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Association of Independent

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PROFILE 2026-2027

Mission Statement

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart inspires young women to lead and serve, through lives of purpose that integrate faith, intellect, community, social action, and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

Philosophy & Goals

As a member of a worldwide network of Sacred Heart schools, Stone Ridge offers an education that is marked by a distinctive spirit. Central to its mission is the value Stone Ridge places on the development of the total person and, therefore, the school commits itself to building an environment characterized by seriousness of purpose, love of learning, creativity, beauty, and loving relationships. These elements are the basis for the five *Goals* of Sacred Heart schools. Stone Ridge, as a School of the Sacred Heart, commits itself to educate to:

Goal I: a personal and active faith in God

Goal II: a deep respect for intellectual values

Goal III: a social awareness which impels to action

Goal IV: the building of community as a Christian value

Goal V: personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

Location

Bethesda, Maryland within the Washington, DC metropolitan area

School

Founded: **1923 in Washington, DC** Relocated: **1947 in Bethesda, Maryland**
Catholic, independent, highly selective, college preparatory school for girls.

Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth Academic: **780 students**

Upper School: **388 students**

Fourth Academic Class: **95 students**

Average class size (First Academic through Fourth Academic): **14**

Upper School Student/Faculty Ratio: **7 / 1**

Graduates who attend four-year colleges or universities: **98%**

Upper School students who receive financial assistance: **33%**

Diversity representation among Upper School student body: **36%**

Faculty

Upper School: **56**

Upper School faculty holding Master's degrees: **45**; Doctoral level: **8**

Average teaching experience per Upper School faculty member: **19 years**

Percentage of faculty who participate in professional development workshops and conferences: **100%**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Graduation Requirements

To be awarded a Stone Ridge diploma, a student must complete the required program of study as outlined below, earning a minimum of twenty-five units. Of those units, twenty-two are earned in academic subjects; two are earned through satisfactory participation in Social Action according to the criteria of this program, and one is earned for physical education.

Yearly Requirements

A student must earn six units per year: five-and-a-half academic units and a half unit in Social Action. It is a student's responsibility to confirm that her schedule includes this mandatory minimum of six units.

Minimum Program of Study

<i>English</i>	<i>4 units</i>
<i>Visual and Performing Arts</i>	<i>2 units</i>
<i>World Languages</i>	<i>3 units</i>
<i>History and Social Studies</i>	<i>3 units</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>4 units</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>1 unit</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>3 units</i>
<i>Social Action</i>	<i>2 units</i>
<i>Theology</i>	<i>2 units</i>
<i>Electives</i>	<i>2 units</i>

Academic Honesty and Personal Integrity

Stone Ridge students are expected to answer honestly all college application questions and will notify the colleges within two weeks of changes in their records at any time during the college process. The student will report any relevant documented incidents or suspensions to the colleges directly.

School Day/Schedule

The Stone Ridge schedule consists of eight periods that meet over the course of two days. Each school day is then comprised of four, eighty-minute periods where students are able to learn in an environment that better reflects the college classroom experience.

Special Curriculum Features

Social Action: One full academic day, 10-12 times throughout the school year, is devoted to the Social Action program, making service a true part of the curriculum. Second, Third, and Fourth Academic students travel off campus for service at area hospitals, schools, nursing homes, day-care centers, and community agencies. Supervisors at the field sites complete written evaluations of the students' work. Thus, students accrue over 350 hours of service in completing their graduation requirements. In-person service was paused from March 2020 through May 2021 and was replaced by discussions with local community leaders. In-person service returned for 2021-2022 in a limited capacity and has resumed to full capacity for 2022-2023 and beyond.

Theology Program: Theology courses are as academically rigorous as other core courses and are a graduation requirement.

World Language Program: All world languages are taught solely in the target language and predominantly by native speakers. These courses are highly rigorous, and students are expected to use the target language in classroom and discussion settings.

Seal of Biliteracy: This award recognizes a student's high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages other than English. To demonstrate this proficiency, students must complete four consecutive years of high school language study as well as earn a score of four or five on the AP exam. Stone Ridge follows requirements set by the State of Maryland.

Global Studies Certificate Program: The Global Studies Certificate offers students an interdisciplinary approach to exploring the institutions, communities, processes and perspectives that shape our world. Students will complete four years of language study and four years of history/social studies, as well as additional approved Global Studies courses. They will participate in an intercultural experience in each of their last three years, community engagement, a summer job shadow and culminate with participation in the Global Studies Summit in the second semester of the 4th Academic Year.

STEM Certificate Program: The Stone Ridge STEM Certificate program recognizes those students who have completed three core sciences courses (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) plus at least two Advanced Placement or Honors courses in a STEM subject area. Students must demonstrate further interest in science by having completed a research-based internship experience in a STEM field, and participate and lead groups in science related school competitions such as Science Bowl and Physics Olympics. In addition, upperclassmen work with younger students as science peer tutors. At the end of their senior year, students are required to produce and present a portfolio of their STEM related experiences.

Sacred Heart Network Exchange: Stone Ridge students have the unique opportunity to participate in academic and cultural exchanges for four to six weeks at Sacred Heart schools throughout the world. The Network Exchange program allows students to independently explore a new culture, experience education from an international perspective, and perfect their language skills. Students are expected to maintain their course of study while on Exchange. Students have most recently participated in exchanges at Sacred Heart schools in England, Scotland, France, Spain, Colombia, Japan, Austria, and Australia.

