



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2024-2025

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Villa at a Glance

- Enrollment: 427; student to teacher ratio 10:1
- Faculty and Counselors: 57
- Graduates attending 4-year colleges: 100%
- Accredited: Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- Membership: NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS, and National and Pennsylvania Associations of College Admission Counseling

Graduation Requirements

Villa Maria Academy offers a four-year, eight-semester, rigorous college preparatory program. All students at VMA are expected to successfully complete the following graduation requirements and take a minimum of 28 credits.

Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Theology.....	4.00	World Languages.....	3.00	Senior Capstone.....	1.00
English.....	4.00	Elective courses.....	2.75	Wellness/Counseling.....	1.00
Social Studies.....	3.50	Fine Arts.....	0.75	Health.....	0.50
Science.....	3.00	Computer Science.....	1.00	Physical Education.....	0.50
Mathematics.....	3.00				

Curriculum

- All courses are offered at college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement levels.
- Students are expected to achieve certain grades as well as teacher recommendation and, in some circumstances, a writing sample in CP level courses, to receive recommendation to advance to honors.
 - > STEM: 93% - 98%
 - > Humanities: 91% - 93%
- Students are not eligible for honors science without being in honors math.
- A GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year and includes only grades earned at VMA. For students who transferred to Villa Maria after ninth grade, previous transcripts are included in a student's application materials.

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

Advanced Placement

The average VMA student takes three AP courses over their four years due to the rigorous nature of our curriculum. It is rare for a student to take an AP course during grades 9 and 10 and students can be limited in grades 11 and 12 due to class size and sections offered. All students are required to sit for the AP exam. Note: Not every AP class is offered each school year.

Villa Maria offers 24 AP courses: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French Language and Culture, Latin, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, Studio Art: Drawing, Studio Art 2D, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, World History.

Programming Unique to Villa Maria Academy

Villa Maria offers a variety of optional and required programs that provide next-level learning and authentic, challenging opportunities for students.

Senior Capstone

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

Service Learning, a requirement at Villa Maria, connects the curriculum with an educated, meaningful response to the needs of the community, enabling students to use their academic and social abilities to improve the community. Villa Maria offers local, national, and international service immersion trips, as well as local and regional opportunities. VMA students routinely exceed their service requirements, finding joy, fulfillment, and purpose in serving others. In 2023-24, Villa students performed more than 8,800 hours of service in the community.

Dual Enrollment with Immaculata University

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.

St. Teresa of Ávila Scholars Program

This program is uniquely designed for students who seek and show the aptitude for deeper academic challenge beyond the Honors and AP levels offered at Villa Maria. Starting with Villa Maria's Class of 2029, admission to this prestigious program will be via application in February of one's freshman year, to start in sophomore year. Students must possess demonstrated cognitive aptitude, intellectual curiosity, and a thirst for learning. Students take coursework at the highest level while participating in programming that provides authentic experiences and research.

Hurricane Huddle

This program fosters skills to cultivate a safe and positive school climate, develop healthy relationships with peers and faculty, and create a nurturing environment. The foundational curriculum supports student growth and development through evidence-based methods, with the intention of ensuring every Villa graduate is confident and ready to navigate the complexities of college and career. The skills addressed include critical thinking, emotion management, conflict resolution, decision making, and teamwork. The student's Huddle participation is now reflected on her transcript.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Villa Maria Academy is committed to creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community that respects and promotes the integration of underrepresented groups into its community.

Discipline Code

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported by Villa Maria Academy 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.

Villa Maria Mission Statement

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

College Enrollments for the Class of 2024

Auburn University (1)
Boston College (2)
Bucknell University
Catholic University of America
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
DeSales University
Drexel University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Florida State University
Franklin & Marshall College
Hawai'i Pacific University
High Point University
Immaculata University (2)
James Madison University
Kent State University
Penn State University (University Park) (15)
Quinnipiac University (2)
San Diego State University (2)
Spelman College
Syracuse University (2)
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The University of Alabama (2)
The University of Montana
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (6)
The University of Texas at Austin
University of California (San Diego)
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware (2)
University of Hartford
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina (2)
Ursinus College
Villanova University (5)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (4)
West Virginia University (2)