

The logo for Mount St. Dominic Academy (MSDA) features a blue background with a faint, circular emblem on the left side. The letters "MSDA" are prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font on the right side of the blue background.

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MOUNT ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY 2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

School and Community - Mount Saint Dominic Academy is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school established in 1892 by the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell. Staff includes the Sisters of Saint Dominic and carefully chosen lay faculty, who are dedicated to the values and missions of the academy. The student population is diverse in ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds and resides in Essex, Morris, Passaic, Union, Bergen, Sussex, and Hudson Counties.

Mission - The Mount community is committed to seeking the Truth in all aspects of life. The students are able to realize their individual gifts and talents in an atmosphere that fosters academic excellence, respect for diversity, appreciation for the gifts of creation, moral integrity, and a heritage rich in Christ-centered values.

Accreditation – The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and holds membership in the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Honors and AP Courses - Admission to honors and advanced placement courses are approved by the principal. There are 14 Advanced Placement courses offered to juniors and seniors. All students enrolled in an AP course(s) are required to sit for the respective AP Exam(s).

Peer Leadership Program - Fourteen senior leaders are trained to guide incoming freshmen in weekly group sessions to discuss time management, social skills and general well-being. The application process is highly competitive and a position on the team is considered one of the highest honors.

Directed Research Capstone – This course allows juniors and seniors to design, plan, and implement a yearlong investigation to address a research question related to their interests. Students learn research methods; employ ethical research practices; and access, analyze, and synthesize information in preparation for a paper and presentation with oral defense.

The Entrepreneur Program is a two-year intensive, taught by faculty, business experts, and professional entrepreneurs, encompassing the full life cycle of creating a business or product from ideation to launch, with the focus on **Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Opportunities**.

The Endorsement programs in Health Sciences and Social Justice, which incorporate a two-year sequence of courses, permit students interested in careers in health sciences and social justice to pursue in-depth explorations of those areas, similar to a major in college.

ADMISSIONS

Admission to Mount Saint Dominic Academy is based on one or more of the following:

- High School Placement Test
- Applicant's Elementary School Record
- Recommendation of Elementary School Principal
- Personal Interviews

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system is a numerical one with 70 as the lowest passing mark. Grades are distributed four times a year. The calendar is divided into two semesters of approximately 18 weeks with each semester followed by a week of examinations. Semester grades include exam grades. Lab sciences grant 6 credits for the year and all other major courses grant five credits for the year.

GRADING SCALE

95-100=A+=4.5	85-89=B+=3.5	75-79=C+=2.5
90-94=A =4.0	80-84=B =3.0	70-74=C =2.0

Weighting Policy - Students receive an extra 3 points for honors classes and 5 points for AP classes. The weighting is **only** reflected in their GPA, not individual grades.

To Qualify for First Honors - The total weighted average for major courses must be 93 or higher. All grades for courses in the marking period must be 90 or higher, including all exam marks in the second and fourth marking periods.

To Qualify for Second Honors - The total weighted average for major courses must be 90 or higher. All grades for courses in the marking period must be 85 or higher, including all exam marks in the second and fourth marking periods.

RANK - Due to the challenging and competitive nature of the academic curriculum, MSDA **does not rank** its students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

Students must earn at least 140 credits in order to graduate. The following subjects are required:

Theology	20 Credits
* English	20 Credits
* World Language	10 Credits
* Mathematics	15 Credits
* Social Studies	15 Credits
* Science	10 Credits
Academic Electives	50 Credits

* Honors and/or AP courses are offered. All other courses offered are on college prep level.

