

# MALVERN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE

2019-2020



CEEB Code: 041-527

Main Office: (501) 332-6905

Counseling Office: (501) 332-7513

Website: <http://mhs.malvernleopards.org/>

School Administrators: Jennifer Shnaekel, Manuel Bulhoes, Ben Dial

School Counselor: Dawn Russell (Grades 9-12)

Director of Student Achievement: John Jackson (Grade 12)

*Recognized as a School of Innovation  
by the Arkansas Department of Education*



## COMMUNITY

Malvern School District is located in Malvern, Arkansas (population 10,318), 46 miles southwest of Little Rock and 25 miles east of Hot Springs. The district consists of a P-4 elementary school, 5-6 intermediate school, 7-8 middle school, and 9-12 high school. As of September 03, 2019, Malvern School District serves 1,936 students in grades K-12. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 57% White, 32% Black, and 10% Hispanic.

Approximately 80% of Malvern School District students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Major employers within the Malvern School District include:

- Acme Brick Company (Manufacturing and Production)
- Arkansas Department of Corrections (Law and Public Safety)
- Baptist Health Medical Center (Health Services)
- College of the Ouachitas (Education and Training)
- Malvern National Bank (Banking and Finance)
- Malvern School District (Education and Training)
- Pactiv Corporation (Manufacturing and Production)
- Sykes Enterprises (Telecommunications)
- Walmart (Retail)

## SCHOOL

Malvern High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 538 students in grades 9-12 as of September 03, 2019. Malvern High School is accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education. ADE has designated Malvern High School as a **School of Innovation for three consecutive years (2017 – 2020)**, the only school in Hot Spring County to ever receive this designation.

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

The academic program is organized with eight periods per day, 48 minutes each. Eight courses per semester is the maximum course load, with an exception granted to students in the alternative education program and concurrent credit program

Through a partnership with College of the Ouachitas, a local two-year community college, juniors and seniors are given an opportunity to take concurrent vocational credit in automotive service technology, construction technology, cosmetology, health services, law and public safety, and welding. Additionally, students who meet college readiness benchmarks may take a variety of fully transferrable concurrent credit college courses.

Students also have the opportunity to complete career and technical programs of study at Malvern High School. These programs are:

Agricultural Business Systems  
Army JROTC  
Education and Training

Family and Consumer Sciences  
Natural and Environmental Resource Systems  
Photography

Malvern High School offers a variety of Pre-AP and Advanced Placement coursework with College Board trained teachers. The table below shows a comparison of AP courses offered by Malvern High School and other schools in the area:

	Art History	Biology	Calculus AB	Chemistry	English Language	English Literature	Statistics	US Government	US History	World History
Malvern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bismarck		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	
Glen Rose		✓				✓			✓	
Magnet Cove		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Ouachita		✓			✓		✓		✓	
Poyen		✓							✓	

Information compiled from 2018-2019 AP Course Ledger, College Board.

## FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Juniors and seniors who are on track to graduate and who have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average or higher may be eligible for flexible schedules. Flexible schedules allow students to attend only the courses they need to complete their individual graduation plans. Students with flexible schedules must utilize time away from school to participate in college coursework, employment, job shadowing, internship, volunteer opportunities, or community service projects. Students with flexible schedules are required to submit ongoing documentation of their activities away from school. The purpose of this program is to allow students to gain hands-on soft skills necessary for success in life after high school.

## EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Malvern High School students have more extracurricular opportunities than students from any neighboring school. The table below shows a comparison of extracurricular opportunities offered by Malvern High School and other schools in the area:

	AAA Sanctioned Varsity Sports Teams									Other AAA Sanctioned Activities						AAA Sanctioned Clubs				
	Baseball (M)	Basketball (M/F)	Football (M)	Golf (M/F)	Soccer (M/F)	Softball (F)	Tennis (M/F)	Track (M/F)	Volleyball (F)	Cheer	Band	Choir	Quiz Bowl	Skills USA	Debate	F.F.A.	F.C.C.L.A.	J.R.O.T.C.	Beta Club	Nat'l Honor Society
Malvern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bismarck	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Glen Rose	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Magnet Cove	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Ouachita	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Poyen	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	

Information obtained from Arkansas Activities Association directory, September 2019

## GRADING AND RANKING

Grade	Percentage	Quality Points
A – Excellent	90 – 100%	4.0
B – Above Average	80 – 89%	3.0
C – Average	70 – 79%	2.0
D – Below Average	60 – 69%	1.0
F – Failure	0 – 59%	0.0

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all courses, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation, with the exception of international or private school coursework, which is awarded on a pass/fail basis. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation, as opposed to the state minimum of 22 credits. AP courses are weighted by one quality point, provided the student passes with a D or higher and takes the corresponding AP exam. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and May.

