



2021-2022 Academic Profiles

Middle School & Upper School

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL



2021-2022 Curriculum Overview

The Middle School experience at Mount de Sales is filled with wonder, energy, affirming relationships, and skill mastery. Rigorous academic standards and attention to individual needs thoroughly prepare students for the challenging college preparatory curriculum in our Upper School.

Our philosophy incorporates eight essential principles for excellent middle school education as endorsed by the *Carnegie Council of Adolescent Development*:

- Creation of smaller communities of learning for sustained individual attention.
- Teaching a core of common knowledge in ways that foster curiosity, problem solving, and critical thinking.
- Utilizing cooperative learning and other techniques suitable for this developmental phase to ensure success for all students.
- Giving major decision making responsibility to teachers and principals.
- Hiring faculty with expertise at teaching young adolescents.
- Linking the education and health of young adolescents throughout the curriculum and the activities of the school.
- Creating alliances between families and school staff through mutual respect, trust, and communication.
- Sustaining school and community partnerships in educating young adolescents.

Core Curriculum & Elective Courses

GRADE 6 CORE

English
Math
World Geography
Earth Science
Theology

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning Band
Beginning Chorus
Art Through the Ages
Exploring the Theater
Boys Health and Wellness
Girls Health and Wellness
Keyboarding and Technology
Essentials
Academic Coaching

GRADE 7 CORE

English
Pre-Algebra or Algebra I
Foundations of Democracy
Life Science
Theology

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning/Intermediate Band
Beginning/Intermediate Chorus
The World of Studio Art
Exploring the Theater
Boys Health and Wellness
Girls Health and Wellness
Keyboarding and Technology
Essentials
Explorations in STEM
Academic Coaching

GRADE 8 CORE

English
Pre-Algebra or Algebra I or Geometry (H)
American History
Physical Science
Theology
World Language: French, Latin, Spanish

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced Band
Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced Chorus
The World of Studio Art
Exploring the Theater
Boys Health and Wellness
Girls Health and Wellness
Explorations in STEM
Academic Coaching



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2021-2022 Upper School Profile

School Mission

Mount de Sales Academy, an independent Catholic School sponsored and inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, is a diverse college-preparatory community of learners—students and teachers alike—who are poised to discover, challenged to innovate, and motivated to serve.”

Student Population

There are 344 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 100 students. Historically, 98% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 45% students of color.

Accreditation

Accredited by Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia (formerly AdvancED). 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).

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
Total	25 Credits

- ▶ 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++	101-104	(4.5)	B-	80-82	(3.0)
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)

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Due to the highly academic nature of our program, Mount de Sales does not establish a class rank for its students.

Curriculum

Seniors have the opportunity to participate in a Senior Practicum program. Students conduct an internship in a field of interest by partnering with a local mentor in the community. They participate in leadership training and professional skills workshops. At the end of their year, students conduct a summative presentation about their experiences.

Dual Enrollment Programs: Mount de Sales partners with Wesleyan College to allow high-achieving seniors joint enrollment privileges. Many of our seniors take a college-level English course administered through Wesleyan and noted on transcripts as College English. Some seniors also take college-level math and history courses that are noted on transcripts as College Algebra, College Statistics, and College World Civilization I and II.

Course Offerings (2017-2022)

ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition
 English II: Literature and the Writing Process
 English III: American Voices in Literature
 English IV: British and Western Literature
 AP English Literature and Composition
 AP English Language and Composition
 College English (H)*

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I/Algebra II/Algebra II (H)
 Advanced Algebra
 Geometry/Geometry (H)
 Pre-Calculus (H)
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 Calculus (H)
 Intro to Abstract Math
 AP Statistics
 College Algebra (H)*
 College Statistics (H)*

THEOLOGY

Theology I: Salvation History/Christology
 Theology II: The Church/Christian Morality
 Theology III: Social Justice/Faith and Reason
 Faith and the Modern World
 Holocaust Studies
 World Religions
 Liturgy and Worship
 Philosophy (H)
 Advanced Social Justice

SCIENCE

Physics/Physics (H) AP Physics I/ AP Physics II
 Biology/Biology (H)/AP Biology
 Biology II
 Chemistry/Chemistry (H)/AP Chemistry
 Organic Chemistry
 Intro to Anatomy and Physiology
 Forensic Science
 Astronomy
 Botany
 Ecology
 Genetics

Geology
 Essentials of Healthcare
 AP Environmental Science

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Assisted Design (CAD)
 AP Computer Science Principles
 Introduction to Programming (H)
 App Design
 Digital Technology

