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# SCHOOL PROFILE

## ADMINISTRATION

President | *Paul G. Barker, Ed.D.*  
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## COUNSELORS

Director of Counseling | *Shena Thompson-Jones, M.A.*  
Counselor | *Todd Handelman, LCSW-C*  
Counselor | *Justin Junghans, M.S.*  
Counselor | *Jennifer Smith, M.A.*  
Director of College Counseling | *Jill Kasprzak, M.A.*  
College Counselor | *Bria Bourgeois, M.Ed.*  
College Counselor | *Josh Lubben, M.A.*  
Director of Ryken Program | *Loren Bass, M.A.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

At Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, a Catholic high school sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers, we inspire our students to excel, serve, and love.

## COMMUNITY

Founded in 1958, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School is located in Montgomery County, MD. Admission to the school is selective and based on previous school records, teacher recommendations, and standardized testing. Students of all academic levels find success in Good Counsel's Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, STEM, Honors and College Preparatory programs. For highly motivated students with mild learning disabilities, the Ryken Studies Program offers a structured, small-group learning environment. Eighty-nine percent of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Enrollment is currently 1258 in grades 9 - 12 with 319 students in the class of 2022.

## ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The school is fully accredited by the State of Maryland and dually accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools (AIMS) and the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Our Lady of Good Counsel High School has twice been named as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" by the U.S. Department of Education. It is a member of the College Entrance Examination Board, the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

## CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The academic year consists of a block schedule of 75 minute periods that meet on alternate days throughout the year. Students earn a minimum of seven credits per year with 28 required for graduation. The credit requirements are:

- Religious Studies (4)
- English (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Foreign Languages (3)
- Science (3)
- Social Studies (3)
- Fine Arts (1)
- Technology (1)
- Physical Education and Health (1.5)
- General Electives (3.5-7)

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers a comprehensive, college-preparatory curriculum to all students. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and STEM courses are offered.

**Advanced Placement** | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers 19 AP courses. In 2021, 755 AP exams were given with 78% of the scores in the 3 - 5 range. For a full list of AP class offerings please visit [www.olgchs.org/ap](http://www.olgchs.org/ap)

**International Baccalaureate** | Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers 27 IB courses. In 2021, 29 IB subjects were examined with 41 of the 45 candidates in the class of 2021 receiving IB Diploma. Students apply for entry into the International Baccalaureate program their sophomore year and begin taking the IB curriculum their junior year. For a full list of IB course offerings please visit [www.olgchs.org/ib](http://www.olgchs.org/ib)

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School reserves the right to limit the number of AP classes a student can enroll in during any year. With the exception of a few courses, the majority of AP and IB classes are completed during junior and senior year.

**Project Lead The Way (STEM program - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)** | This nationwide curriculum introduces high school students to the basic principles of engineering. This is a four-year honors elective program exploring: Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering of Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Design and Development. Space is limited, and students must be invited to participate. For more information about the STEM program please visit [www.olgchs.org/stem](http://www.olgchs.org/stem)

## COVID-19

Beginning mid-October 2020, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School transitioned from a distance learning approach to hybrid learning. Students alternated in-person learning with distance learning. Good Counsel continued to award letter grades. We have returned to 100% in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 academic year.

## GRADING SYSTEM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79 (Min. for college recommendation)  
D = 60 - 69  
F = Below 60

Full year course calculation:	
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter:	20%
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter:	20%
Mid terms:	10%
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter:	20%
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter:	20%
Final exams:	10%

The grade point average, which is computed cumulatively, ranges from 4.0 for an A and 1.0 for a D. Beginning with the Class of 2022, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School no longer uses a weighted grading scale for honors, AP or IB classes.

**ALL GPAS PROVIDED ON THE TRANSCRIPT ARE UNWEIGHTED.**

**Consistent with the policies of area high schools, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School does not rank students.**

## COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST SCORES/ACHIEVEMENT

**Mean ACT score (Class of '21) n = 52 students**

English = 27 | Math = 26 | Reading = 28 | Science = 26 | Composite = 27

**Mean SAT score (Class of '21) n = 229 students**

EBRW = 620 | Math = 610

**National Merit Scholarship Program (Class of '21)**

2 - Finalists | 9 - Commended Students

**National Hispanic Recognition Program (Class of '21)**

2 - Scholars

## ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School offers more than 60 clubs and activities to serve the diverse interests of the student body. We participate in 54 varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen level athletic teams in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.



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The Class of 2021 received offers of over 34 million dollars in scholarships to colleges and universities. Below is a partial list of colleges and universities offering admission to our past graduates.

American University	Haverford University	Swarthmore College
Amherst College	High Point University	Syracuse University
Auburn University	Howard University James	Towson University
Barnard College	Madison University John	Tufts University
Baylor University	Carroll University Johns	Tulane University
Bates College	Hopkins University	U of California - Berkeley
Berklee College of Music	Kenyon College	U of Chicago
Boston College	Lafayette College	U of Connecticut
Boston University	LaSalle University	U of Dayton
Brown University	Lehigh University	U of Delaware
Bryn Mawr College	Loyola Marymount University	U of Florida
Bucknell University	Loyola University Maryland	U of Georgia
California Institute of Technology	Loyola University Chicago	U of Maryland - College Park
Carnegie Mellon University Case	Marquette University	UMBC
Western Reserve University	Maryland Institute College Of Art	U of Mary Washington
Catholic University of America	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	U of Miami
The Citadel	McDaniel College	U of Michigan
Clemson University	Miami University - Ohio	U of Minnesota
Coastal Carolina University	Michigan State University	U of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Colgate University	Morehouse College	U of North Carolina - Wilmington
College of Charleston	Mount St. Mary's University	U of Notre Dame
College of the Holy Cross	New York University	U of Pennsylvania
College of William and Mary	Northeastern University Northwestern	U of Pittsburgh
Colorado College	University	U of Richmond
Columbia University	Notre Dame of Maryland University	U of Rochester
Corcoran Art and Design	Oberlin College	U of Scranton
Cornell University	Ohio University	U of South Carolina
Dartmouth College	Quinnipiac University	U of Southern California
Dickinson College	Penn State University	U of Wisconsin
Drexel University	Pratt Institute	U of Vermont
Duke University	Princeton University	U of Virginia
Duquesne University	Providence College	U.S. Air Force Academy
Elon University	Purdue University	U.S. Military Academy
Emory University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	U.S. Naval Academy
Fordham University	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Florida Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	Vassar College
Franklin and Marshall University	Rutgers University	Villanova University
George Mason University	Saint Joseph's University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	Saint Louis University	Wake Forest University
Georgetown University	Salisbury University	Washington and Lee University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington University (St. Louis)
Gettysburg College	Southern Methodist University	Williams College
Goucher College	Spelman College	Xavier University
Hampton University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Yale University
Harvard University	Stanford University	