

2020-2021 Academic Profiles

Middle School & Upper School



Middle School

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2020-2021 Middle 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 152 students enrolled in the Middle School in grades 6-8. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 42% 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, drumline, 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, state 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
Α	93-96	В	83-86	С	73-76	F	0-64
Α-	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 World Languages Keyboarding Intro to Coding

GRADE 7 CORE

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

GRADE 7 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education Art STEM Challenge Band Chorus Drama

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 I,
French I, Latin I
Marching Band
Chorus
Art
Leadership



Administration

Mr. David Held President

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2020-2021 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 366 students enrolled in the Upper School in grades 9-12. The senior class consists of 100 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)
Α	93-96	(4.0)	С	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92	(4.0)	C-	70-72	(2.0)
B+	87-89	(3.5)	D	65-69	(1.0)
В	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

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.

Course Offerings (2017-2021)

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 English (H)*

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)*

THEOLOGY

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

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

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)/AP French Spanish I, II, III (H), IV (H)/AP Spanish 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 College World Civilization I (H)*/ College World Civilization II (H)*

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

Band/Advanced Band (Marching/ Concert)
Portfolio Development I & II Acting/Characterization 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

*dual enrollment

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses (2020-2021)

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 Studio Art

Top Decile of 2020 Graduates

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Average Cumulative GPA:	4.08
Average Academic GPA:	3.99
Average SAT scores:	
Evidenced-Based Reading	
& Writing(EBRW)	714
Math	710
SAT Composite	1424
ACT Composite	30

Average # of AP courses taken:	8
AP Exam Scores of 3:	26
AP Exam Scores of 4:	22
AP Exam Scores of 5:	19
AP Scholars	38
AP Scholars with Honor:	8
AP Scholars with Distinction:	9
National AP Scholar	2

- 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
2016	404	64%
2017	429	68%
2018	458	62%
2019	390	55%
2020	410	61%

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

National Merit Scholarship Program Results

Year	Semifinalists/Finalists
2014-2015	5
2016-2017	1
2017-2018	1
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	1



College Acceptances: Classes of 2016-2020

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Florida Agricultural and Mechanical **Ohio State University** University of Connecticut Agnes Scott College University Ohio Wesleyan University University of Dayton Alabama A & M University Florida Institute of Technology Oxford College of Emory University University of Denver Alabama State University Florida International University Pennsylvania State University University of Florida Albany State University
Alcorn State University
Allegheny College
American College of Dublin Florida Southern College Florida State University Fordham University University of Georgia Piedmont College University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois at Urbana-Piedmont International University Point University Fort Valley State University Presbyterian College Champaign University of Iowa American University Franciscan University of Steubenville Princeton University Appalachian State University Franklin and Marshall College **Purdue University** University of Kansas University of Kentucky Arizona State University **Furman University** Rhodes College University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth **Armstrong State University** George Washington University Roanoke College **Auburn University** Georgetown University Rochester Institute of Technology University of Massachusetts-Amherst University of Memphis Augusta University Georgia College Rollins College Ave Maria University
Baylor University
Beloit College University of Miami University of Michigan University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Georgia Gwinnett College Georgia Institute of Technology Rutgers University-New Brunswick Ryerson University
Saint Louis University Georgia Military College Saint Mary's College Samford University Georgia Southern University Benedictine University University of Mississippi University of Missouri-Columbia Berklee College of Music Georgia Southwestern State Savannah College of Art and Design Savannah State University University of Montevallo Berry College University Georgia State University Gordon State College **Bethany College** University of New Mexico University of North Alabama Binghamton University Seton Hall University Grambling State University Grinnell College Hampden-Sydney College Hampton University Birmingham Southern College Sewanee-The University of the South University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Boston College
Boston University
Brenau University
Brescia University College Shorter University
South Dakota School of Mines and University of North Carolina at Charlotte Technology South Georgia State College University of North Georgia University of Oklahoma University of Pennsylvania Hawaii Pacific University Brewton-Parker College Hofstra University Southeastern Oklahoma State **Brigham Young University** Hong Kong Baptist University University of Pittsburgh University **Brown University Howard University** Southern Methodist University University of San Francisco Illinois Institute of Technology University of South Alabama Southern University and A & M Carleton College Case Western Reserve University Indiana Institute of Technology University of South Carolina Indiana Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington
Jacksonville University
Johnson C Smith University
Kennesaw State University
LaGrange College Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. Andrews University
St. John's University
Stony Brook University, State University of South Florida Central State University University of Tampa University of the Virgin Islands-St. Chattahoochee Valley Community Claflin University **Thomas** Clark Atlanta University University of Vermont Clark University Lawrence Technological University University of New York University of Victoria Clayton State University University of Virginia University of Washington Lee University Syracuse University Clemson University Lignan University Tennessee State University Cleveland Institute of Art Limestone College Texas A&M University University of West Georgia University of West deorgi University of Wisconsin Ursinus College Utah Valley University Valdosta State University Vanderbilt University Coastal Carolina University Long Island University- Brooklyn Texas Christian University Colgate University Louisiana State University The American University of Paris College for Creative Studies College of Charleston College of Coastal Georgia College of the Holy Cross Loyola University Chicago Loyola University New Orleans Marion Military Institute The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina The King's College Marquette University University of Alabama Villanova University Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University University of Arizona Colorado School of Mines Mary Baldwin University Colorado State University Maryland Institute College of Art University of Tennessee Virginia State University Columbia College Hollywood Mercer University University of Texas at Austin Columbus State University Miami University-Oxford Troy University Voorhees College Michigan State University Tulane University of Louisiana Wake Forest University **Cornell University** Middle Georgia State University
Midway University
Mississippi State University Creighton University
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College
Dalton State College Tuskegee University United States Merchant Marine Washington University in St Louis Webster University Wesleyan College Academy Dartmouth College Missouri State University University at Buffalo, State University Wesleyan University Davidson College Morehouse College of New York West Virginia State University Western Carolina University New England School of Art and University of Alabama at Birmingham DePaul University University of Alabama in Huntsville Western University **Drexel University Duke University** University of Arkansas **New York University** Willamette University Niagara University University of California, San Diego William and Mary **Duquesne University** Norfolk State University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University at University of California-Davis University of California-Irvine University of California-Los Angeles University of California-Riverside Williams College Wingate University Wofford College East Carolina University East Georgia State College Eastern Kentucky University Eckerd College Raleigh Xavier University North Central College University of California-Santa Barbara Xavier University of Louisiana **Elon University** University of California-Santa Cruz **Emmanuel College** Northeastern University York University **Emory University** Northwestern University University of Central Florida Young Harris College

University of Cincinnati

Fisk University

Oglethorpe University