



# VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

## School Profile 2025-2026

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### Villa at a Glance

- Enrollment: 424; student to teacher ratio 10:1
- Full time faculty and counselors: 54
- 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	3.00	Wellness/Counseling	1.00
Social Studies	3.50	Fine Arts	0.75	Health	0.50
Science	3.00	Computer Science	0.75	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%
- 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.

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- most being single sections. 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.

\*Indicates not offered in the 2025-26 school year.

## 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.

### 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. Dual enrollment classes are given the same weight as an AP class.

- Dual Enrollment #1: Database and Information
- Dual Enrollment #2: Sport Psychology
- Dual Enrollment #3: Accounting & Budgeting
- Dual Enrollment #4: Data Analytics

### 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. Each Scholar will declare a "focus" of either STEM or Humanities, and this determination will serve to guide the student's course selection for her remaining years at Villa. Each Scholar earned an academic scholarship for being in the program upon admission to VMA.

### 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 2024-25, Villa students performed more than 8,800 hours of service in the community.

### Hurricane Huddle

This program fosters skills to cultivate a safe, positive school climate, develop healthy relationships with peers and faculty, and create a nurturing environment. The foundational curriculum supports growth and development through evidence-based methods, with the intention of ensuring each Villa graduate is 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 reflected on her transcript.

## 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.

## 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.

## College Enrollments for the Class of 2025

American University  
Arizona State University (Tempe)  
Auburn University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Catholic University of America (2)  
Clemson University (2)  
College of Charleston  
DeSales University (2)  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Elon University  
Fairfield University (4)  
Florida Atlantic University  
Fordham University (2)  
Gettysburg College  
High Point University (2)  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
La Salle University  
Lafayette College (2)  
Lehigh University (4)  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Morgan State University  
Mount St Mary's University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Penn State University (University Park) (8)  
Pepperdine University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University (Main Campus)  
Saint Joseph's University (5)  
Temple University  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Alabama (2)  
The University of Tampa  
Tufts University  
Tulane University of Louisiana  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware (4)  
University of Florida  
University of Kentucky  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Maryland (College Park)  
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)  
University of Mississippi  
University of Oklahoma (2)  
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh) (6)  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond (2)  
University of South Carolina (6)  
University of South Florida (Main Campus)  
University of St Andrews  
University of Toronto  
University of Wisconsin (Madison)  
Villanova University (5)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (5)  
Washington College  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania (2)  
William & Mary  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*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.*