



2022-2023 Academic Profiles

Middle School & Upper School

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mount de Sales Academy is a member of Mercy Education.



2022-2023 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 Language Arts

Math

World Geography

Earth Science

Religion

Boys/Girls Health and Wellness

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning Band

Beginning Chorus

Art Through the Ages

Exploring the Theater

World Language Exploratory

Keyboarding and Technology
Essentials

Academic Coaching

GRADE 7 CORE

English Language Arts

Pre-Algebra or Algebra I

World Cultures

Life Science

Religion

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning/Intermediate Band

Beginning/Intermediate Chorus

The World of Studio Art

Exploring the Theater

World Language Exploratory

Boys/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

Religion

World Language: French, Latin, Spanish

ELECTIVE COURSES

Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced Band

Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced Chorus

The World of Studio Art

Exploring the Theater

Boys/Girls Health and Wellness

Explorations in STEM

Academic Coaching



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2022-2023 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 326 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 77 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 college-level English courses administered through Wesleyan and noted on transcripts as College English. Some seniors also take college-level math and foreign language courses that are noted on transcripts as College Algebra, College Statistics, College French, and College Spanish.

Course Offerings (2018-2023)

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 Advanced Composition*
 College Analyzing Literature*

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)*
 Linear Algebra
 Multi-Variable Calculus

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
 Essentials of Anatomy
 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)
 Intermediate College French I*
 Intermediate College French II*
 Spanish I, II, III (H), IV (H)
 Intermediate College Spanish I*
 Intermediate College Spanish II*
 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
 African American Studies
 Mythology

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/Concert)
 Portfolio Development I & II
 Acting/Characterization
 Technical Drama/Advanced
 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 (2022-2023)

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. Students are strongly encouraged to take the national end-of-course exam. However, if they choose not to do so, they will remain in the course, but the AP designation will be removed, and the course will be retitled "Advanced." Students who do not take the exam will still earn 4 quality points in the course.

Art History
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Biology

Chemistry
Physics I
Physics II
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics

United States History
World History
Government and Politics
Psychology
Macroeconomics
Computer Science Principles

Latin
Studio Art
Seminar
Research

Top Decile of 2022 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.09	Average # of AP courses taken:	8.2
Average Academic GPA:	4.00	AP Exam Scores of 3:	25
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	25
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	728	AP Exam Scores of 5:	15
Math	662	AP Scholars	17
SAT Composite	1390	AP Scholars with Honor:	6
ACT Composite	30.0	AP Scholars with Distinction:	7

- ▶ *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
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%
2020	410	61%
2021	345	43%
2022	259	58%

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

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2018-2022

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