



# VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

## School Profile

## 2022–2023

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### Mission Statement

Villa Maria Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls, rooted in the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

VMA is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse community, which respects and promotes the integration of underrepresented groups into its community. VMA recognizes the many dimensions of diversity and the broad, complex, and dynamic nature of human difference and similarity. Diversity and inclusion are essential in an educational environment, including preparing students for citizenship in a global society and sharing VMA's mission as a Catholic and IHM congregational school.

### Faculty

There are 50 faculty members at Villa Maria, including both religious and lay women and men. The VMA Counseling Department consists of 7 full-time staff members. 86% of Villa Maria's faculty and Counseling Department staff hold a master's degree or higher.

### Enrollment

There are 422 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the 2022-23 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 10 to 1; the average class size is 13.

### Accreditation

The school is accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Memberships include NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS, NCGS, and National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admissions Counseling.

### College Profile

100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Class of 2022 applied to 210 schools and currently attend 52 different colleges. This class earned a total of more than \$16 million in scholarships.

### Academic Profile

VMA requires students to complete a sequence of coursework in Theology, English, Mathematics, Science, World Languages, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Computer Science, Physical Education, Health, and Wellness/Counseling, plus elective courses. They are also required to participate in a Capstone experience that is the broadest application of their learning and research skills. VMA operates on a block schedule with semester and year-end grade reports. In 2022, VMA had 141 AP students; all AP-level students are required to take the AP exam.

### Discipline Code

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported by VMA to colleges and universities. We will guide our senior students to fully disclose any serious discipline infractions that occur after applications have been submitted to colleges.

### Senior Capstone Program

This required program is an inquiry-based experience, driven by student interest. It involves critical thinking, investigative research, problem solving, summarizing findings, and application of prior and acquired knowledge through documented field experience and/or service.

### Service Learning Experiential Program

VMA offers local, national, and international service immersion trips, as well as local and regional service opportunities. Service learning occurs through education, prayer, reflection, and action.

### Dual Enrollment

Students have the opportunity to earn college credits with Immaculata University. This is suitable for students who have exceeded the high school curriculum offerings.

### VMA Scholars Program

This program is an invitation-based opportunity for students who excel on their high school entrance exam and receive an academic scholarship to attend Villa Maria. Students asked to be a part of this program demonstrate the highest level of cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning.

## Spring 2020, 2020-21 and 2021-2022 Academic Years and Grading

VMA transitioned to virtual learning on March 30, 2020, at the end of the 3rd quarter. Online classes were live and included lectures, class discussions, homework, and assessments. VMA students earned complete, alpha/numeric Semester 2 grades. Normal letter grading was in place for both the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic year, with no COVID-related interruptions in the 2021-2022 academic school year.

### VMA Hurricane Huddle

This program is designed to foster skills to cultivate a safe and positive school climate, develop healthy relationships with peers and faculty, and create a nurturing environment. Our foundational curriculum is designed to support the student's growth and development through evidence-based methods, with the intention of maximizing the goal that every Villa graduate is confident and ready to navigate the complexities of college and career. The skills addressed and strengthened include critical thinking, emotion management, conflict resolution, decision making, and teamwork. The student's participation in this program will not be reflected on her transcript.

### Advanced Placement Program

VMA offers 24 AP courses. Students are limited in the amount of AP courses they can take during grades 9 and 10, and can be limited based on class sizes in grades 11 and 12.

Art History	Environmental Science	Psychology
Biology	French Language and Culture	Spanish Language and Culture
Calculus AB	Latin	Statistics
Calculus BC	Microeconomics	Studio Art, Drawing
Computer Science A	Music Theory	Studio Art, 2 Dimensional
Computer Science Principles	Physics 1	U.S. Government and Politics
English Language and Composition	Physics C: Mechanics	U.S. History
English Literature and Composition	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	World History

### Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria Academy offers a four-year, eight-semester, college preparatory program. All students at VMA are expected to take a minimum of 28 credits. Each major subject is equal to one credit. All courses are offered at college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement levels. Students have opportunities to earn additional credits according to their individual needs and future plans.

Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Theology	4.00	World Languages	3.00	Senior Capstone	1.00
English	4.00	Elective courses	3.00	Wellness/Counseling	1.00
Mathematics	3.00	Fine Arts	1.00	Health	0.50
Science	3.00	Computer Science	1.00	Physical Education	0.50
Social Studies	3.00				

### Grading Scale

Villa Maria Academy uses an alpha grading system, with C+ (82) considered college qualifying and D passing. Courses are weighted according to the degree of challenge, making it possible to have a GPA greater than 4.1.

A+ (100-98)	4.1	B+ (90-88)	3.5	C+ (82-80)	2.5	D+ (74-73)	1.5
A (97-93)	4.0	B (87-85)	3.0	C (79-77)	2.0	D (72-70)	1.0
A- (92-91)	3.8	B- (84-83)	2.8	C- (76-75)	1.8	F (69)	0.0

### Standardized Testing

Villa Maria reports the middle 50% range of standardized testing.

#### Class of 2022

SAT: 1160 – 1300      EBRW: 590 – 650      Math 570 – 650      ACT: 25 – 28

#### Class of 2021

SAT: 1110 – 1320      EBRW: 520 – 770      Math 430 – 740      ACT: 21 – 28

#### Class of 2020

SAT: 1110 – 1320      EBRW: 570 – 660      Math 530 – 670      ACT: 21 – 28

## College Enrollments for the Class of 2022

American University (3)  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bryant University  
 Catholic University of America (5)  
 Clemson University (2)  
 College of the Holy Cross (2)  
 DeSales University  
 Drexel University  
 Duquesne University (2)  
 Elon University (2)  
 Fairfield University (3)  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 High Point University  
 Immaculata University  
 James Madison University (2)  
 La Salle University  
 Lafayette College  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University Maryland (2)  
 Marist College  
 Mercer University  
 Northeastern University  
 Penn State University (Main Campus) (7)  
 Providence College  
 Purdue University (Main Campus)  
 Saint Joseph's University (2)  
 San Diego State University (2)  
 Spelman College (2)  
 Temple University  
 The Ohio State University (Main Campus)  
 The University of Alabama  
 The University of Tampa  
 The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (6)  
 Thomas Aquinas College  
 Towson University (2)  
 Tulane University of Louisiana  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Delaware (4)  
 University of Maryland (College Park)  
 University of Miami  
 University of Notre Dame (4)  
 University of Pittsburgh (6)  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Washington (Seattle Campus)  
 Villanova University (3)  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)  
 Wake Forest University  
 Xavier University