Class of 2026 at a Glance

Class Size: 56
Highest GPA: 100.071
Number of Students who have participated in AP Courses: 54

Class of 2025 by the Numbers

Data about the 61 Seniors in the Class of 2025:
\$17,605,236 awarded in merit scholarships
Average GPA of 94.608
Students going on to play varsity collegiate sports - 5

CEEB Code: 310180

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COURSES OFFERED FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

ENGLISH

English I*, II*, III*, IV*
AP English Literature and Composition
AP English Language and Composition
Journalism and Digital Media
Creative Writing

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I*, II*
Geometry & Trigonometry*
Precalculus*
Calculus*
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Statistics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education I, II
Driver Education Theory

COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Intro to Engineering
Artificial Intelligence
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity
Intro to Robotics & Computer
Programming
AP Computer Science Principles

RELIGION

Introduction to Theology
Sacred Scripture
Church History/Morality
Social Justice

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I*, II*, III*, IV*
French I*, II*, III*, IV*
Latin I*, II*, III*
AP Spanish Language & Culture

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Introduction to Art
Creative Expression
Instrumental Music Performance
Photography
Drawing & Painting
Advanced Studio Art
Choir
Dance

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History I*, II*
AP World History
US History*
AP US History
AP US Government and Politics
American Civics & Government*

SOCIAL STUDIES (Cont'd)

Human Geography*
Holocaust/Genocide Studies
Intro to Psychology
AP Psychology
Directed Research Capstone
Maximizing Your Learning Style

SCIENCE

Biology*
AP Biology
Chemistry*
AP Chemistry
Physics*
Advanced Physics
AP Environmental Science
Environmental Science*
Microbiology*
Anatomy & Physiology*

BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Women in Business
Financial Literacy
Introduction to Business
Entrepreneurship (L.E.O.) I, II
Marketing

*Honors level is available for that course

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AT MSDA

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Student Council
National Honor Society
National French Honor Society
National Spanish Honor Society
National Science Honor Society
National Mathematics Honor Society
International Thespian Society
Dominican Preachers

76 % of our students participate in one or more athletic teams and 68% of students are involved in fine & performing arts

Service hours are required for each grade level, for a total of 72 hours over 4 years. This call to service deepens each student's understanding of our Dominican spirit and tradition and the role it plays in her life.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Distributive Education Clubs of America
Social Justice Concentration
Health Science Concentration
Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Opportunity
Health Occupations Students of America

PUBLICATIONS

Argosy *School Newspaper*
Golden Fleece *Literary Magazine*
Lumen *School Yearbook*

ATHLETICS

13 Varsity Sports

***Over 30 Clubs and Activities**

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GRADUATES

100% of our graduates were accepted to four-year colleges and 100% plan to attend four-year colleges immediately after graduation. Below are some of the colleges to which students have been accepted over the last three years.

American University	Loyola University Maryland	Syracuse University
Auburn University	Lynn University	Temple University
Bard College	Manhattan College	Texas A & M University
Boston College	Marist College	Texas Christian University
Boston University	Marquette University	Tufts University
Bowdoin College	Michigan State University	Tulane University
Bucknell University	Monmouth University	University of Alabama
Catholic University of America	Montclair State University	University of California
Clarkson University	Moravian College	University of Colorado
Clemson University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Colgate University	New York University	University of Delaware
College of Charleston	North Carolina State University	University of Florida
College of New Jersey	Northeastern University	University of Georgia
College of the Holy Cross	Northwestern University	University of Maine
College of William and Mary	Oberlin College	University of Maryland
Connecticut College	Ohio State University	University of Massachusetts
Dickinson College	Pace University	University of Miami
Drew University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Michigan
Drexel University	Providence College	University of Mississippi
Duquesne University	Purdue University	University of New Hampshire
Elon University	Quinnipiac University	University of Notre Dame
Emory University	Ramapo College	University of Pennsylvania
Fairfield University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pittsburgh
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Rider University	University of Rhode Island
Fordham University	Rowan University	University of Richmond
Franklin & Marshall College	Rutgers University	University of Rochester
George Washington University	Sacred Heart University	University of Scranton
Georgetown University	Saint John's University	University of South Carolina
Georgia Institute of Technology	Saint Joseph's University	University of Southern California
Gettysburg College	Saint Michael's College	University of Tampa
Hamilton College	Salve Regina University	University of Tennessee
Haverford College	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Texas
High Point University	Seton Hall University	University of Vermont
Hofstra University	Siena College	University of Virginia
Indiana University	Skidmore College	University of Wisconsin
Ithaca College	Smith College	Villanova University
James Madison University	Southern Methodist University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Lafayette College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Washington & Lee University
Lehigh University	Stockton University	Washington University St. Louis
Loyola University Chicago	Susquehanna University	Wake Forest University

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