

# Maharishi School, Fiarfield, Iowa

## Highlights of Achievements & Recent Achievements

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In the past decade, students at Maharishi School have won more than 100 state titles in science, speech, drama, writing, poetry, spelling, art, photography, history, mathematics, chess, tennis, golf, track, and DestinationImagiNation, a national and international creative problem-solving competition.

Grades 10–12 score in the top 1% nationally, and in Iowa, on standardized tests (ITED)

95% of graduates accepted at four-year colleges

Over ten times the nation's average for National Merit Scholar Finalists over the past seven years

**State Record:** 46 state championships in creative problem-solving competitions Destination ImagiNation and Odyssey of the Mind

**World Record:** Three-time winners of the Global Finals of Destination ImagiNation, and more top-ten finishes than any other school in the world

**First Place:** American High School Math Exam, Iowa Division, four years in a row

**First Place:** Five first-place finishes, Iowa State History Fair, Senior Division

**First Place:** Ten first-place finishes in the senior division of the Eastern Iowa or Hawkeye state science fairs

**Grand Champions:** Eight grand champion awards in the past decade in the junior division of the Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair

**First place:** Twice winner of the state spelling bee

**First place:** 2005-06 Iowa State Long Jump Competition

**State Record:** Most Critic's Choice State Banner Awards for speech in the past decade

**National Champion:** Bravo Cable Channel High School Theater Competition

**State Record:** Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery," grand prize three years in a row

**First Place:** Iowa Poetry Association's high school contest

**First Place:** Iowa "Young Writer of the Year" award

**State Champion:** Iowa Junior Chess Championship

**First Place:** Iowa Educational Media Association (Photography)

**Grand Prize:** International Photo Imaging Education Association competition

**First Place:** 2005-06 International Photo Imaging Education Association competition: 1st place out of 6,000 images

**State Champions:** 16 boys tennis championships in the past 15 years, more than any other school in this period.

**State Champion:** Girls' state singles tennis

**State Record:** Tennis Triple Crown winner two years in a row

**State Record:** Boys' track 800 meters

**State Champions:** Golf team and individual

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## **Maharishi School, Fairfield, Iowa, Recent Achievements**

The School has a liberal admissions policy, and the standardized test scores of entering students are average. The extraordinary achievements of the students as they progress through this system of education are therefore particularly impressive.

1. Upper school classes (grades 9 - 12) consistently score in the 99th percentile in the nation on standardized tests of academic achievement. Lower school classes consistently score near the 90th percentile. This result is particularly notable in light of the data that when first admitted to the school, the students as a whole score at around the fiftieth percentile (average). No other school in the United States produces this great a change in its student body as a whole.
2. At the two state science and engineering fairs, Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment students have won at least one of the two first prizes in the past seven years. At the 1995 fairs alone, 53 awards were won by these students, including four first place awards.
3. In 1995 and 1996 students won first place in the Iowa State History Fair - Group Media Competition senior division. At the National History Fair, their project was named the outstanding project among senior division entrants from Iowa.
4. Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment has had six National Merit Scholars in the past eight years selected from its senior class.
5. In the 1996 Regional division of the nationwide Mathcounts competition, an 8th-grade team won first place as a team, and one student placed first individually. In 1996 Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment ranked first in Iowa Class 1A in the American School Mathematics Exam and, in 1997, first in Iowa in Class 2A. Three Middle School students placed in the top 1% in the 11th Annual American Junior High School Math Exam, taken by students from 25 countries. One student placed first in Iowa, and in the top .05% in the world.
6. In 1988, 1994, 1995, and 1996 Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment groups won first-place awards in all-state speech competitions; in 1995 and 1996 students were named "Young Writer of the Year" in Iowa, and "Young Poet of the Year" in 1996.
7. In 1995 Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment won first place in the Iowa Poetry Association's high school contest.
8. In 1995 and 1996 the school was the winner in all three categories of the National Scholastic Art Competition.
9. In 1994 to 1996, teams from the 7th and 8th grades won first place in a state problem-solving competition, the Iowa Odyssey of the Mind competition,

qualifying the School to represent Iowa at the World Finals for a third year in a row. One team then went on to finish 6th in the world at the world finals.

10. Students have also won many state awards in the areas of art, computer programming, music, photography, spelling, and chess competitions.
11. Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment is one of only three private schools in Iowa to be granted college preparatory status by the Iowa Department of Education, the criteria being the percentage of graduating students who continue on to higher education. Over the past five years 95% of the graduates have gone on to attend four-year colleges and universities around the country.

### **Sports Achievements**

1. The Boys' Tennis Team won the 1991 Iowa state championship in both singles and team competition. In both 1992 and 1993, they won first place in doubles competition. In 1995 and 1996 they won the State Class 1-A singles tennis title, and 1995 Prep Illustrated's Iowa Class 1-A Player of the Year award.
2. In 1995 Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment fans, athletes, and coaches received the highest sportsmanship ratings in the State.
3. The students were State champions Class 1-A Team golf in 1996, and individual golf State champions in 1995.