HONORS AND AP PLACEMENT POLICY

- Each student is reviewed carefully before enrollment in an Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors level class.
- No AP/Honors courses are offered freshman year.
- Honors courses are offered in the sophomore year in math, science, English, and music.
- AP courses are rarely allowed sophomore year, and typically only for advanced language, math, or art.
- AP/Honors courses are offered in full, schedules permitting, in junior and senior year.
- Stone Ridge recommends a maximum of three AP or Honors level courses a year.
- AP/Honors courses are given the same .5 weight in GPA.

All AP level students are expected to take the AP exam in May 2027.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF COURSES OFFERED

<i>AP Computer Science A</i>	<i>AP Calculus AB</i>
<i>AP Computer Science Principles</i>	<i>AP Calculus BC</i>
<i>AP English Language</i>	<i>Honors Multivariable Calculus</i>
<i>AP English Literature</i>	<i>AP Statistics</i>
<i>AP French Language & Culture</i>	<i>AP Chemistry</i>
<i>Honors French Literature</i>	<i>AP Environmental Science</i>
<i>AP Spanish Language & Culture</i>	<i>AP Physics C</i>
<i>AP Spanish Literature & Culture</i>	<i>Honors Biology</i>
<i>Honors Spanish Seminar</i>	<i>Honors Molecular Biology & Biochemistry</i>
<i>AP Latin</i>	
<i>AP Psychology</i>	<i>AP 2-D Art: Drawing</i>
<i>AP U.S. Government</i>	<i>AP 2-D Art: Photography</i>
<i>AP U.S. History</i>	<i>AP 3-D Art: Ceramics</i>
<i>AP Art History</i>	<i>Honors Ensembles</i>
<i>AP African American Studies</i>	

(AP Biology no longer offered)

WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION

GPA is based on a 4.3 scale. AP and Honors are considered on par; courses receive a .5 weight. Cumulative grade averages are derived from final grades in all subjects.

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent
A+	97-100 (4.3)
A	93-96 (4.0)
A-	90-92 (3.7)
B+	87-89 (3.3)
B	83-86 (3.0)
B-	80-82 (2.7)
C+	77-79 (2.3)
C	73-76 (2.0)
C-	70-72 (1.7)
D	65-69 (1.0)
F	64 or below (0)

Stone Ridge does NOT rank students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Results from 2026 exams

- Number of exams taken: 475
- AP exams with 3+ score: 87%

AP Scores of 3 or higher

	<i>Percentage</i>
Art History	93
Chemistry	100
English Language	100
English Literature	95
French Language	100
Psychology	89
Spanish Language	100
Spanish Literature	100
US Government	94
US History	100
2D Art/3D Art/Drawing	91

STANDARDIZED TESTING AND HONORS

From all 2026 Test-Takers

SAT Test Scores

Evidence-based Reading and Writing: 672
Math: 636

ACT Test Scores (Mean)

Composite: 28.3
English: 30.0
Math: 26.3
Reading: 31.1
Science: 28.3

Honors for the Class of 2027

National Merit Scholarship Program

3 National Merit Commended Scholars

College Board National Recognition Programs

9 Students

The Cum Laude Society

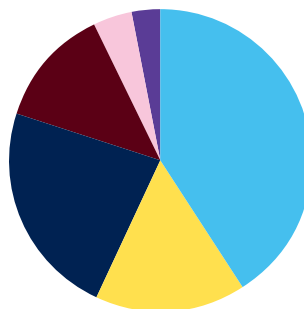
19 Members inducted from the Class of 2027

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

Below is a 3-year sampling of college acceptances for Stone Ridge students. Names in **bold** are schools attended by members of the Class of 2026.

Allegheny College
American University (2)
 Amherst College
 Auburn University
 Barnard College
 Belmont University
 Bocconi University, Italy
Boston College (7)
 Bowdoin College
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Catholic University of America
Clemson University (4)
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
 Cornell University
Davidson College
Denison University
Dickinson College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Emory University
Fairfield University (2)
Fordham University
 Furman University
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
Hampton University (2)
 Harvard University
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Howard University
 Indiana University
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
Long Island University
Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Maryland
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

McGill University, Canada
Miami University
 Middlebury College
Montgomery College (2)
 Morgan State University
 Mount St. Mary's University
New York University (4)
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Princeton University
 Purdue University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art & Design
 Southern Methodist University
 Spelman College
Syracuse University (3)
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (2)
 Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara (2)
University of Chicago
University of Delaware (2)
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
University of Georgia (2)
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park (2)



Regional Distribution of Matriculated Students from the Class of 2026

- Mid-Atlantic (41%)
- Midwest (16%)
- South (23%)
- New England (13%)
- West (4%)
- International (3%)

University of Miami (2)
University of Michigan (5)
 University of Mississippi
 University of Navarra, Spain
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame (3)
 University of Oxford, England
 University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond (2)
 University of Rochester
 University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
 University of St Andrews, Scotland
 University of Tennessee
University of Texas, Austin
University of Toronto, Canada
 University of Utah
University of Virginia (3)
 University of Washington
University of Wisconsin (2)
 University of Wyoming
 Vanderbilt University
Villanova University (3)
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University (3)
 Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
 Wellesley College
Western University, Canada
 Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University