



2025-2026 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.



“MDS perfectly combines high expectations and rigorous academics with exceptional focus on the development of the whole young adult.”

**- Mrs. Kaylee Freeman (2010),
Middle School Principal**

Core Curriculum & Elective Courses

GRADE 6 CORE

English Language Arts
Math Applications
World Geography
Earth Science
Religion

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 - Symphonic
Choral Music

Explorations in Music
Exploring the Theater
Introduction to Latin
Health and Wellness

One Act
STEM Discovery
The World of Studio Art
World Language Exploratory



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2025 -2026 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 259 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 66 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 50% 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 (2022-2026)

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
College Advanced Composition*
College Analyzing Literature*
Mythology
Fantasy Literature
World Literature

MATHEMATICS

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

THEOLOGY

Theology I: Salvation History/Christology
Theology II: The Church/Christian Morality
Theology III: Catholic Social Teaching /Faith and Reason
Catholic Entrepreneurship
Faith in the Modern World
Holocaust Studies
World Religions
Peer Ministry
Philosophy
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 (H)
Essentials of Anatomy
Forensic Science
Astronomy
Geology
Essentials of Zoology

TECHNOLOGY

Digital Technology Essentials
Introduction to Programming (H)
AP Computer Science Principles

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III (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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health
Athletic Fitness and Wellness
Advanced Athletic Development
Advanced Weightlifting

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Symphonic Band
Technical Drama/Advanced
Technical Drama
Speech
Chorale
Yearbook
Art I/Advanced Art
AP Studio Art
Ceramic Design
Theatre Performance/One Act
Film Appreciation and Production

SPECIALTY

SAT Prep and Practice
Senior Practicum
Financial Literacy
AP Seminar
AP Research

*dual enrollment

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (2025-2026)

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
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry

Computer Science Principles
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition

Latin
Macroeconomics
Physics I
Physics II
Psychology
Statistics

Studio Art
United States History
United States Government and Politics
World History

Top Decile of 2025 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.07	Average # of AP courses taken:	9.6
Average Academic GPA:	4.00	AP Exam Scores of 3:	23
Average SAT scores:		AP Exam Scores of 4:	34
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	713	AP Exam Scores of 5:	16
Math	681	AP Scholars	27
SAT Composite	1395	AP Scholars with Honor:	6
ACT Composite	32	AP Scholars with Distinction:	11

- 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.

