



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

School Profile 2026-2027 | CEEB Code: 392375

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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.

Villa at a Glance

Enrollment: 405

Student to teacher ratio: 10:1

Class of 2027: 105 students

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

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. Students participate 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. Students involved in the Scholars program will have Scholars Seminar indicated on their transcript.

Discipline Code

Discipline infractions that result in suspension or expulsion will be reported by Villa Maria Academy to colleges and universities through letters of recommendation. We will guide our senior students to fully disclose any serious discipline infractions that occur after applications have been submitted to colleges.

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. The project culminates in a two-week-long mentorship experience in the professional world.

Service Learning

Service Learning connects the curriculum with an educated, meaningful response to the needs of the community. Through service, our students are encouraged to reflect on issues of social justice and their responses to them. Each student will graduate having performed 70+ hours of service.

Hurricane Huddle

Hurricane Huddle focuses on student mind, body, and spirit wellness, providing small group learning and a consistent community of support. The skills addressed include critical thinking, emotion management, conflict resolution, decision making, and teamwork. A student stays with their Huddle for the duration of their time at Villa Maria.



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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
Theology	4.00
English	4.00
Social Studies	3.50
Science	3.00
Mathematics	3.00
World Languages	3.00
Elective courses	3.25
Fine Arts	0.75
Computer Science	0.50
Senior Capstone	1.00
Wellness/Counseling	1.00
Health	0.50
Physical Education	0.50

Grade Point Average

Grade point average is determined on a 4.0 scale with slight weight given to the higher-level courses. Honors receives a 0.2 weight and AP receives a 0.3 weight.

Grading Scale		GPA Distribution	
100-98	4.1	4.2+	4.8%
97-93	4.0	4.0-4.19	28.7%
92-91	3.8	3.8-3.99	32.6%
90-88	3.5	3.5-3.79	21.3%
87-85	3.0	3.0-3.49	10%
84-83	2.8	<3.0	2.6%
82-80	2.5		
79-77	2.0		
76-75	1.8		
74-73	1.5		
72-70	1.0		
≤69	0.0		

Curriculum

- All courses are offered at college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement levels.
- To increase rigor, students must obtain the following in their previous year course, as well as a teacher recommendation:

English	93% (+ writing sample required to advance)
Math	93%
Science	95%
Social Studies	91% (+ writing sample required to advance)
World Language	91%

- Math placement: A student placed into Algebra 1 in ninth grade has limited access to Calculus; VMA does not offer a college preparatory Calculus course.
- A weighted 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.
- Villa Maria does not publish a class rank for its students.

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.

Testing

Class of 2026 average

SAT 1180	ACT 29
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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. The grades received in these classes are not included in the cumulative GPA. *Please see a list of dual enrollment courses offered in our course offerings section (page 3).*



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Course Offerings 2026-2027 Academic Catalog

Scholars Program

Scholars Seminar 1

Scholars Seminar 2

English

AP Language and Composition

AP English Literature and Composition

English 1*

English 2*

English 3*

English 4 Semester Seminars*

Creative Writing*

Public Speaking

Writing Mentoring

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

Algebra 1*

Algebra 2*

Geometry*

Pre-Calculus*

Calculus*

Statistics*

Science

AP Biology

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics 1

AP Physics C: Mechanics**

AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism**

Biology*

Chemistry*

Physics*

Advanced Chemistry*

Anatomy/Physiology*

Conceptual Physics

Environmental Science

Intro to Engineering*

Genetics*

Science Lab Assistant

Sports Medicine

Social Studies

AP Microeconomics

AP Psychology

AP US History

AP US Government & Politics

AP World History

World History 1*

World History 2*

US History*

American Government

Economics

Global Issues

World Language

AP French

AP Latin

AP Spanish

French 1

French 2

French 3*

French 4*

Latin 1

Latin 2

Latin 3*

Latin 4*

Spanish 1

Spanish 2

Spanish 3*

Spanish 4*

Spanish 5*

Theology

Catholicism

Hebrew Scriptures

Church History

New Testament

Morality

Social Justice

Christian Lifestyles

Christian Spirituality

World Religions

Apologetics*

Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment 1: Database and Information**

Dual Enrollment 2: Sport Psychology

Dual Enrollment 3: Accounting and Budgeting

Dual Enrollment 4: Introduction to Data Analytics

Dual Enrollment World Religions

Fine Arts

AP Art History**

AP Drawing

AP 2-D Art & Design

Intro to Art

Studio Art 1, 2

Acrylic Painting

Advanced Art Major*

Art Major*

Ceramics 1, 2

Digital Art & Illustration

Graphic Design

Interior Design

Watercolor

AP Music Theory

Beginner Viola & Violin

Class Guitar

Class Guitar 2

Dance Company

Digital Music & Sound

Elite Company

Freshman Chorus

Intro to Musical Theatre

Intro to Theatre

Music Theory & Ear Training 1, 2

Music Instruction 1-4

Music History Through Love Stories

Theatrical Production and Design 1-4

Performance Company

Popular Music in America

Piano Instruction 1-4*

Vocalise Ensemble 1-4*

Computer Science

AP Computer Science A**

AP Computer Science Principles

Computer Game Design

Computer Programming

Digital Art & Illustration

Digital Media Applications

Graphic Design

PE, Health and Wellness

Freshman Seminar

Sophomore Seminar

Junior Seminar

Senior College Seminar

Health

Dance Appreciation & Conditioning

Physical Education

Strength and Conditioning

Bolded courses are the most challenging courses offered.

* Offered at the Honors level

** Course not offered in 2026-27 school year



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Class of 2025 & 2026 Matriculations

American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University (2)
Ave Maria University
Boston College (2)
Boston University
Clemson University (4)
College of Charleston (3)
DeSales University (3)
Drexel University
Duquesne University (2)
Elon University (3)
Fairfield University (9)
Florida Atlantic University (2)
Fordham University (3)
Franciscan University of Steubenville
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
High Point University (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
James Madison University (2)
La Salle University
Lafayette College (3)
Lehigh University (6)
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland (6)
Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Penn State University (20)
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College (2)
Purdue University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's University (7)
Salve Regina University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Temple University

The Catholic University of America (5)
The Ohio State University (4)
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University (3)
University of Alabama (4)
University of Connecticut (2)
University of Delaware (5)
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Lynchburg
University of Maryland (2)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Notre Dame (2)
University of Oklahoma (2)
University of Pittsburgh (9)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond (3)
University of Rochester
University of Scranton (3)
University of South Carolina (11)
University of South Florida
University of St Andrews
University of Tampa (3)
University of Tennessee (2)
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University (12)
Virginia Tech (8)
Wake Forest University
Washington College
West Chester University (5)
William & Mary (3)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute