LIVING GOLDEN
IN THE TRIANGLE

A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE IN
MISSISSIPPI'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGION:
STARKVILLE, COLUMBUS, AND WEST POINT
EXPERIENCE CULTURE

SIGNATURE EVENTS
Find something new or something just you at one of the Golden Triangle’s annual events

JANUARY
- Frostbite Half Marathon
- GTKC Dog Show

FEBRUARY
- Magnolia Independent Film Festival
- Pilgrimage: Antebellum Festival, 5K & Half Marathon
- Wings over Columbus Air Show
- Cotton District Arts Festival
- Taste of Starkville

MARCH
- Charles H. Templeton Ragtime and Jazz Festival

APRIL
- Island Paddle Fest
- Sounds of Summer Downtown at Sundown

MAY
- Market Street Festival
- King Cotton Crawfish Boil

JUNE
- Fireworks on the Water
- Christmas in July
- Sounds of Summer Downtown at Sundown

AUGUST
- Possum Town Triathlon
- Forks and Corks Sounds of Summer Downtown at Sundown
- Golden Triangle Comic Con

SEPTEMBER
- MSU Football Begins: Bulldog Bash
- Prairie Arts Festival & Race
- The Art Walk Downtown
- Roast n Boast BBQ Comp

OCTOBER
- MSU Homecoming Pumpkinpalooza

NOVEMBER
- Turkey Trot
- Possum Town Grand Prix
- Ghosts and Legends Tours
- Christmas Open Houses

DECEMBER
- Christmas Open Houses
- Wassail Fest
- C.F. Handel’s Messiah

CULTURE CURATED
Tennessee Williams Home
- Friendship Cemetery
- Howlin’ Wolf Blues Museum
- Starkville Community Theatre

A COMMUNITY THAT HELPS YOU GROW
- Mississippi Small Business Development Center
- Columbus Arts Council
- Starkville Area Arts Council
- Homestead Education Center
- Starkville Community Garden in Josey Park
- The Garden at Covenant United Methodist

A SOCIAL SCENE WITH PURPOSE
- Columbus & Starkville Young Professionals
- Habitat for Humanity
- United Way
- Starkville Area Runners and Walkers

IT’S ALL GRAVY
- Starkville Community Market
- Hitching Lot Farmer’s Market
- The Meat & Three, Brunswick stew, and BBQ mark our menus and showcase our culture
- 73% of Golden Triangle residents live within 10 minutes of a full-service grocery store

FAITH IN ALL FORMS
- Annunciation Catholic Church
- Congregation B’hai Israel
- First Baptist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- The Islamic Center of Mississippi
- Main Street Presbyterian
- Our Savior Lutheran
- St Paul’s Episcopal Church
- Vibrant Church (Nondenominational)
- Parochial education is available in Columbus, Starkville, and West Point
ELEVATE HEALTH

EXPLORE

Natchez Trace NPS Scenic Trail
Plymouth Bluff Hiking Trails
Columbus Riverwalk Walking & Biking Trail
Lake Lowndes Hiking & Mountain Biking Trails
Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge
Kitty Bryan Dill Memorial Parkway

PLAY

Starkville Dog Park & Columbus Bark Park
J.L. King Park Splashpad
Propst Park: Splashpad, Skate Park, & Disc Golf
Lake Lowndes Disc Golf Course
Sports facilities of all types

ADVENTURE

Watersports on the Tennessee-Tombigbee
Golf at Old Waverly, Elm Lake, or Lion Hills
Premier shooting at Prairie Wildlife

FLEX

PureBarre, Orange Theory, & Hotworkx
The W’s Stark Recreation Center
MSU’s Sanderson Center
Fitness Factor, Core Fitness, Planet Fitness,
3 area YMCAs

COMPREHENSIVE CARE

ALWAYS CLOSE TO HOME

12 MINUTES TO CARE

56% of GTR residents live within 12 minutes of a major hospital

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Only hospital in MS to obtain Leapfrog Patient Safety Grade Straight A’s since 2012
Facilities include: Level III Trauma Center & ICU
Employs more than 100 physicians and surgeons, representing nearly every medical specialty

OCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Affiliated with University of Mississippi Medical Center
Facilities include: Level III Trauma Center, ICU, & Pediatric ICU
Employs more than 100 physicians and surgeons, representing 19 medical specialties

NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER - WEST POINT

Facilities include Level IV Trauma Center, Urgent Care and Wellness Center
Specialties include: Adolescent Medicine, Dermatology, Medical Genetics, Nephrology, OBGYN, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatrics, Podiatry
ESTABLISH THE ESSENTIALS

A HOME FOR EVERY LIFESTYLE

Downtown living, walkable to restaurants and watering holes: Starkville's Cotton District & Columbus' Mainstreet
Managed communities for families with active lifestyles: Old Waverly Golf Course, Starkville Country Club, Elm Lake
Apartment living with managed facilities and perks: The Helix, Haven 12, Audubon Cove
Affordable home and land ownership with property tax rates half the national average (0.69% vs. 12%) and an average ppsf of $90

✔ Minimal traffic and congestion between you and where you want to go
✔ Uber and Lyft ride-share services keep you golden throughout the Triangle
✔ Bike lanes and S.M.A.R.T. transit open Starkville up for exploration

CHILD CARE

MUW Child & Parent Development Center
First United Methodist Early Learning Center
First Presbyterian Church Childcare Center
PediaTrust (Medically Fragile Day Care)
MSU T.K. Martin Center for Tech & Disability
First Baptist’s Early Childhood Ministry

K-12 & DUAL ENROLLMENT

With four public school districts, four parochial/private school systems, Mississippi's only residential high school for academically gifted students, and Mississippi's only early college high school, the Golden Triangle has options for every student (see appendix)

All three local higher education institutions offer dual enrollment high school programming

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Golden Triangle is home to three esteemed institutions of higher learning, providing a range of academic & professional focuses:

Mississippi State University
East Mississippi Community College
The W (Mississippi University for Women)

LEARNING AFTER HOURS

Mississippi State Center for Continuing Education:
Beekeeping, Conservation, Bulldog Bytes
East Mississippi Community College (GT Campus):
Camp Amp, Code Academy, & Beauty Boot Camp
The W (formerly Mississippi University for Women):
Governor's School, Summer Discovery, Culinary Camp
GameTime Athletics:
Ninja, Tumbling, Stunt, and Cheer Camps
Wide variety of VBS and Sports Camps options abound
EXPECT GROWTH

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS DIVERSE TRIANGLE EMPLOYERS

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
- Steel Dynamics, Inc.
- International Paper
- Southern Ionics
- ABB
- Southwire
- PACCAR
- Yokohama

AEROSPACE
- Aurora Flight Sciences
- Airbus Helicopters
- STARK
- Vertex Aerospace
- capri BLUE

RETAIL
- MOSSY OAK
- Aspen Bay Candles
- Garanimals

CREATE
Mississippi Small Business Development Center

CONNECT
Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Greater Starkville Development Partnership, West Point Chamber of Commerce

NAVIGATE & BUILD
Golden Triangle Development LINK

ADVOCATE
MS Economic Council & Mississippi Economic Development Council

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE HAS ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST BUSINESS FRIENDLY CLIMATES & THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR YOUR FIRM'S GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

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APPENDIX:
K-12 INSTITUTION
PROFILES
MISSION: Annunciation Catholic School teaches the whole child in a Christ-centered environment. We encourage all children to meet their full potential by building character, fostering community, and creating lifelong learners.

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO
11.7 %

CONTACT:
Principal
Joni House
www.annunciationcatholicschool.org
223 North Browder St.
Columbus, MS 39702
662-328-4479

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:

*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

ENROLLMENT
Total Enrollment..........................215

*Annunciation offers bus service from Starkville, MS daily.

GRADING SCALE
PK-2nd Grade-
Standards Based Grading on a scale of (1-3)
3rd-8th Grade- A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 65-69, F = Below 65
COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Mission: Columbus Christian Academy, in partnership with parents and area evangelistic churches, strives to provide a Christ centered education of excellence to enable students to soar in truth and wisdom and to become men and women of true faith, equipped to stand strong for Christ and impact their world for eternity.

