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#### SCHOOL MISSION

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#### STUDENT POPULATION

Of the 610 enrolled students in grades six through twelve, 430 are enrolled in the Upper School. The senior class consists of 96 students. Historically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 23% African American, 5% Hispanic, and 9% Asian.

#### ACCREDITATION

Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (SACS) and Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Mount de Sales holds memberships in the following organizations: Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Mercy Secondary Education Association (MESA), National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), National Association for Independent Schools (NAIS), Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), Southern Association for College Admissions Counseling (SACAC).

Upper School

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Theology	4 credits
World Languages	2 credits
P.E./Health	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Technology	.5 credit
Electives	1.5 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 Credits</b>

- ▶ Community outreach is a cornerstone of the school's mission. Mount de Sales requires all students to complete 20 hours of community service per year through our Mercy in Action program, embodying this mission in the practice of Servant Leadership.

## GRADING SCALE

A+	97-100	(4.0)	C+	77-79	(2.5)
A	93-96	(4.0)	C	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92	(4.0)	C-	70-72	(2.0)
B+	87-89	(3.5)	D	65-69	(1.0)
B	83-86	(3.0)	F	0-64	(0.0)
B-	80-82	(3.0)			

- ▶ In an effort to combat grade inflation, our rigorous curriculum has resulted in a non-weighted, academic cumulative grade point average with a mean of 3.33 on a 4.0 scale.
- ▶ No numerical weight is provided for honors classes. Advanced Placement courses are weighted with 4 points. If the resulting grade is over 100, then 4.5 quality points are used to determine the grade point average. We treat courses taken at Mercer University as AP courses.
- ▶ Due to the highly academic nature of our program, Mount de Sales does not establish a class rank for its students.

## CURRICULUM

Dual Enrollment Programs: Mount de Sales partners with Mercer University and Middle Georgia State University to allow high-achieving seniors joint enrollment privileges. Many of our seniors take a college-level English course administered through Middle Georgia and noted on transcripts as College English. Some seniors also take college-level math courses that are noted on transcripts as College Algebra and College Statistics.

### ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition  
 English II: Literature and the Writing Process  
 American Voices in Literature  
 AP English Language and Composition  
 British and Western Literature  
 AP English Literature and Composition  
 College English (H), Dual Enrollment

### MATHEMATICS

Accounting: Corporate  
 Accounting: Sole Proprietorship  
 Algebra I  
 Algebra II/Algebra II (H)  
 Advanced Algebra  
 Business Math  
 Geometry/Geometry (H)  
 Pre-Calculus (H)  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 Discrete Math  
 Statistics/AP Statistics

College Algebra (H), Dual Enrollment  
 College Statistics (H), Dual Enrollment

### THEOLOGY

Theology I: Foundations of Faith  
 Theology II: The New Testament  
 Social Justice  
 Peer Ministry  
 Prayer and Spirituality  
 Christianity and the Arts

### SCIENCE

Physics/AP Physics  
 Biology/Biology (H)/AP Biology  
 Chemistry/Chemistry (H)/AP Chemistry  
 Organic Chemistry  
 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology  
 Forensic Science  
 Astronomy  
 Genetics  
 Geology  
 AP Environmental Science

### TECHNOLOGY

Computer Applications  
 AP Computer Science  
 Introduction to Programming (H)  
 Yearbook  
 Video Game Design

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I/French II  
 French III (H)/French IV-V (H)  
 AP French  
 Spanish I/Spanish II  
 Spanish III (H)/Spanish IV (H)  
 AP Spanish  
 College Spanish (H), Dual Enrollment  
 Latin I/Latin II/Latin III (H)/AP Latin

### SOCIAL STUDIES

United States History/AP US History  
 World History/AP World History  
 US Government/AP Government  
 Economics/AP Macroeconomics  
 AP European History  
 AP Art History

Seminar on World War II  
 Philosophy (H)  
 Psychology/AP Psychology  
 Holocaust Studies  
 History versus Hollywood  
 International Studies  
 American Military History

### PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Artistic Design  
 Band/Advanced Band  
 Chorus/Chorale  
 Women's Show Choir  
 Introduction to Drama/  
 Technical Drama  
 Advanced Technical Drama  
 Photography I/Photography II  
 Speech  
 Musical Theater  
 Introduction to Piano/  
 Intermediate Piano  
 Visual Art/Drawing and Painting  
 Ceramics/Printmaking  
 Studio Art/Advanced Studio Art  
 Portfolio Development  
 Art I/Art II/Art III  
 Water Color Exploratory

## AP COURSES

Registration for these courses requires departmental approval. Given the intensity of these courses, students are restricted to taking no more than one their tenth grade year, two for their eleventh grade year, and four for their twelfth grade year for a total of seven courses. Taking more AP courses than this requires strict administrative approval.

