



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

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.

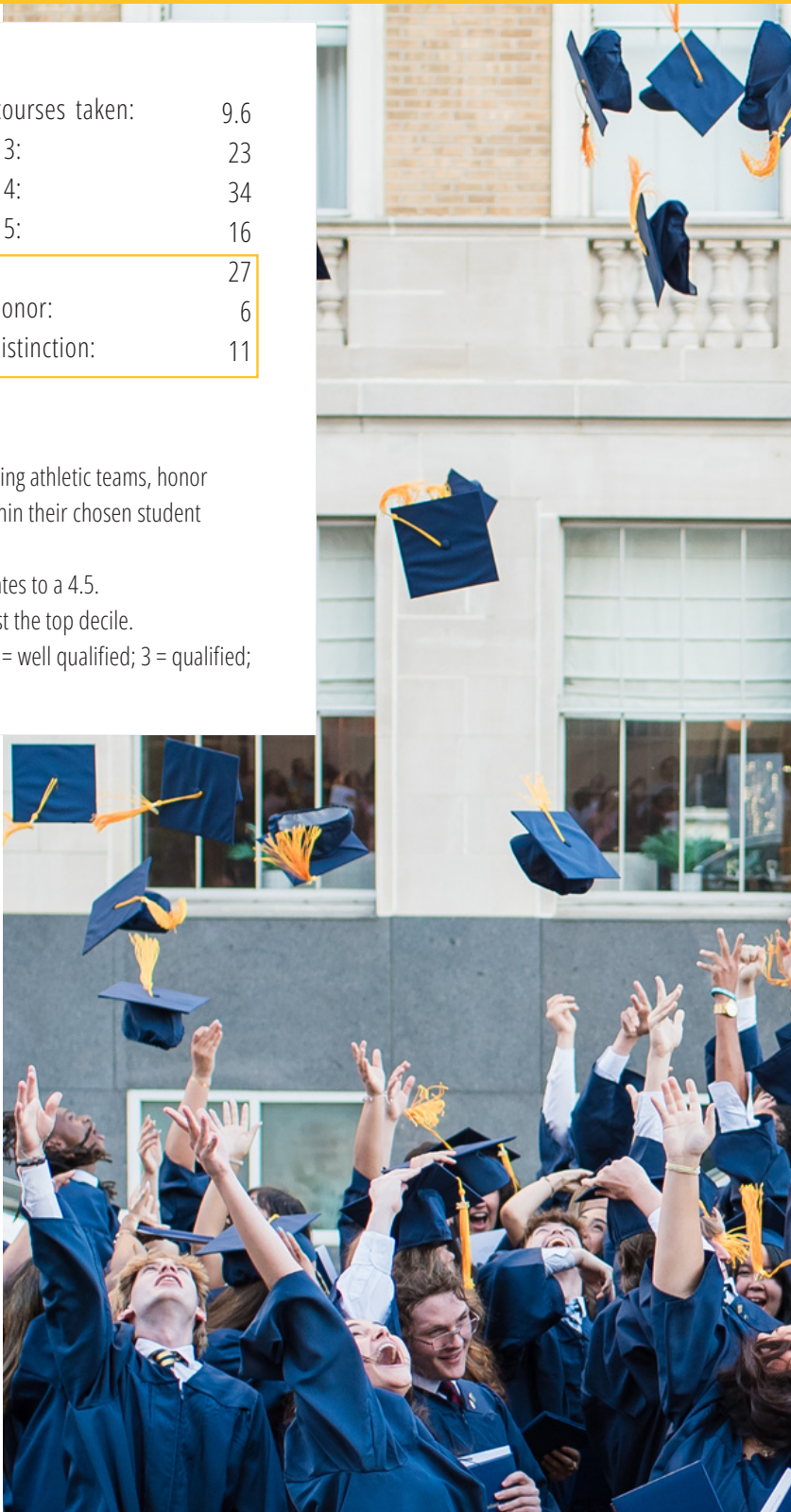
AP Examination Results

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	Ersine College	Notre Dame University	University of Kentucky
Agnes Scott College	Fisk University	Oglethorpe University	University of Maine
Alabama A & M University	Flagler College	Ohio State University - Main Campus	University of Maryland - College Park
Alabama State University	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Ohio University - Main Campus	University of Massachusetts
Albany State University	Florida International University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Miami
Alcorn State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Oklahoma State University	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Allegheny College	Florida Memorial University	Oregon State University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
American University	Florida Southern College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Mississippi
Andrew College	Florida State University	Penn West Edinboro	University of Missouri - Columbia
Appalachian State University	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus	University of Montevallo
Arizona State University	Fort Valley State University	Pennsylvania State University - Penn State	University of Nevada - Las Vegas
Armstrong State University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Berks	University of New Mexico - Main Campus
Auburn University	Franklin and Marshall College	Piedmont University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Augusta University	Full Sail University	Point University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Ave Maria University	Furman University	Presbyterian College	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Barry University	George Mason University	Princeton University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Baylor University	George Washington University	Purdue University - Main Campus	University of North Florida
Belmont Abbey	Georgetown University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of North Georgia
Bentley University	Georgia College and State University	Reed College	University of North Texas
Berry College	Georgia Gwinnett College	Regent University	University of Oklahoma - Norman Campus
Bethany College	Georgia Institute of Technology - Main Campus	Reinhardt College	University of Oregon
Binghampton University	Georgia Military College - Milledgeville	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus
Birmingham Southern College	Georgia Southern University	Rhodes College	University of Rochester
Boston College	Georgia Southwestern State University	Roanoke College	University of San Francisco
Boston University	Georgia State University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Alabama
Brenau University	Gonzaga University	Rollins College	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Brescia University College	Gordon State College	Rutgers University - New Brunswick	University of South Florida - Main Campus
Brevard College	Grambling State University	Ryerson University	University of Southern California
Brewton-Parker College	Grinnell College	Saint Louis University	University of Tampa
Brigham Young University - Provo	Hampton University	Samford University	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Brown University	Hanover College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Bucknell University	Hawaii Pacific University	Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta	University of Texas at Austin
Butler University	High Point University	Savannah State University	University of the South - Seawane
California College of the Arts	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Toronto
Carleton College	Hofstra University	Seton Hall University	University of Vermont
Carolina University	Holy Family University	Shenandoah University	University of Victoria
Case Western Reserve University	Howard University	Shorter University	University of Virginia - Main Campus
Central Georgia Technical College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Simmons University	University of Washington - Seattle Campus
Central State University	Indiana University-Bloomington	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of West Florida
Centre College	Ithaca College	South Georgia State College - Douglas	University of West Georgia
