



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

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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, Inclusion, and Belonging

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 52 faculty members at Villa Maria, including both religious and lay women and men. The VMA Counseling Department consists of 7 full-time staff members. 87% of Villa Maria's faculty and Counseling Department staff hold a master's degree or higher.

Enrollment

There are 417 female students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 for the 2023-24 academic year. The student-to-faculty ratio is 9 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 Admission Counseling.

College Profile

100% of VMA graduates plan to attend a four-year college or university. The Villa Maria graduating Class of 2023 applied to 180 schools and currently attend 56 different colleges. This class earned a total of more than \$18 million in scholarships.

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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 and a Senior Capstone experience. VMA operates on a block schedule with semester and year-end grade reports. In 2023, VMA had 152 AP students; all AP-level students are required to take the AP Exam.

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 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 wish to supplement 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 earn 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. Students in this program are required to take certain curricular classes in order to graduate as a VMA Scholar.

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.

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

While VMA offers 24 AP courses, the average VMA student takes two to three AP courses per year due to the rigorous nature of our curriculum. 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-D
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. Class of 2024 requirements:

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 a numerical grading system, with 82 considered college qualifying and 70 passing. Courses are weighted according to the degree of challenge, making it possible to have a GPA greater than 4.1.

100-98.....	4.1	90-88.....	3.5	82-80.....	2.5	74-73.....	1.5
97-93.....	4.0	87-85.....	3.0	79-77.....	2.0	72-70.....	1.0
92-91.....	3.8	84-83.....	2.8	76-75.....	1.8	≤69.....	0.0

Standardized Testing

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

Class of 2023

SAT: 1160 – 1300 EBRW: 590 – 680 Math 560 – 680 ACT: 25 – 29

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

College Enrollments for the Class of 2023

Auburn University (3)
Boston College
Bucknell University
Catholic University of America (4)
Clemson University (2)
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross (2)
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Fairfield University (2)
Florida Atlantic University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
Gettysburg College
High Point University
Immaculata University (2)
James Madison University (2)
King's College
Lafayette College (2)
Lehigh University
Loyola University Maryland
Michigan State University
Montclair State University
Neumann University
Penn State University (Berks)
Penn State University (University Park) (14)
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rice University
Rowan University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Saint Joseph's University (4)
San Diego State University
School of Visual Arts
Susquehanna University
Temple University
The University of Alabama (2)
The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (2)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (San Diego)
University of Delaware (5)
University of Denver
University of Iowa
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) (3)
University of Richmond
University of Scranton (2)
University of Southern California
Villanova University (5)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (2)
William & Mary