

MCDONOGH

Founded in 1873, McDonogh School is an independent, non-denominational, coeducational, day and boarding school educating students from prekindergarten through twelfth grade. Our college preparatory curriculum is based on LifeReady, McDonogh's signature academic strategic plan, which is designed to give strength and additional rigor to our program. McDonogh is confident that LifeReady will inspire even more creativity in our faculty and, most importantly, will allow our students to thrive and distinguish themselves as self-reliant critical thinkers prepared to make an impact in a diverse world.

ACCREDITATION

Association of Independent Maryland Schools
National Association of Independent Schools
Approved by the Maryland State Department of Education

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2024170
Upper School (US)671
Total (PK-12)1,458
BIPOC (US)41%
Financial Aid (US)27%

8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

As of the 2022-2023 school year, McDonogh no longer offers the AP curriculum. All courses are College Preparatory (designated as CP); our most demanding courses are designated Honors (H) and Advanced (A); many of these courses were previously designated AP. Access to these courses is based on teacher recommendation with Advanced courses generally reserved for students in 11th and 12th grade.

GPA AND CLASS RANK

Based on a two semester calendar and a 4.0 grading scale, non-cumulative, weighted GPAs are calculated at the end of each academic year and do not include Wellness/Health courses. Honors, Advanced, and AP (prior to 2022) designated courses receive an extra two-thirds of a point in calculating a GPA. McDonogh does not rank students.

A+ = 4.333 A = 4.0 A- = 3.667 B+ = 3.333 B = 3.0 B- = 2.667
C+ = 2.333 C = 2.0 C- = 1.667 D+ = 1.333 D = 1.0 D- = 0.667 F = 0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Number of Credits
English	4
History	3 (2 World History, 1 U.S. History)
Mathematics.....	3 (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)
Science.....	3 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
World Language	3 (Through Level III)
Arts.....	1
Wellness/Health.....	1
Additional Electives	2

Community Service and a Senior Project are additional graduation requirements

HONORS AND A LEVEL (MOST ADVANCED) COURSE OFFERINGS

View the [Upper School Course Description Guide](#) for all courses offered.

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE	SCIENCE	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	WORLD LANGUAGE
H English I H English II A English III A English IV A English Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonfiction • Journalism • Philanthropy • Horror in Film and Fiction 	Mathematics H Geometry H Algebra II H Precalculus H Precalculus Accelerated A Calculus AB A Calculus BC A Linear Algebra* A Multivariable Calculus* A Statistics Computer Science H Java A Computational Physics A Cybersecurity* A Mobile App Development*	H Biology H Chemistry H Physics A Applied Chemical Inquiry* A Biology A Chemistry A Ecology A Engineering II A Physics A Physics C A STEM Capstone A Science Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and Physiology, • Astronomy and Weather* • Environmental Science • Genetics and Biotechnology • Geology* • Neuroscience 	Dance H Dance III: Techniques A Dance IV: Dance Company Music H Concert Band H Jazz Band H Music Technology H Strings Orchestra H Vocal Music III A Vocal Music IV Theatre H Theatre II: Technical Crew II H Theatre III: Improv II* Visual H Drawing and Painting II H Fashion and Fibers II H Movie-Making II* H Photography and Digital Media II H Sculpture II A Senior Art Capstone	Chinese H Chinese II H Chinese III H Chinese IV A Chinese V French H French II H French III H French IV A French V Latin H Latin II H Latin III A Latin IV A Latin V Spanish H Spanish II H Spanish III H Spanish IV A Spanish V
* ½ credit				

COVID-19 RESPONSE

In March, 2020, McDonogh moved to virtual learning and returned to in-person instruction in late April, 2021. Despite the disruption, all classes continued to meet on a regular schedule while adapting from all-virtual to hybrid to in-person and students were evaluated on our traditional 4.0 grading scale.

CLASS OF 2023 SAT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

(based on highest score per student)

Evidence Based Reading and Writing: 590-680

Mathematics: 560-680

Composite: 1140-1360 (134 students tested)

CLASS OF 2023 ACT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

(based on highest score per student)

English: 26-34

Mathematics: 24-31

Reading: 27-33

Science: 24-32

Composite 25-32 (53 students tested)

CLASS OF 2023 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalists: 2

National Merit Commended Students: 11

National African American Program: 8

National Hispanic Program: 3

CHARACTER COMPASS AND HONOR CODE

McDonogh's goal is to teach life-long lessons of honor, personal accountability, and respect. Students are expected to respond honestly to questions regarding personal and academic integrity. These values are incorporated in the school's Character Compass and the McDonogh Honor Code which states: *I will not lie, cheat, or steal. I will respect the rights and well-being of myself and others.*

Students are expected to adhere to the Honor Code and are held accountable for honor violations by appearing before the Honor Council, comprised of both students and teachers.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Vibrant and active with extensive performing and visual arts, an ethic of community service, 31 varsity teams (21 championship wins in 2019-2023), and a plethora of student run and initiated clubs, involvement is an integral part of McDonogh campus life. Here are a few opportunities of note:

[Athletics](#)

[Boarding Program](#)

[Clubs and Activities](#)

[Fader Innovation Center](#)

[Global Opportunities](#)

[Greatest Good McDonogh](#)

[Roots Farm](#)

[Student Leadership](#)

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2020-2023

American University, 4
Amherst College, 4
Arizona State University, 1
Assumption University, 1
Auburn University, 10
Belmont University, 1
Boston College, 10
Boston University, 4
Brown University, 7
Bucknell University, 10
Carnegie-Mellon University, 1
Case Western Reserve University, 4
Catawba College, 1
Christopher Newport University, 1
Clark University, 1
Clemson University, 6
Colgate University, 5
College of Charleston, 5
College of William and Mary, 2
College of Wooster, 1
Colorado College, 4
Colorado School of Mines, 3
Columbia University, 8
Cornell University, 3
Dartmouth College, 7
Davidson College, 3
Denison University, 3
Dickinson College, 7
Drexel University, 3
Duke University, 7
Eckerd College, 1
Elon University, 7
Emory University, 3
Florida A&M University, 2
Florida Atlantic University, 1
Florida Gulf Coast University, 1
Florida Southern College, 1
Florida State University, 1
Fordham University, 1
Franklin and Marshall College, 1
Frostburg State University, 1
George Mason University, 1
George Washington University, 3
Georgetown University, 6
Georgia Institute of Technology, 2

Goucher College, 1
Grove City College, 1
Hampden-Sydney College, 1
Hampton University, 2
Harvard University, 1
High Point University, 6
Hofstra University, 1
Howard Community College, 1
Howard University, 3
Indiana University, 3
James Madison University, 3
Johns Hopkins University, 5
Kennesaw State University, 1
Kenyon College, 2
La Salle University, 1
Lafayette College, 2
Lehigh University, 3
Louisiana State University, 1
Loyola Marymount University, 2
Loyola University Maryland, 10
Maryland Institute College of Art, 2
McDaniel College, 4
Miami University, 2
Middle Tennessee State University, 1
Middlebury College, 2
Monmouth University, 1
Morgan State University, 2
New Jersey Institute of Technology, 1
New School, 1
New York University, 6
North Carolina A&T State University, 1
North Carolina State University, 1
Northeastern University, 8
Northwestern University, 6
Occidental College, 1
Ohio State University, 11
Oxford College of Emory University, 1
Pennsylvania State University, 19
Prairie View A&M University, 1
Princeton University, 1
Providence College, 2
Purdue University, 1
Queens University of Charlotte, 1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1
Rhodes College, 2

Rice University, 2
Roanoke College, 1
Rochester Institute of Technology, 2
Saint John Fisher College, 1
Salisbury University, 1
San Diego State University, 2
Savannah College of Art and Design, 1
Sciences Po, 1
Siena College, 1
Skidmore College, 1
Southern Methodist University, 5
St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2
St. Olaf College, 2
Stanford University, 3
Stevenson University, 1
Stoney Brook University, 1
Susquehanna University, 1
Swarthmore College, 2
Syracuse University, 10
Temple University, 2
Texas Christian University, 1
Towson University, 7
Tulane University, 9
Union College, 2
United States Air Force Academy, 1
United States Military Academy, 1
United States Naval Academy, 12
University of Alabama, 3
University of Arizona, 1
University of British Columbia, 1
University of California, Berkeley, 1
University of California, Los Angeles, 3
University of California (San Diego), 1
University of Chicago, 1
University of Colorado Boulder, 9
University of Delaware, 8
University of Florida, 3
University of Georgia, 6
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1
University of Lynchburg, 4
University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 8
University of Maryland, College Park, 47
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, 1

University of Massachusetts, 1
University of Miami, 16
University of Michigan, 7
University of Mississippi, 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 3
University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 1
University of Northern Colorado, 1
University of Notre Dame, 2
University of Oregon, 1
University of Pennsylvania, 6
University of Pittsburgh, 2
University of Richmond, 6
University of Rochester, 1
University of South Carolina, 7
University of Southern California, 2
University of St. Andrews, 1
University of Tampa, 5
University of Tennessee, 4
University of Texas, Austin, 3
University of Vermont, 3
University of Virginia, 11
University of Washington, 1
University of Wisconsin, 5
Ursinus College, 1
Valencia College, 1
Vanderbilt University, 4
Villanova University, 6
Virginia Commonwealth University, 1
Virginia Military Institute, 1
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 10
Wake Forest University, 13
Washington and Lee University, 1
Washington College, 3
Washington University in St. Louis, 4
Wesleyan University, 1
West Virginia University, 4
Widener University, 1
Williams College, 3
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1
Yale University, 3
York College of Pennsylvania, 2

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