



Classroom Organization at MCA

Small Class Sizes

We intentionally cap each classroom size at 15 students.

This smaller class size allows teachers to identify the specific needs, strengths, and weaknesses of each student. Students are able to form closer peer relationships and to have their individual needs met academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our small class sizes also improve our flexibility, allowing us to adapt quickly to the needs of our students and to adjust instruction as needed.

Multi-Grade Classrooms

At MCA, our classrooms for grades 1-8 are combined into multi-grade classrooms.

Grades 1 & 2 are in the same classroom, as are grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, and 7 & 8.

This is an intentional arrangement designed to optimize learning for each student.

A multi-grade classroom allows our teachers to more skillfully individualize instruction to meet a particular student's needs, learning style, and potential.

Research has shown that academic performance is not hindered for students in multi-grade classrooms. In addition, the following benefits have been demonstrated.

Greater opportunities for collaborative learning

- o Students learn to work in teams and improve their communication skills
- o Improved relationships with peers
- o Reduced competition between peers helps reduce student anxiety

Improved independent work habits

- o This leads to improved self-esteem and increased sense of responsibility
- o Students learn to take ownership of their own education

Differentiated Instruction

- o This means if your student struggles in one subject, but excels in another, s/he can easily transition between skill levels in a multi-grade classroom.
- o Students have the opportunity to work with others at a different skill level
 - Peer-tutoring help improve communication and leadership skills
 - Students grow more confident and develop improved social skills

Social & Emotional Learning

- o Less behavioral issues & improved emotional development
- o More positive relationships with peers
- o Improvement in social skills

Please talk with us about how Michiana Christian Academy can meet your student's needs.