



2019-2020 Academic Profiles

Middle School & Upper School



Middle School

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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 185 students enrolled in the Middle School in grades 6-8. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 37% students of color.

Middle School Essentials

- Create small communities of learning
- Teach a core academic program
- Ensure success of all students
- Empower teachers and parents
- Staff the school with specially prepared teachers
- Improve academic performance through health and fitness
- Engage families in education
- Connect schools with communities

Curriculum

The MS curriculum is designed around the eight principles for middle school education, as identified by the Carnegie Council of Adolescent Development.

A wide range of middle school clubs allows students to explore interests and passions beyond the classroom. Student Council, Pep Club, LEGO Robotics, yoga and board games are just a few of our offerings.

Parents are encouraged and expected to be active contributors in their child's education through the Parents Association, daily use of PowerSchool, communication with teachers, participation in Parents Association, and participation with school events.

Grade level community outreach programs are completed as part of the regular curriculum. Service projects by grade are: 6th—Heart Health Awareness, 7th—Local Hunger and Poverty Outreach, 8th—Literacy Readiness.

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is invited to try out for the annual middle school drama production. In addition to actors, many students are needed for stage

design and building, technical assistance, and general backstage management. This is in addition to opportunities to participate in fifteen school-sponsored teams.

Highlights:

- Small class sizes
- Values and virtues emphasized throughout all lessons
- Individual counseling: goal setting, career exploration, peer relationships, school environment, communication, healthy lifestyles, sex education
- Creative problem solving, group work and presentation
- Inquiry and discovery-based science practices
- Organization and study skills emphasized
- Integrated technology, including a 1:1 iPad program
- Nationally ranked quiz bowl team, LEGO robotics team
- All students participate in Scripps spelling bee, National Geographic geography bee, and MathCounts competitions
- Writing across the curriculum in all grades with research skills in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- National Junior Beta Club



Grading Scale

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D	65-69
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	F	0-64
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72		

Courses

GRADE 6 CORE

Math Applications
Language Arts
Earth Science
World Geography
Religion

GRADE 6 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
Art
Beginning Band
Chorus
Typing & Technology

GRADE 7 CORE

Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Language Arts
Life Science
Foundations of Democracy
Religion

GRADE 7 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin
Art
STEM Challenge

Band
Chorus
Theater Arts

GRADE 8 CORE

Algebra I
Algebra I (H)
Geometry (H)
Language Arts
Physical Science
American History
Religion
Confirmation

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin
Marching Band
Concert Band
Chorus
Art
Leadership



Administration

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President

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2019-2020 Upper School Profile

School Mission

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Student Population

There are 375 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 94 students. Historically, 97% of our graduates attend four-year colleges. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 42% 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+	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)
B-	80-82	(3.0)			

- ▶ 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. We treat courses taken at Mercer University as AP courses.
- ▶ Due to the highly academic nature of our program, Mount de Sales does not establish a class rank for its students.

Curriculum

Diploma Endorsement Program: Sophomores may choose to pursue a diploma endorsement in one of six concentrations: science, design, and technology; global studies; history and humanities; Mercy in Action; business management; and healthcare studies. Faculty members mentor students as they design a three-year research or creative project, pursue internships, take a concentrated course of study, and prepare a senior capstone presentation.

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.

Courses

ENGLISH

English I: Genre and Composition
English II: Literature and the Writing Process
American Voices in Literature
AP English Language and Composition
British and Western Literature
AP English Literature 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
Discrete Math/Special Topics in Math
AP Statistics
College Algebra (H)*
College Statistics (H)*
College Readiness Math
Financial Literacy

THEOLOGY

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

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
AP Computer Science Principles
Introduction to Programming (H)
App Design