WORLD LANGUAGES

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

SOCIAL STUDIES

US History/AP US History
 World History/AP World History
 US Government/AP Government
 Economics/AP Macroeconomics
 AP Art History
 AP Psychology
 College World Civilization I (H)*/
 College World Civilization II (H)*
 African American Studies
 Mythology

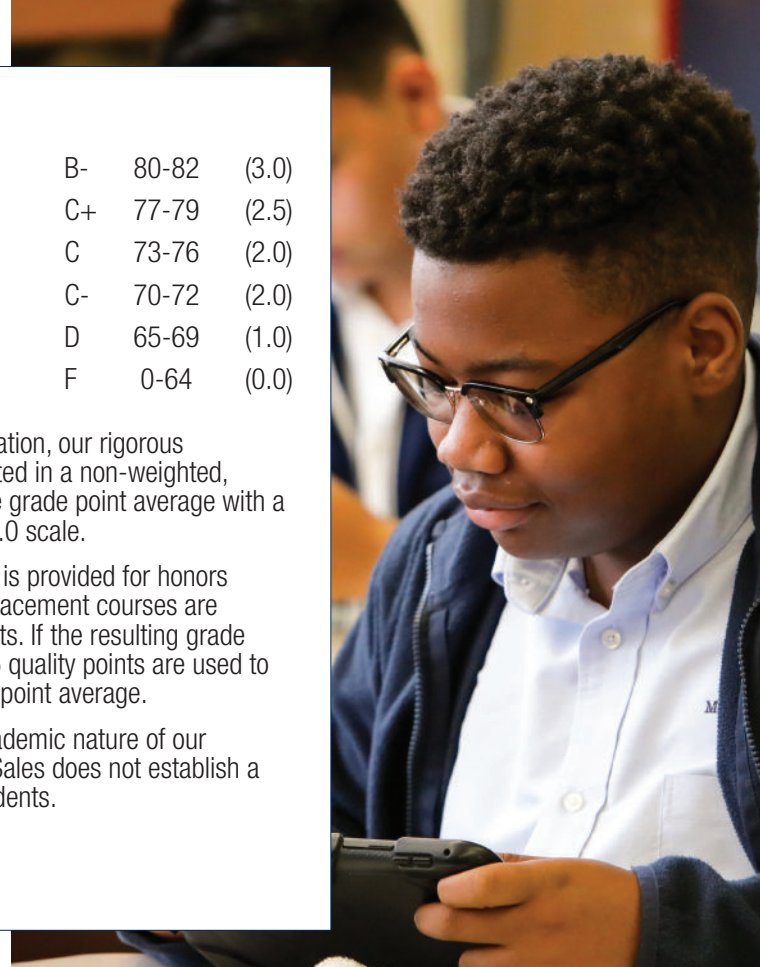
PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/ Concert)
 Portfolio Development I & II
 Acting/Characterization
 Technical Drama
 Dance/Movement
 Theatre Design & Puppetry
 Speech
 Concert Choir
 Chorale
 Piano
 Drawing and Painting I & II
 Yearbook
 Art I/Advanced Art
 AP Studio Art
 Ceramic Design
 Photography
 Songwriting and Music Production
 Theatre Performance/One Act

SPECIALTY

SAT Prep and Practice
 Leadership and Career Interest Challenge
 AP Seminar
 Senior Practicum

*dual enrollment



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (2021–2022)

Registration for these courses requires administrative approval. Given the intensity of these courses, students are encouraged to take no more than two their tenth grade year, three for their eleventh grade year, and three for their twelfth grade year for a total of eight courses. Taking more AP courses than this requires an administrative waiver.

Art History
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Biology

Chemistry
Physics I
Physics II
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

Spanish
United States History
World History
Government and Politics
Psychology
Macroeconomics

Computer Science Principles
Latin
French
Studio Art
Seminar

Top Decile of 2021 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.07	Average # of AP courses taken:	7.5
Average Academic GPA:	4.00	AP Exam Scores of 3:	25
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	17
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	670	AP Exam Scores of 5:	15
Math	649	AP Scholars	22
SAT Composite	1319	AP Scholars with Honor:	4
ACT Composite	29.5	AP Scholars with Distinction:	11

- ▶ *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.*
- ▶ *Students who take AP classes can earn a grade above 100, which translates to a 4.5.*
- ▶ *AP Scholars information represents all students taking AP exams, not just the top decile.*
- ▶ *AP exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5: 5 = extremely well qualified; 4 = well qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; 1 = no recommendation.*

