



2024-2025 Academic Profiles

Middle School & Upper School

MIDDLE SCHOOL AT MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY

Mount de Sales Academy is a member of the Mercy Education Network.



2024-2025 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 Applications
World Geography
Earth Science
Religion
Health and Wellness

GRADE 7 CORE

English Language Arts
Pre-Algebra or Algebra I
World Cultures
Life Science
Religion

GRADE 8 CORE

English Language Arts
Pre-Algebra, Algebra I or Geometry (H)
United States History
Physical Science
Religion
World Language

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Academic Coaching
Band - Beginning
Band - Intermediate

Coding, Robotics, and Tech Explorations
Exploring the Theater
Middle Choral Music

STEM Discovery
The World of Studio Art
World Language Exploratory



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2024 -2025 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 263 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. Mount de Sales is comprised of an ethnically diverse population. Notably, the MDS student body is 52% diverse.

Accreditation

Accredited by Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia (formerly AdvancED). Mount de Sales holds memberships in the following organizations: Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA), 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
Health	.5 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Technology	.5 credit
Additional Coursework	2 credits
Total 25 Credits	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 the 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 (2019-2025)

ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition
English II: Literature and the Writing Process
English III: American Voices in Literature
English IV: Voices of the Modern Era
AP English Literature and Composition
AP English Language and Composition
Myths of the Greeks and Romans
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 in the Modern World
Holocaust Studies
World Religions
Peer Ministry
Philosophy
Advanced Social Justice
Dante's Divine Comedy (H)

SCIENCE

Physics/Physics (H)
AP Physics I/AP Physics II
Biology/Biology (H)/AP Biology
Biology II
Botany
Chemistry/Chemistry (H)/AP
Organic Chemistry
Essentials of Anatomy
Forensic Science
Astronomy
Geology
Essentials of Healthcare

TECHNOLOGY

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

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 and Politics
Economics/AP Macroeconomics
AP Art History
AP Psychology
African American Studies
Mythology

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/Concert)
Symphonic Band
Portfolio Development I & II
Acting and 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
Film Appreciation and Production

SPECIALTY

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

*dual enrollment

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (2024-2025)

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
Latin

Studio Art
Seminar
Research

Top Decile of 2024 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.05	Average # of AP courses taken:	8.2
Average Academic GPA:	4.00	AP Exam Scores of 3:	15
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	12
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	682	AP Exam Scores of 5:	8
Math	650	AP Scholars	27
SAT Composite	1333	AP Scholars with Honor:	10
ACT Composite (2023)	34	AP Scholars with Distinction:	3

- These students were involved in an average of ten 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.

