OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL

Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

What is the application deadline for prospective students?
For 8th grade students applying, either from an Archdiocese of Washington school or a non-Archdiocese of Washington school, applications must be submitted by Friday, December 5, 2025.

Can I visit Good Counsel before applying?
We encourage all interested students to visit Good Counsel before they begin the admission process. We offer three opportunities for students and their families to learn more about Good Counsel in person—an open house hosted every fall, several shadow visit days for 8th grade students, and parent school tours. During shadow visits, prospective students experience a full day on campus and have the opportunity to meet faculty, attend classes, and explore all Good Counsel has to offer from the viewpoint of an actual student.

How many applications do you receive each year?
The Admissions Office receives approximately 800+ active applications each year. From those, Good Counsel selects a freshman class of 300.

How are scholarship decisions made?
Academic scholarships are awarded to high-achieving students who score in the top percentile on the HSPT, display outstanding academic performance, and commit to extracurricular involvement.

What is the average class size?
The school-wide average class size is 20. Good Counsel's student-teacher ratio is 13 to 1.

What percentage of your senior class is college-bound?
99% of Good Counsel graduates are accepted at a four-year university. Good Counsel High School graduates attend colleges and universities across the nation, ranging from fine arts institutions to Ivy League schools.