1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:

*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment........................................276
High School 7-12.........................................94
Elementary PK3-6......................................182

Columbus Christian Academy Academy is accredited by Association of Christian Schools International, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools.

GRADING SCALE

A = 90 -100, B = 80 - 89, C = 70 - 79, F = Below 70
COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: Excellence All Over – One Team! One Columbus!

9 FACILITIES
1 High School
1 Middle School
5 Elementary Magnet Schools
1 Career & Technology Center
1 Success Academy

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: D

ENROLLMENT

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GRADING SCALE

- Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 65-69, F = Below 65
- Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 65-69, F = Below 65
# Heritage Academy

**Mission:** Heritage Academy is a college preparatory school that inspires, challenges, and motivates its students as it prepares them for college and for life.

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## Contact

Headmaster  
Greg Carlyle  
www.heritagepatriots.com  
625 Magnolia Lane  
Columbus, MS 39705  
662-327-5272

## Enrollment

Total Enrollment K4-12...............................480

Heritage Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Grading Scale

**Elementary**  
A = 93 -100, B = 85 - 92, C = 75 - 84, D = 70 - 74, F = Below 70

**Middle and High School**  
A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, F = Below 60
LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: Provide a superior educational system that challenges all students to attain their greatest intellectual, social, and personal potential. Serving New Hope, Caledonia and West Lowndes communities.

10 FACILITIES
3 High Schools
3 Middle Schools
3 Elementary Schools
1 Career & Technology Center

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: B

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12 .............................................. 1544
Middle School 6-8 ............................................. 1182
Elementary K-5 .............................................. 2338
Pre-K .................................................................. 83
CTE .................................................................. 166

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL LCSD STATS

GRADING SCALE

Elementary
A = 94 -100, B = 85 - 93, C = 75 - 84, D = 70 - 74, F = 69
Middle and High School
A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 59
THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

Mission: to enhance the future of Mississippi in the global society by meeting the individual needs of gifted and talented students through providing innovative learning experiences and leadership development in a residential environment. In addition, we will provide quality educational leadership for other educators and aggressive outreach programs that impact students across Mississippi.

2017 Great Schools Rating: 10

Total Enrollment: 245
11th Grade: 130
12th Grade: 118

C O N T A C T:
Superintendent
Dr. Germain McConnell

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Columbus, MS 39701
800-400-4656

G R A D I N G S C A L E

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
69 and below-No Credit
*No Credit to be used only for students returning to their home school before graduation
STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: To achieve excellence by facilitating the discovery and development of each student's passion, purpose, and potential.

8 FACILITIES
4 Elementary Schools
1 Middle School
1 High School
1 Career & Technology
1 Preschool
1 Alternative School

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: C

ENROLLMENT

High School 9-12...................................................1371
Middle School 6-8..................................................1180
Elementary PreK-5.............................................2609
CTE...................................................................225

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS OF SCHOOLS WITHIN DISTRICT

GRADING SCALE

Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 74-79,
D = 69-73, F = Below 69
Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79,
D = 65-69, F = Below 65
STARKVILLE ACADEMY

Mission: The mission of Starkville Academy is to provide quality educational programs in a safe, Christian environment that will challenge students to excel academically, physically, socially, spiritually, and culturally.

1 FACILITY

2017 GreatSchools.Org Rating:

*GS rating not applicable to private and parochial schools

Starville Academy is accredited by the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, and AdvancED

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment..............................................616
High School 7-12..............................................248
Elementary PreK-6............................................368

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79 F = Below 70
**WEST POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mission: Provide an educational system characterized by innovation, individualized instruction, and shared responsibility in a safe and supportive environment.

**8 FACILITIES**
- 4 Elementary Schools
- 2 Middle Schools
- 1 High School
- 1 Career & Technology Center

2017 Mississippi Accountability Rating: D

**ENROLLMENT**
- High School 9-12: 912
- Middle School 6-8: 678
- Elementary K-5: 1446
- Pre-K: 84
- CTE: 311

**CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS OF SCHOOLS WITHIN DISTRICT**

**GRADING SCALE**
- Elementary A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 65-69, F = Below 65
- Middle & High A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 65-69, F = Below 65