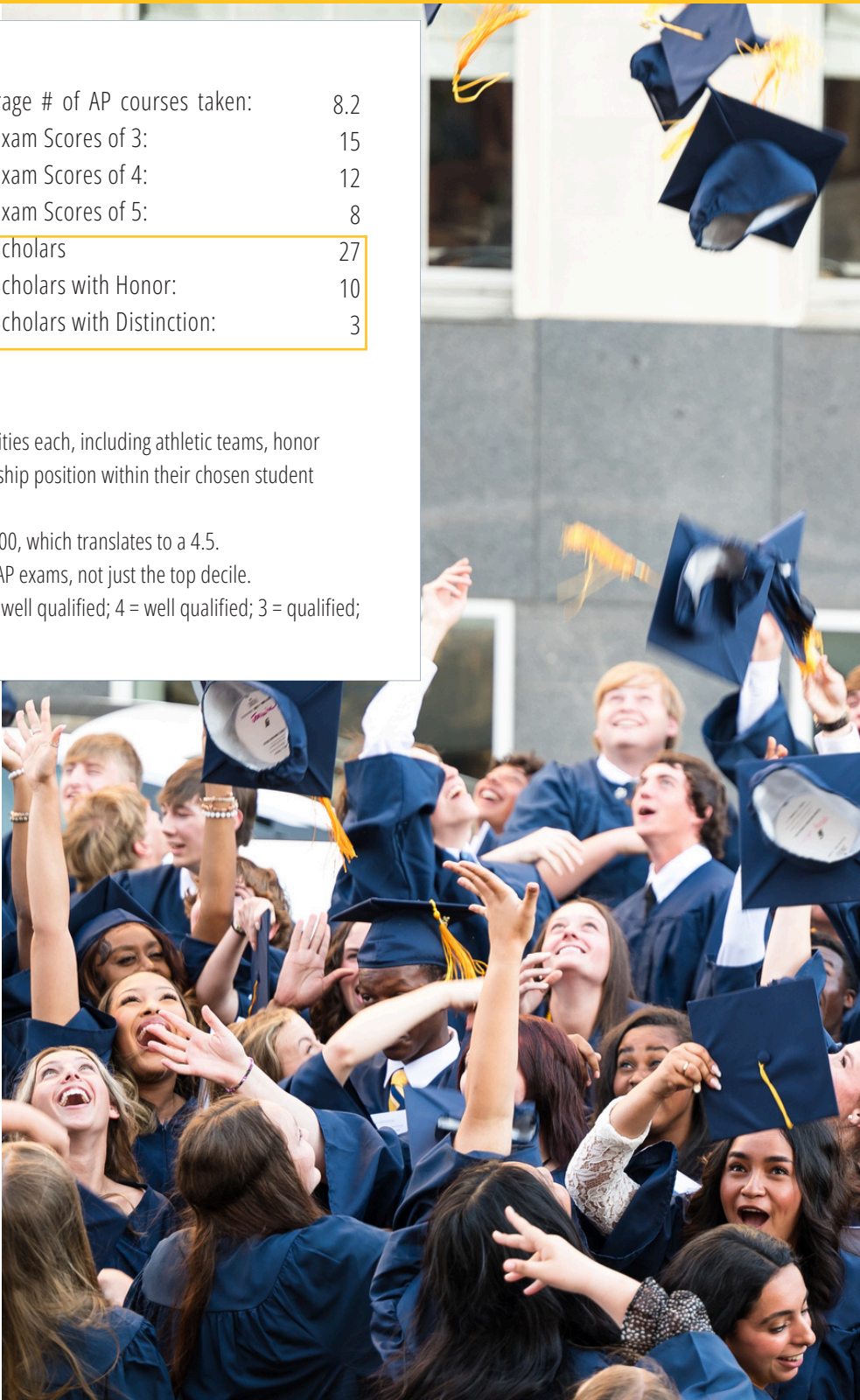
AP Examination Results

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2019	390	55%
2020	410	61%
2021	345	43%
2022	259	58%
2023	321	56%

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

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists/Commended
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	2
2021-2022	1
2022-2023	4



College Acceptances: Classes of 2018-2024

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Agnes Scott College
Alabama A & M University
Alabama State University
Albany State University
Alcorn State University
Allegheny College
American University
Andrew College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Armstrong State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Ave Maria University
Barry University
Baylor University
Bentley University
Berry College
Bethany College
Binghamton University
Birmingham Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Brenau University
Brescia University College
Brewton-Parker College
Brigham Young University-Provo
Brown University
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
Carleton College
Carolina University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Georgia Technical College
Central State University
Centre College
Chattahoochee Valley Community College
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Claflin University
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clayton State University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Coastal Carolina University
Coastal College of Georgia
Coastal Pines Technical College
Colgate University
College for Creative Studies
College of Charleston
College of Coastal Georgia
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Columbus State University
Concordia University - Montreal
Cornell University
Covenant College
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America-Houston
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College
Dalton State College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
Dominican University
Drake University
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
DePaul University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
East Carolina University
East Georgia State College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emry-Riddle Aeronautical University-
Dayton Beach
Emerson College

Emmanuel College
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Endicott College
Erskine College
Fisk University
Flagler College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
University
Florida International University
Florida Memorial University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Valley State University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin and Marshall College
Full Sail University
Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia College and State University
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Institute of Technology - Main
Campus
Georgia Military College - Milledgeville
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Gordon State College
Grambling State University
Grinnell College
Hampton University
Hanover College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Holy Family University
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson and Wales University
Johnson C Smith University
Keiser University
Kennesaw State University
LaFayette College
Lingnan University
LIU Brooklyn
Louisiana State University and Agricultural
& Mechanical College
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University-Chicago
Loyola University-New Orleans
Macon State College
Marion Military Institute
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin University
Maryland Institute of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Mercer University
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middle Georgia State University
Midway University
Mississippi State University
Missouri Institute of Science and
Technology
Missouri State University-Springfield
Montana State University
Morehouse College
New England School of Art and Design
Incorporated
New York University
Newberry College
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Dakota State University

Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Ohio University-Main Campus
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University-Main
Campus
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State
Berks
Piedmont University
Point University
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Purdue University-Main Campus
Reed College
Regent University
Reinhardt College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Ryerson University
Saint Louis University
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah College of Art and Design-
Atlanta
Savannah State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Shorter University
Simmons University
South Dakota School of Mines and
Technology
South Georgia State College-Douglas
South Georgia State College-Waycross
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Southern University and A & M College
Spelman College
St. Andrews University
St. Edwards University
St. Elizabeth University
St. John's University-New York
St. Leo University
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Tennessee State University
Texas Christian University
The American University of Paris
The King's College
Toccoa Falls College
Trine University
Troy University
Truett-McConnell College
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Tuskegee University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California-Davis
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver

University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Montevallo
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of New Mexico-Main Campus
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina School of the
Arts
University of North Florida
University of North Georgia
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh
Campus
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida-Main Campus
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Texas at Austin
University of the South-Sewanee
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Victoria
University of Virginia-Main Campus
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of West Florida
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ursinus College
Utah State University
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University
Virginia State University
Voorhees College
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
Webster University
Wesleyan College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia State University
Western Carolina University
Western University
Wilkes Honor College of Florida Atlantic
University
Williamette University
Williams College
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University
York University
Young Harris College