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Jackson State College	South Georgia State College - Waycross	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Jacksonville University	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Ursinus College
Clafflin University	John Cabot University - Rome	Southern Methodist University	Utah State University
Clark Atlanta University	Johns Hopkins University	Southern University and A & M College	Valdosta State University
Clark University	Johnson and Wales University	Southern Union State Community College	Vanderbilt University
Clayton State University	Johnson C Smith University	Spelman College	Villanova University
Clemson University	Keiser University	St. Andrews University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Cleveland Institute of Art	Kennesaw State University	St. Edwards University	Virginia State University
Coastal Carolina University	LaFayette College	St. Elizabeth University	Voorhees College
Coastal College of Georgia	Lingnan University	St. John's University-New York	Wake Forest University
Coastal Pines Technical College	LIU Brooklyn	St. Joseph's University	Washington University in St. Louis
Colgate University	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	St. Leo University	Wayne State University
College for Creative Studies	Loyola Marymount University	Stetson University	Webster University
College of Charleston	Loyola University - Chicago	Stony Brook University	Wesleyan College
College of Coastal Georgia	Loyola University - New Orleans	Syracuse University	Wesleyan University
College of the Holy Cross	Macon State College	Tennessee State University	West Georgia College
College of William and Mary	Marion Military Institute	Texas Christian University	West Virginia State University
College of Wooster	Marquette University	The American University of Paris	Western Carolina University
Colorado School of Mines	Mary Baldwin University	The King's College	Western University
Colorado State University	Maryland Eastern Shore	Thomas University	Wilkes Honor College of Florida Atlantic University
Columbia University	Maryland Institute of Art	Toccoa Falls College	University
Columbus State University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Trine University	Williamette University
Concordia University - Montreal	McGill University	Trinity University	Williams College
Cornell University	McKendree University	Troy University	Wingate University
Covenant College	McPherson College	Truett-McConnell College	Wofford College
Creighton University	Mercer University	Tufts University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Culinary Institute of America - Houston	Metropolitan State University of Denver	Tulane University of Louisiana	Xavier University
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Miami University - Oxford	Tuskegee University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Dalton State College	Michigan State University	United States Coast Guard Academy	Yale University
Dartmouth College	Middle Georgia State University	United States Merchant Marine Academy	York University
Davidson College	Midway University	University at Buffalo	Young Harris College
Denison University	Mississippi State University	University of Alabama	
DePaul University	Missouri Institute of Science and Technology	University of Alabama at Birmingham	
Dominican University	Missouri State University - Springfield	University of Alabama in Huntsville	
Drake University	Montana State University	University of Arizona	
Drew University	Montreat College	University of Arkansas	
Drexel University	Morehouse College	University of California - Davis	
Duke University	New England School of Art and Design Incorporated	University of California - Los Angeles	
Duquesne University	New York University	University of Central Florida	
Earlham College	Newberry College	University of Cincinnati - Main Campus	
East Carolina University	Norfolk State University	University of Colorado	
East Georgia State College	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Connecticut	
Eckerd College	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Dayton	
Elon University	North Dakota State University	University of Delaware	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Dayton	Northeastern University	University of Denver	
Beach	Northern Illinois University	University of Florida	
Emerson College	Northwestern University	University of Georgia	
Emmanuel College		University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign	
Emory University		University of Iowa	
Emory University - Oxford College		University of Kansas	
Endicott College			