art Graphic Design Survey of the Arts: Music Survey of the Arts: Visual Arts Intro Music Theory Advanced Music Theory I, II, III Broadway Blues & Jazz Theater Arts/Production Advanced Art I, II, III Sight Singing & Ear Training Walt Disney's America

#### **GENERAL ELECTIVES**

ASMS Research Fellows Debate Qualitative Research Methods Mythology Intro to Psychology

#### HISTORY

Adv American Studies I & II Economics Adv American Government American Minority Relations Rock-n-Roll Revolutions World War I & II AP US History Post-1945 US History Civil War America in the 1950s Heroes & History Ethics & Govt Policy **Comparative Religions** Human Geography Human Geography II AP Human Geography Terrorism & Violence The New South The Romantic Era Western Thought II Women of the Renaissance America and the World **History Research** Urbanism

#### MATHEMATICS

Geometry Intermediate Algebra Accelerated Algebra Trigonometry Precalculus AP Calculus Review **AP Statistics Review Differential Calculus** Integral Calculus BC Calculus Introduction to Statistics Visual Mathematics **Financial Mathematics** Number Theory Multivariable Calculus I & II **Differential Equations** Linear Algebra **Problem Solving** Topology Advanced Geometry **Complex Analysis** 

Finite Math Geometric Design Intro Real Analysis I & II Intro to Game Theory Discrete Math Counting & Probability I & II Math Research

#### PHYSICS

Intro to Physics Flight Studies Honors Physics AP Physics 1 & 2 Robotics AP Physics C Intro to Astronomy Intro to Materials Science Intro to Medical Physics Mechanical Engineering Quantum & Relativity Principles of Biophysics Lasers and Holography Computational Materials Science Physics Research

#### WORLD LANGUAGES

Beginning French Intermediate French Advanced French French IV & V Readings in French **Beginning German** Intermediate German Advanced German German IV & V German for Engineers Readings in German **Beginning Spanish** Intermediate Spanish Spanish IV Advanced Spanish Reading Program Abroad: Germany & Spain

### **Five-Year Matriculation**

Alabama A & M University Alabama State University Amherst College Auburn University Berklee College of Music **Binghamton University Boston College** California Institute of Technology Coastal Alabama Colorado School of Mines Columbia University **Dillard University** Duke University Florida Southern College Fordham University Furman University George Washington University Georgia Institute of Technology Harvard University Harvey Mudd College Hendrix College Howard University Huntingdon College Jacksonville State University

James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Lake Erie College Lehigh University Louisiana State University Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mississippi College Mississippi State University Mississippi Valley State University Northwestern University **Oberlin** College Oglethorpe University Oxford College of Emory University Parsons School of Design Pepperdine University Princeton University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute **Rhodes** College **Rice University** Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Salem College SUNY at Purchase College Santa Fe Community College Sarah Lawrence College Southern Union Community College Southern University and A & M College Stanford University Tougaloo College Trenholm State Community College Troy State University Tulane University Tuskegee University United States Air Force Academy United States Coast Guard Academy United States Naval Academy University of Alabama University of Alabama - Birmingham University of Alabama - Huntsville University of California - Davis University of California - Los Angeles University of Central Florida University of Dundee University of Florida University of Maine University of Miami University of Michigan University of Mississippi University of Montevallo University of North Alabama University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill University of Rochester University of South Alabama University of South Florida University of Southern California University of Southern Mississippi University of Tennessee - Knoxville University of Texas - Austin University of West Alabama University of Van Amsterdam University of West Florida Trenholm State Community College Vanderbilt University Vassar College Washington University - St. Louis Western Carolina University Wellesley College William Carey University Williams College Yale University