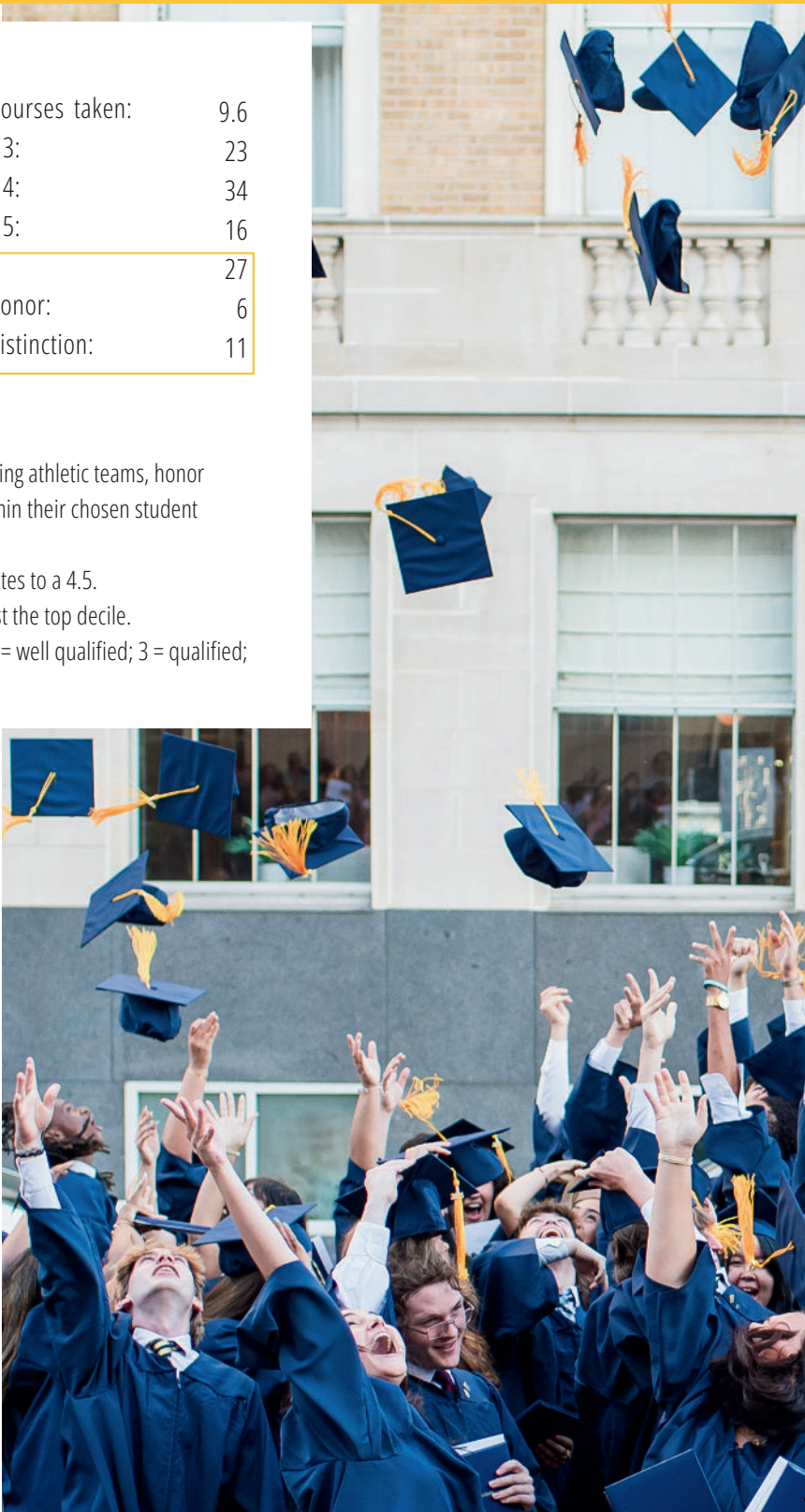
AP Examination Results

Year	Number Taken	Percent of Tests Scored 3-5
2021	345	43%
2022	259	58%
2023	321	56%
2024	296	66%
2025	282	67%

- 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 2018-2025

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
 Belmont Abbey
 Bentley University
 Berry College
 Bethany College
 Binghamton University
 Birmingham Southern College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brenau University
 Brescia University College
 Brevard College
 Brewton-Parker College
 Brigham Young University - Provo
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 Butler 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
 DePaul University
 Dominican University
 Drake University
 Drew University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Duquesne University
 Earlham College
 East Carolina University
 East Georgia State College
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Embry-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 Institute of Technology
 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
 Gonzaga 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
 Jackson State College
 Jacksonville University
 John Cabot University - Rome
 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 Eastern Shore
 Maryland Institute of Art
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McGill University
 McKendree University
 McPherson College
 Mercer University
 Metropolitan State University of Denver
 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
 Montreat College
 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
 Penn West Edinboro
 Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus
 Pennsylvania State University - Penn State
 Berks
 Piedmont University
 Point University
 Presbyterian College
 Princeton University
 Purdue University - Main Campus
 Queens University of Charlotte
 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
 Southern Union State Community College
 Spelman College
 St. Andrews University
 St. Edwards University
 St. Elizabeth University
 St. John's University-New York
 St. Joseph's University
 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
 Thomas University
 Toccoa Falls College
 Trine University
 Trinity University
 Troy University
 Truett-McConnell College
 Tufts University
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 Tuskegee University
 United States Coast Guard Academy
 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
 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 at Greensboro
 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 at Chattanooga
 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 Georgia College
 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