Art History  
English Language &  
Composition  
English Literature &  
Composition  
Biology

Chemistry  
Physics  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Statistics  
Spanish

United States History  
European History  
World History  
Government and Politics  
Psychology  
Macroeconomics

Computer Science  
Latin  
French  
Environmental Science

## TOP DECILE OF 2015 GRADUATES

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.07	Average # of AP courses taken:	8
Average Academic GPA:	3.99	AP Exam Scores of 3:	17
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	31
Critical Reading	711	AP Exam Scores of 5:	38
Math	699	AP Scholars	29
Writing	707	AP Scholars with Honor:	17
SAT Composite	2117	AP Scholars with Distinction:	12

▶ *These students were involved in an average of seven activities each, including athletic teams, honor societies, and clubs. All of these students held a leadership position within their chosen student activities.*

## AP EXAMINATION RESULTS

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2011	374	71%
2012	426	63%
2013	400	54%
2014	401	59%
2015	413	56%

▶ *All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course are required to take the exam.*

## NATIONAL MERIT/ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2011-2012	4
2012-2013	3
2013-2014	3
2014-2015	5



## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: CLASSES OF 2011~2015

Abraham Baldwin College  
Agnes Scott College  
Allegheny College  
American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
Amherst College  
American University  
Anderson University  
Andrew College  
Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Auburn University  
Augustana College  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Belmont Abbey College  
Belmont University  
Berry College  
Birmingham Southern College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Brenau University  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Catholic University of America  
University of Central Missouri  
Centre College  
The Citadel  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
College of William and Mary  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Columbus State University  
Cornell University  
Crown College  
Creighton University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
University of Denver  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Eckerd College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Flagler College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State University  
Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall College  
Furman University  
Gardner Webb University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgia College  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Military College  
Georgia Regents University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia Southwestern State University  
Georgia State University  
Gordon College  
Greensboro College  
Guilford College  
Hampton University  
Harvard University  
Harvey Mudd College  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kennesaw State University  
University of Kentucky  
LaGrange College  
Lees-McCrae College  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Lewis University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Loyola University of Maryland  
Maryville College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mercer University  
Meredith College  
Miami University, Oxford  
Middlebury College  
Middle Georgia State College  
Mississippi State University  
Morehouse College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
North Park University  
Northeastern University  
Oglethorpe University  
The Ohio State University  
Oxford College of Emory  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pratt Institute  
Presbyterian College  
Princeton University  
Queens University  
Reed College  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology

Rollins College  
Rutgers University  
Saint Leo University  
Samford University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Savannah State University  
Sewanee: University of the South  
Shorter University  
Simpson College  
Southern Polytechnic State University  
Spelman College  
Spring Hill College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Louis University  
Stanford University  
Stetson University  
SUNY  
University of Tampa  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Tuskegee University  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Military Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alabama  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Dallas  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Georgia  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia  
University of West Georgia  
Valdosta State University  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Institute of Technology  
Villanova University  
Wake Forest University  
Wartburg College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Washington and Lee University  
Wesleyan College  
Wesleyan University  
Western Kentucky University  
Wittenburg University  
Yale University  
Young Harris College



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Guidance Counselor

Ms. Carl a Barwick  
Academic Support

Mrs. Susan Jones  
Administrative Assisnant

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## STUDENT POPULATION

Of the 610 enrolled students in grades six through twelve, 180 are enrolled in the Middle School. Notably, the Middle School student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 25% African American, 6% Hispanic, and 4% Asian.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

- Create small communities of learning
- Teach a core academic program
- Ensure success of all students
- Empower teachers and parents
- Staff the school with specially prepared teachers
- Improve academic performance through health and fitness
- Engage families in education
- Connect schools with communities

Middle School

CURRICULUM

The MS curriculum is designed around the eight principles for middle school education, as identified by the Carnegie Council of Adolescent Development.

A strong advisory House program creates relationships and addresses individuality through smaller, multi-aged groups. During weekly “House” meetings, groups participate in student-directed activities, intramurals, and assemblies.

Parents are encouraged and expected to be active contributors in their child’s education through the Alumni Association, daily use of Moodle, communication with teachers, participation in Parents Association, and participation with school events.

Grade level community outreach programs are completed as part of the regular curriculum. Service projects by grade are: 6th—Heart Health Awareness, 7th—Local Hunger and Poverty Outreach, 8th—Literacy Readiness.

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is invited to try out for the annual middle school drama production. In addition to actors, many students are needed for stage design and building, technical assistance of lights and sound board, and general backstage management. This is in addition to

opportunities to participate in nineteen school-sponsored teams.

Highlights:

- Small class sizes
- Values and virtues emphasized throughout all lessons
- Individual counseling: goal setting, career exploration, peer relationships, school environment, communication, healthy lifestyles, sex education
- Creative problem solving, group work and presentation
- Inquiry and discovery-based science practices
- Organization and study skills emphasized
- Integrated technology, including a 1:1 iPad initiative
- 8th grade leadership council, national ranking quiz bowl team, LEGO robotics team
- All students participate in Scripps spelling bee, National Geographic geography bee, and MathCounts competitions

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GRADE 6 CORE

Math Applications  
Language Arts  
Earth Science  
World Geography  
Religion

GRADE 6 EXPLORATORY

World Languages  
Physical Education  
Art  
General Music

GRADE 7 CORE

Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I  
Language Arts  
Life Science  
Foundations of Democracy  
Religion

GRADE 7 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education  
World Language: Spanish,  
French, Latin  
Art

Beginning Instrumental Music  
Chorus  
Keyboarding

GRADE 8 CORE

Algebra Applications  
Algebra I  
Geometry  
Language Arts  
Physical Science  
American History  
Catholic Confirmation  
Religion

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education  
World Language: Spanish,  
French, Latin  
Intermediate Instrumental  
Music  
Chorus  
Art  
Theater Arts  
Keyboarding