HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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OVERVIEW

Model Laboratory School is a **public, P-12 laboratory school** established in 1906 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).

Known for a tradition of academic excellence and tight-knit community atmosphere, Model provides a rigorous, world-class educational experience for next-generation leaders.

The School is confirmed through legislation as the Commonwealth's laboratory school, which operates "for the purpose of piloting and testing educational pedagogies, practices, programs, assessments, and innovations."

- Accredited by the **Kentucky Department of Education**
- Member of the **International Association of Laboratory Schools**

COMMUNITY

Model Laboratory School is located on Eastern Kentucky University's campus in **Richmond, Kentucky**, (population more than 36,000) 25 miles south of Lexington.

- **One of four** high school options in **Madison County**
- **95%** of graduates attend a four-year institution, college, or university

ADMISSION

- Model Laboratory School offers **tuition-supported enrollment** to students in preschool through twelfth (P-12) grades through an admissions process, designed to promote fairness and non-discrimination
- Model enrolls approximately **800 students** across grades P-12 with each graduating class typically consisting of around 55 students
    - Annual high school tuition and universal fees: **$4,250**
- Model maintains an **open admission (non-selective) policy**

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

SCHEDULE:

- **Six** 55-minute class periods that meet Monday-Friday per school year (not including Dual Credit)

ASSESSMENTS:

- Model High School students participate in the **ACT** (or **SAT), PSAT/ NMSQT, AP,** and all other testing required by the Kentucky Department of Education
- Model High School consistently ranks among the **top ten schools statewide on Kentucky assessments**

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY:

- Students must actively participate in **local or global service activities**
- Students must have documented at least **forty (40) service hours** by graduation

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **All students meet Kentucky's Pre-College Curriculum**
- **22 total minimum credits** are required for the Class of 2026:
  - 5 credits of Inquiry, Communication, and Data Analytics
  - 4 credits of Humanities
  - 4 credits of Quantitative and Computational Reasoning
  - 3 credits of Scientific Inquiry
  - 2 credits of Global Communication and Understanding
  - 1 credit of Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurial Thinking
  - 1 credit of Creating, Performing, Designing, and Engineering
  - 1 credit of Fitness and Wellness
  - 1 credit of Electives or Dual Credit
- Successful completion of the **Kentucky Civics Exam**
- 40 hours of **service** and participation in at least **one school-sponsored club or sport each academic year** enrolled grades 9-12

SENIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- All seniors conduct a **year-long, research investigation** on an **academic topic or issue** of their choosing
- To graduate, individuals must successfully complete all components of the senior research experience, including:
  - Research **paper**
  - Substantive **project (product)**
  - **Public presentation**
  - Formal oral **defense**

SCHOOL POLICIES

- Model course **credits are awarded with Final Grades at the end of each academic year** for grades of A, B, C, and D
  - Dual credit courses that are 3-4 credit hours earn 0.5 credit toward Model graduation requirements at the semester; those that are 1-2 credit hours earn 0.25 credit at the semester
- GPAs are calculated **each semester** on a **four-point (4.0) unweighted scale**
  - Semesters weighted equally in the final course grade
    - Each quarter is 40% of the semester grade; the final semester exam is worth 20% of the semester grade
- **Rank in class is not calculated**
- **Students may elect to repeat a course** to improve a grade or earn credit; they are awarded the higher of the two grades, and upon successful completion of the course, they are awarded credit
- **High school courses taken in grade 8** earning a B average for the final grade in the class will receive credit but are not calculated in GPA

GRADING SCALE

GPA	Percentage	Grade
4.0	90-100%	**A**
3.5	87-89%	**B+**
3.0	80-86%	**B**
2.5	77-79%	**C+**
2.0	70-76%	**C**
1.5	67-69%	**D+**
1.0	60-66%	**D**
0	50-59%	F1 *(Eligible for Credit Recovery)*
0	0-49%	F2 *(Ineligible for Credit Recovery)*

Grades not factored into the GPA:
S (Satisfactory), U (Unsatisfactory), X (Audit), and R (Repeat)

CURRICULUM FEATURES

AP CAPSTONE® DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE

- Model is one of the only schools in the region to offer the **prestigious AP Capstone® Diploma** and **Certificate** awarded by the College Board

DUAL CREDIT WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

- Dual Credit is offered to juniors and seniors who have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0. Courses are offered **on Eastern Kentucky University's campus** and **taught by EKU faculty**
- High-achieving students have the option to participate in **the Model Scholars Early College Program**, in which seniors enroll in eight (8) dual credit courses (four {4} each semester)
- Students are not permitted to take a Dual Credit course if the AP® equivalent is offered in the current school year at Model

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS CERTIFICATION AND DIPLOMA SEAL

- Model offers a Professional Skills Certification to seniors who exhibit **characteristics and skills critical for success in higher education** and the workforce: adaptability, diligence, initiative, knowledge, reliability, leadership ethics, effective communication, and collaboration

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

- **"The Model Core" Competency-based education model** showcases the same 42 competencies in eight (8) domains across grades K-12
  - Transfer Tasks, public academic showcases, competency-based progress reporting, graduation requirements aligned to these eight (8) skill-based, reasoning processes

ADVANCED PLACEMENT®

- Model has earned the **highest Platinum distinction on the AP® School Honor Roll** awarded by the College Board every year since the recognition program began:
  - **97%** of seniors took at least one AP® exam
  - **Over 80% qualified**, scoring a three (3) or higher
- **Open enrollment available** to students in Grades 10-12
- Students enrolled in an AP® course **must sit for the AP® exam**

AP COURSES OFFERED:

- AP Art & Design
- AP Biology
- AP Computer Science Principles*
- AP English Language and Composition*
- AP English Literature and Composition*
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Government and Politics: Comparative
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics 1: Algebra*
- AP Research*
- AP Seminar*
- AP Statistics
- AP U.S. History*
- AP World History*

** offered every school year*

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- **Dean's List**: Published each semester for students in grades 7-12 earning a GPA of 3.50 or higher for that semester
- At graduation, students are honored based on their cumulative GPA for all coursework attempted in high school
  - **Valedictorian:** 4.00 GPA
  - **Summa Cum Laude:** 4.00 - 3.75 GPA
  - **Magna Cum Laude:** 3.74 - 3.50 GPA