WORLD LANGUAGES

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

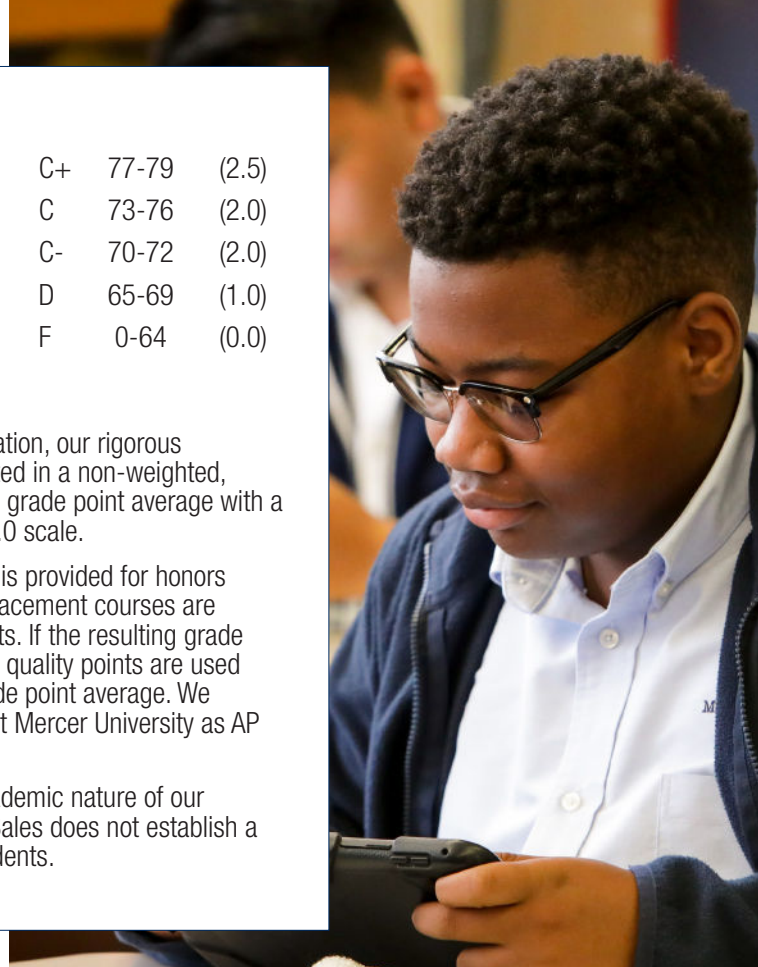
PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/Concert)
Portfolio Development/Advanced Portfolio Development
Acting/Characterization
Technical Drama
Advanced Technical Drama
Dance/Movement
Speech
Introduction to Choral Music
Concert Choir
Chorale
Piano/Intermediate Piano
Drawing and Painting I/Drawing and Painting II
Yearbook
Art I/Art II/Art III

SPECIALTY

SAT Prep and Practice
Leadership and Career Interest Challenge

*dual enrollment



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

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
Environmental Science

Top Decile of 2019 Graduates

Average Cumulative GPA:	4.07
Average Academic GPA:	3.99
Average SAT scores:	
Evidenced-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	706
Math	679
SAT Composite	1384
ACT Composite	29

Average # of AP courses taken:	7
AP Exam Scores of 3:	17
AP Exam Scores of 4:	22
AP Exam Scores of 5:	21
AP Scholars	46
AP Scholars with Honor:	9
AP Scholars with Distinction:	9
National AP Scholar	1

- ▶ 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
2015	413	62%
2016	404	64%
2017	429	68%
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%

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

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2013-2014	3
2014-2015	5
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2015-2019