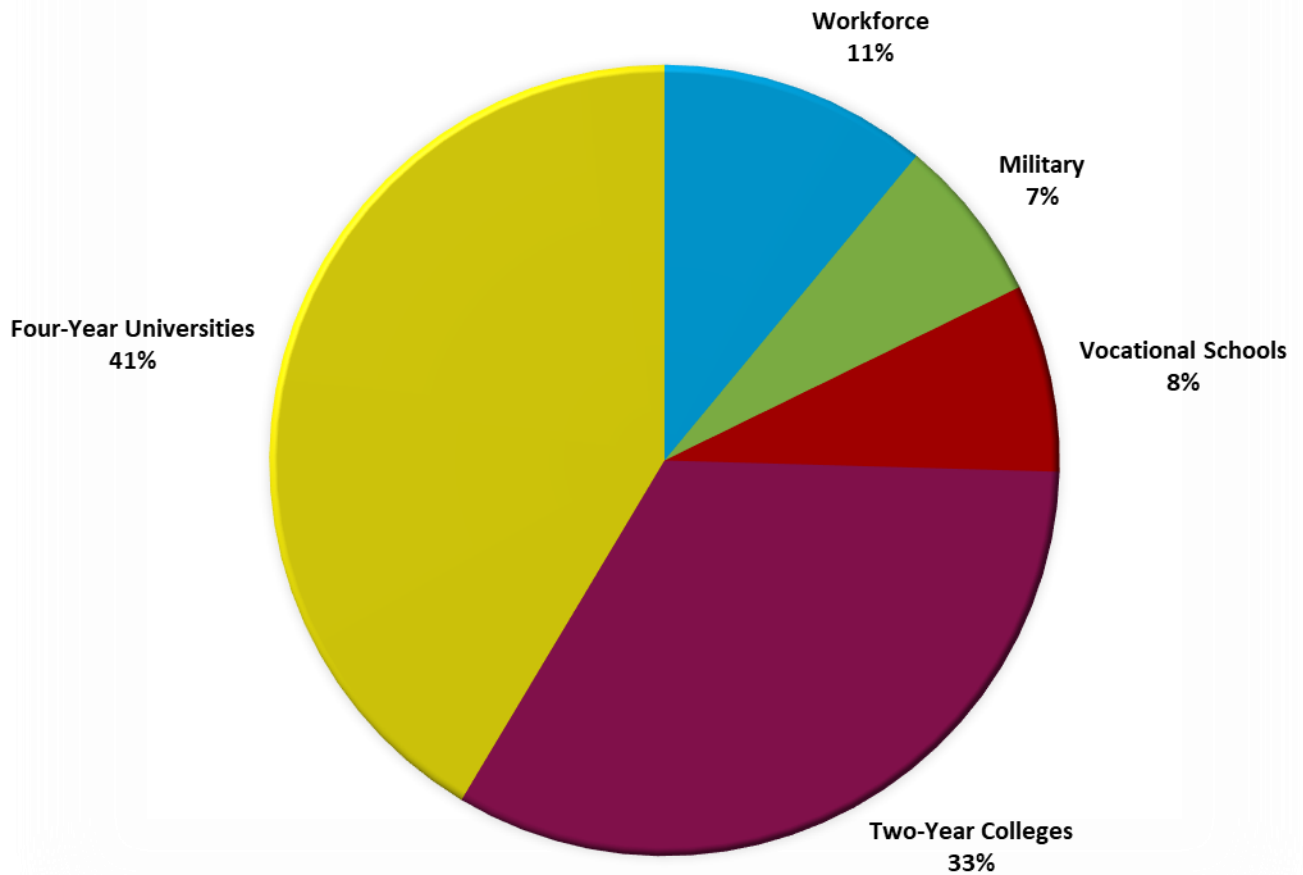
Class rank is based on weighted GPA.

## AVERAGE ACT SCORES

	% Tested	Composite	Math	Science	English	Reading
<b>Class of 2014</b>	75%	20.5	20.2	20.6	20.2	21.3
<b>Class of 2015</b>	70%	19.8	20.2	20.7	19.1	20.3
<b>Class of 2016</b>	71%	20.2	20.2	20.9	19.5	21.0
<b>Class of 2017</b>	>95% *	18.5	18.9	18.9	18.2	19.1
<b>Class of 2018</b>	83%	19.6	19.0	20.2	19.4	20.7
<b>Class of 2019</b>	86%	18.5	18.5	19.3	18.2	19.0

\*Beginning with the graduating class of 2017, all students were given an opportunity for a free ACT through the Arkansas Department of Education.

**CLASS OF 2019 POST-SECONDARY PLANS  
119 STUDENTS SURVEYED**



**POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF 2019  
92 COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS SURVEYED**

