



2026-2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

At Prairie Song Academy we guide secondary students' academic and socio-emotional growth as they become confident, competent, compassionate, and creative thinkers.

We work to help students develop the skills and knowledge they need to find their places in the world and to do their part in creating a more just and inclusive society.

School Type Independent Microschool	All families pay tuition based on their household income	Years in Operation 6	Number of Students 21
Percentage of Students Who Qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch 50%	Percentage of Teachers with Masters' Degrees 67%	Percentage of Graduates Who Continue to Four-Year Colleges or Universities 90%	Average Junior/Senior ACT Score 29
Geographical Context: Kirksville, MO		School Context: Students and Operations	
City of Kirksville population: 17,863		Operated by a Board of Directors, with appointed directors	
Nearest city with 100,000+ population: Columbia, MO, 90 miles to the south		Pursuing accreditation in the 2026-2027 school year via the Middle States Association	
Kirksville demographics: 85% White, 6% Black, 3% Asian, 5% Two+ Races, 4% Latinx 94% High School graduates, 40% hold Bachelor's degree or higher - Median income: \$50,071		Student body is 71% White, 19% Two+ races, and 14% Latinx	
		No testing is required for admissions 33% of students have ADHD, and 24% Autism	



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Honors Courses Available to All Students

Honors History of the Americas I & II
Honors Literature and Rhetoric of the Americas I & II
Honors World History I, II, & III
Honors World Literature I, II, & III
Honors Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
Honors Math Courses (not available to all students)

- In general, students are able to take a total of nine non-math honors courses during high school.*
- Honors courses cover all AP skills and content for U.S. History, World History, Literature and Composition, Rhetoric and Composition, and most skills and content for Chemistry and Biology.*
- We choose not to designate our courses as AP nor encourage testing as we wish our curriculum to be broader (in the case of the history of the Americas, not just the U.S.) and more contextual with current issue connections (in the case of chemistry and biology) and do not wish to use our time teaching students to write in order to game a test, but rather teaching them to truly write well.*

Graduation Requirements

3 credits Math, Algebra I and higher
3 credits Lab Sciences
4 credits History
4 credits Literature/Language
4 credits Project Seminar
6 credits Electives, preferably 2+ years of a language

Total of 24 credits required for graduation

Weighted Credits and GPAs

Honors courses are weighted with an additional 0.5 quality points in GPA calculation. Courses taken in person at Truman State University are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality points.

As of Sept. 2026, weighted GPAs for the classes of 2027-2029 range from **2.92-4.38**, with a mean of 3.55.
Unweighted GPAs range from 2.92-3.99, with a mean of 3.48.

Highest weighted GPA recorded at Prairie Song is 4.38.

What Makes Prairie Song Unique?

We meet four days per week on site, and students work from home the fifth day. They have to learn to manage their time and complete work independently.

We have a weekly Project Seminar block, in which students design and complete their own projects, with guidance as needed. These projects range from learning new skills outside our regular curriculum to organizing whole events that benefit their local community.

We don't use grades at all until high school, and then we give feedback but not numerical grades on individual assignments during the semester. This encourages students to take academic risks, work to improve their skills, and develop intrinsic motivation for learning.

We prioritize hands-on learning and small-group discussions. Students are active participants in their learning every single day through labs, activities, and simulations.

Our curriculum is carefully designed and integrated to help our students understand global processes, make interdisciplinary connections, and connect their learning with local and personal concerns.

In Fall 2026 we shifted from a K-12 microschool to serving grades 6-12 only, choosing to focus on what we do best, and what best meets the need of our community!

University Acceptance Sampling

Graduates enrolled in those in bold and marked with an asterisk.

Auburn University	Indiana University*	Michigan State University	University of Tennessee
Clemson University	Lewis and Clark College	University of Missouri*	Truman State University*
University of Kansas*	Louisiana State University*	University of Montana	University of Wisconsin - Madison

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