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	East Georgia State College	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Central Missouri
Agnes Scott College	Eastern Kentucky University	North Carolina State University	University of Cincinnati
Alabama A&M University	Eckerd College	North Central College	University of Connecticut
Alabama State University	Elon University	North Park University	University of Dayton
American College of Dublin	Emmanuel College	Northeastern University	University of Denver
American University	Emory University	Northwestern University	University of Florida
Amherst College	Fisk University	Oglethorpe University	University of Georgia
Andrew College	Florida A&M University	Ohio State University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Appalachian State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Arizona State University	Florida Southern College	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Iowa
Armstrong State University	Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Kansas
Auburn University	Fordham University	Pennsylvania State University - Berks	University of Kentucky
Augusta University	Fort Valley State University	Piedmont Baptist College	University of Massachusetts
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Furman University	Piedmont College	Dartmouth
Baruch College of the CUNY	George Mason University	Presbyterian College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bates College	Georgetown University	Princeton University	University of Memphis
Baylor University	Georgia College	Purdue University	University of Miami
Beloit College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Michigan
Benedictine University (IL)	Georgia Military College	Rhodes College	University of Mississippi
Berklee College of Music	Georgia Southern University	Roanoke College	University of Missouri Columbia
Berry College	Georgia Southwestern State University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Montevallo
Bethany College		Rollins College	University of North Alabama
Binghamton University	Georgia State University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Birmingham-Southern College	George Washington University	Ryerson University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Boston College	Gordon College	Saint Leo University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Boston University	Gordon State College	Saint Mary's College	University of North Georgia
Brandeis University	Greensboro College	Samford University	University of Oklahoma
Brenau University	Guilford College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Pennsylvania
Brescia University College	Hampton University	Savannah State University	University of Pittsburgh
Brewton-Parker College	Hawaii Pacific University	Seton Hall University	University of San Francisco
Brigham Young University	Hofstra University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Brown University	Hong Kong Baptist University	Shorter University	University of South Florida, Tampa
Carleton College	Howard University	Simpson College	University of Tampa
Case Western Reserve University	Illinois Institute of Technology	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Catholic University of America	Indiana Institute of Technology		University of the Virgin Islands-St. Thomas
Central State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	South Georgia College	University of Vermont
Centre College	Jacksonville University	Southern Methodist University	University of Victoria
Chattahoochee Valley State Community College	Johnson C. Smith University	Southern University and A&M College	University of Virginia
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	Kennesaw State University	Spelman College	University of Washington
Claflin University	The King's College	Spring Hill College	University of West Florida
Clark Atlanta University	LaGrange College	St. Andrews University	University of West Georgia
Clark University	Lawrence Technological University	St. Bonaventure University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Clemson University	Lee University	St. John's University	Utah Valley University
Cleveland Institute of Art	Lees-McRae College	St. John's University - Staten Island Campus	Valdosta State University
Coastal Carolina University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Stanford University	Vanderbilt University
Colgate University	Lewis University	Stetson University	Villanova University
College for Creative Studies	Lignan University	Stony Brook University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Charleston	Limestone College	Syracuse University	Voorhees College
College of Coastal Georgia	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Tennessee State University	Wake Forest University
College of the Holy Cross	Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	Wartburg College
College of William & Mary	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Christian University	Washington University in St. Louis
Colorado School of Mines	Loyola University Maryland	The American University of Paris	Wesleyan College
Colorado State University	Loyola University New Orleans	Troy University	Wesleyan University
Columbia College Hollywood	Mary Baldwin University	Tulane University	Western Kentucky University
Columbus State University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tuskegee University	Western University
Concordia College - Moorhead	Maryville College	University at Buffalo The State University of New York	Willamette University
Cornell University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Alabama	Wittenberg University
Creighton University	Mercer University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Xavier University
Crown College	Miami University, Oxford	University of Arizona	Xavier University of Louisiana
Dartmouth College	Michigan State University	University of Arkansas	York University
Davidson College	Middle Georgia State University	University of California, Davis	Young Harris College
Denison University	Mississippi State University	University of California, Irvine	
DePaul University	Missouri State University	University of California, Los Angeles	
Dickinson College	Morehouse College	University of California, San Diego	
Drexel University	New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University	University of California, Santa Barbara	
Duke University	New York University	University of California, Santa Cruz	
Duquesne University	Niagara University	University of Central Florida	
East Carolina University	Norfolk State University		