



ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
EDUCATING YOUNG WOMEN SINCE 1889
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School Enrollment:

There are approximately 275 students enrolled in grades 9-12.

Faculty and Staff:

2 administrators, 19 teachers, 1 college counselor, 1 academic counselor, 13 staff and adjunct athletic coaches.

Student to Teacher Ratio:

The student to teacher ratio is 17:1.

Curriculum:

St. Mary's Academy is a college preparatory school where students are expected to maintain at least a C average (2.0) in all academic subjects. Classes meet five times a week and earn 5 credits per semester. Students must earn a minimum of 230 credits to receive a St. Mary's Academy diploma.

Profile:

St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic, private, college preparatory high school for young women serving approximately 275 students in grades 9 through 12. Since 1889, St. Mary's Academy has educated young women from the Los Angeles Community for the last 130 years in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Graduates from St. Mary's Academy are shaped to be women of distinction who are committed to lifelong learning and service to the "dear neighbor".

Accreditation:

St. Mary's Academy received the highest level of accreditation, a six-year term from the WCEA and WASC, in Spring 2015.

School Community:

St. Mary's Academy serves a religiously, culturally and economically diverse enrollment population. Approximately 52% of students are Latina, 37% African American, 11% Multicultural and Other. St. Mary's Academy has a long history of educating young women from the Los Angeles and Inglewood, CA communities.

Achievements of the Class of 2018:

- \$1 Million Earned in Scholarships
- 18 National Honor Society Members
- 8,000 hours of Christian Community Service

Career Paths Programs:

The Career Path Programs at St. Mary's Academy engages students in specifically designed courses and real-world applications of careers in Health Care, Engineering, Arts and Business.

The Health Careers Program (HCP) immerses students in the biomedical sciences and allows them to explore a wide array of careers in medicine and healthcare. Through Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science courses, the HCP empowers students to build knowledge and skills through challenging project-based learning, as well as in-demand, transportable skills like problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration. The HCP also encourages students to develop their understanding of medical ethics, legal responsibilities, and cultural diversity in healthcare while introducing them to new frontiers in medicine. Students in the HCP gain real-world experience with regular clinical visits, speakers, volunteer service, and training sessions.

Grading:

St. Mary's Academy has a traditional A to F grading system. GPA's are calculated on a weighted 4-point scale including one grade point increase for AP and Honors (H) courses.

Class Rank:

St. Mary's Academy does not compute class rank.

Courses:

Religion	40 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
English	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	20 credits
LOTE	20 credits
VAPA	10 credits
Electives	40 credits
PE	10 credits

Advanced Placement Courses:

English	Language and Literature
Math	Calculus AB
Social Science	US History
LOTE	Spanish 4
Art	Studio Art

Honors Courses:

English	Lang.Comp1, World Lit,
Math	Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis
Science	Chemistry, Biology
Social Science	Wld History US Gov/Econ
LOTE	Spanish 3

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Engineering Program introduces young women to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). By engaging in cross-disciplinary classroom experience as well as design projects and team competitions with other schools, students graduate from the program qualified and motivated to meet the demands of STEM courses in college. The program is certified by Project Lead the Way, a nationwide coordinated engineering education curriculum, and affiliated with FIRST, the worldwide high school robotics competition.

The Arts Program prepares young women for a successful transition into college in the areas of visual, performing and media arts. The Arts Program offers students both theory and hands-on experience in various creative art topics. Students may choose to join the Media Arts, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts track. The program also exposes students to various opportunities such as project-based learning. After successful completion of the Arts Program, an SMA student will have gained extensive exposure to that particular field including career options.

St. Mary's Academy offers an after-school Business Pathway open to students who are interested in the field of business and accounting. St. Mary's has partnered up with Loyola Marymount University (through sponsorship with Deloitte) and West Los Angeles College to provide students the opportunity to enroll in and experience one or more college courses taught by a college professor. Students who complete both courses receive college credits that are transferable to UC/CSU. Students also gain a deeper understanding in the language of business, accounting, and personal finance and have opportunities for field-based learning through internships, visits with business organizations, and universities.

Athletics:

SMA's Athletic Department prides itself on developing the whole student athlete by meeting the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of each student. Current varsity teams include cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track & field. SMA cheerleaders perform not only at home games, but also for the football team at Verbum Dei High School. SMA athletic teams compete in the CIF Southern Section. Teams consistently advance to playoffs, especially track & field, winning various league and CIF championship titles. Numerous girls have received athletic scholarships and are competing at the collegiate level and beyond.

College acceptances from current and previous graduates:

Alabama State University	Gettysburg College	Smith College
Amherst College	Gonzaga University	Spelman College
Arizona State University	Hampton University	St. John's University
Azusa Pacific University	Harvard University	Stanford University
Baylor University	Johns Hopkins University	Southern Oregon University
Boise State University	Loyola Marymount University	Texas Christian University
Boston College	Howard University	Texas Southern University
Boston University	Macquarie University	University of CA (6)
Brandeis University	Marist College	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	Miles College	University of LaVerne
CA State University (12)	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Mississippi
Cal Lutheran University	Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania
Clark Atlanta University	North Carolina A&T University	University of Rhode Island
Columbia University	New Mexico State University	University of San Francisco
Concordia College	New York University	University of Southern CA
Cornell University	Notre Dame University	University of Washington
Dominican University	Pitzer University	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	Point Loma Nazarene	Williams College
Embry Riddle-Aeronautical	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Woodbury University
Georgetown University	Reed College	Xavier University of Louisiana
Grand Canyon University	Rochester University	Yale University