AP Examination Results

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2017	429	68%
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%
2020	410	61%
2021	345	43%

- ▶ *All students enrolled in an AP course are required to register for the exam.*

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2014-2015	5
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2017-2021

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Eckerd College	New England School of Art and Design Incorporated	University of Florida
Agnes Scott College	Elon University	New York University	University of Georgia
Alabama A & M University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Newberry College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Alabama State University	Emerson College	Norfolk State University	University of Iowa
Albany State University	Emmanuel College	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Kansas
Alcorn State University	Emory University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Kentucky
Allegheny College	Erskine College	Northeastern University	University of Maryland-College Park
American University	Fisk University	Northwestern University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
The American University of Paris	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Oglethorpe University	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Andrew College	Florida International University	Ohio State University	University of Memphis
Appalachian State University	Florida Southern College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Miami
Arizona State University-Tempe	Florida State University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Armstrong State University	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Auburn University	Fort Valley State University	Piedmont University	University of Mississippi
Augusta University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Point University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Ave Maria University	Franklin and Marshall College	Presbyterian College	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Baylor University	Full Sail University	Princeton University	University of New MexicoUniversity of North Carolina at Asheville
Beloit College	Furman University	Purdue University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Berklee College of Music	George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Berry College	Georgetown University	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Bethany College	Georgia College & State University	Roanoke College	University of North Georgia
Binghamton University	Georgia Gwinnett College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Oklahoma-Norman
Birmingham Southern College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rollins College	University of Oregon
Boston College	Georgia Military College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Pittsburgh
Boston University	Georgia Southern University	Ryerson University	University of Rochester
Brenau University	Georgia Southwestern State University	Saint Louis University	University of San Francisco
Brescia University College	Georgia State University	Samford University	University of South Alabama
Brewton-Parker College	Gordon State College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Brigham Young University-Provo	Grambling State University	Savannah State University	University of South Florida
Brown University	Grinnell College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Southern California
Bucknell University	Hampden-Sydney College	Seton Hall University	University of Tampa
California College of the Arts	Hampton University	Sewanee-The University of the South	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Carleton College	Hawaii Pacific University	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Texas at Austin
Carolina University	High Point University	South Georgia State College	University of Toronto
Case Western Reserve University	Hofstra University	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	University of Vermont
Central Georgia Technical College	Hong Kong Baptist University	Southern Methodist University	University of Victoria
Central State University	Howard University	Southern University and A & M College	University of Virginia-Main Campus
Centre College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Spelman College	University of Washington-Seattle
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Indiana University-Bloomington	St. Andrews University	University of West Florida
The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina	Ithaca College	St. John's University-New York	University of West Georgia
Clafin University	Jacksonville University	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Clark Atlanta University	Johns Hopkins University	Syracuse University	Ursinus College
Clark University	Johnson C Smith University	Tennessee State University	Valdosta State University
Clayton State University	Kennesaw State University	Texas Christian University	Vanderbilt University
Clemson University	The King's College	Trine University	Villanova University
Cleveland Institute of Art	Lafayette College	Troy University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Coastal Carolina University	LaGrange College	Tufts University	Virginia State University
Colgate University	Lawrence Technological University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Voorhees College
College for Creative Studies	Lignan University	Tuskegee University	Wake Forest University
College of Charleston	LIU Brooklyn	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Washington University in St Louis
College of Coastal Georgia	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	The University at Buffalo	Webster University
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University Chicago	University of Alabama	Wesleyan College
College of William and Mary	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Wesleyan University
Colorado School of Mines	Macon State College	University of Alabama in Huntsville	West Virginia State University
Columbus State University	Marion Military Institute	University of Arizona	Western Carolina University
Concordia University - Montreal	Marquette University	University of Arkansas	Western University
Cornell University	Mary Baldwin University	University of California-Davis	Willamette University
Covenant College	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of California-Irvine	Williams College
Creighton University	McGill University	University of California-Los Angeles	Wingate University
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Mercer University	University of California-Riverside	Wofford College
Dalton State College	Miami University-Oxford	University of California-San Diego	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Dartmouth College	Michigan State University	University of California-Santa Barbara	Xavier University
Davidson College	Middle Georgia College	University of California-Santa Cruz	Xavier University of Louisiana
Denison University	Middle Georgia State University	University of Central Florida	York University
Drake University	Midway University	University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	Young Harris College
Drexel University	Mississippi State University	University of Connecticut	
Duke University	Missouri State University-Springfield	University of Dayton	
Duquesne University	Morehouse College	University of Denver	
East Carolina University			
East Georgia State College			