

# Mars Hill: Essay Guidelines

## *"Why I would like to participate in the Mars Hill Program"*

Mars Hill is a cooperative effort of parents with common goals for the education of their children.

Listed below are some of the Goals and Values of Mars Hill. Please write your essay with reference to:

1. Your personal ownership of the stated goals and values.
2. Other goals and values that are yours.
3. How these goals and values have been lived out in your life.
4. Your ability to work together with your classmates toward these goals and values.

Essays should be typed and double spaced. Seventh graders should write 600 words. All other grades should write 900-1200 words.

### **Values:**

1. Truth (Pursuit of objective truth)
2. Respect
3. Integrity
4. Family
5. Relationship to God
6. Church
7. Responsibility

### **Goals:**

It is the goal of Mars Hill to produce students who believe that God has a definite purpose in History. Further, these students should believe that they have a specific part to play in God's purposes. Their education and participation in Mars Hill is not simply a better education. It is God's means for preparing them to affect their society with His plan.

The Mars Hill student will embrace his/her studies as "unto the Lord." It is part of their daily worship.

The Mars Hill student will realize that education is not separated from family and church. It should build their effectiveness in carrying out the wishes of their parents and the vision of their local church.

The Mars Hill student will honor church leaders, parents, and teachers as well as civic leaders.

The Mars Hill student will be able to identify the attitudes of cynicism, negativism, rebellion and worldliness as lived out in modern culture.

He/she will avoid these attitudes by replacing them with true love, faith and respect.