

MCDONOGH

Founded in 1873, McDonogh School is an independent, non-denominational, coeducational day and five-day boarding school with a long legacy of delivering educational excellence to students in prekindergarten through twelfth grade. Our college preparatory curriculum is centered around LifeReady, McDonogh's distinctive academic framework. LifeReady elevates our programs with enhanced rigor and ignites creativity in our faculty, empowering students to excel and distinguish themselves as self-reliant, critical thinkers ready to make a meaningful impact on an ever-evolving world.

ACCREDITATION

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

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2025165
Upper School (US) 668
Total (PK-12)1,464
BIPOC (US).....41%
Financial Aid (US)26%

8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

McDonogh's most demanding courses are designated Honors (H) and Advanced (A); many of these courses were designated AP prior to the 2022-2023 school year at which time we stopped offering the AP curriculum. Access to Advanced and Honors 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	3

Community Service and a Senior Project are additional graduation requirements

ADVANCED AND HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

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

ENGLISH	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	SCIENCE & COMPUTER 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"> English III: Nonfiction English IV: Writing for Justice English IV: Horror in Theory & Practice 	H Yearbook II H Yearbook III 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	Science H Biology H Chemistry H Physics A Biology A Chemistry A Ecology A Engineering A Physics A Physics C A STEM Capstone A Science Seminars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and Physiology Astronomy and Weather* Chemical Engineering Environmental Science Genetics and Biotechnology Geology* Neuroscience Computer Science H Java A Algorithms & Data* Structures A Computational Physics A Computing Systems Design*	Dance H Dance III: Techniques A Dance IV: Dance Company Music H Concert Band H Jazz Band H Music Tech H String Orchestra H Vocal Music II H Vocal Music III A Concert Band A Jazz Band A Music Tech A String Orchestra A Vocal Music IV Theatre H Theatre III: Improv II* H Theatre Tech II H Theatre Tech III 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: France & Francophonie A French V: Icons A French V: Murder Mysteries 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

McDonogh is a school that finds joy in work and play. We prepare students to lead in a rapidly changing world.

OUR MISSION is to provide life-altering educational experiences that inspire personal and intellectual growth.

OUR VISION is of a dynamic, inclusive community built on lifelong relationships, the pursuit of excellence, and a shared commitment to do the greatest possible amount of good.

OUR VALUES

Integrity: *Strong character consists of being true to oneself and honest with others.*

Respect: *Empathy and civil discourse help make McDonogh a place where everyone belongs.*

Resilience: *The ability to overcome life's challenges with grace is essential for self-discovery.*

Curiosity: *We are lifelong learners in joyful pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.*

Gratitude: *"We give something more than we take" because service to others brings meaning and purpose.*

CHARACTER COMPASS AND HONOR CODE

McDonogh's goal is to teach lifelong 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 (24 championship wins in 2020-2024), 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](#)

CLASS OF 2024 SAT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

Based on highest score per student.

Evidence Based Reading and Writing: 600-730

Mathematics: 570-730

Composite: 1180-1430
(125 students tested)

CLASS OF 2024 ACT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

Based on highest score per student.

English: 26-35

Mathematics: 25-33

Reading: 27-35

Science: 24-33

Composite: 26-34
(73 students tested)

CLASS OF 2024 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalists: 4

National Merit Commended Students: 23

National African American Program: 12

National Hispanic Program: 6

CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

American University, 2
Amherst College, 2
Auburn University, 4
Boston College, 3
Boston University, 1
Bowdoin College, 1
Brown University, 4
Bryn Mawr College, 1
Case Western Reserve University, 1
Clemson University, 1
Colgate University, 1
College of Charleston, 1
Cornell University, 1
Creighton University, 1
Davidson College, 1
Dickinson College, 5
Duke University, 1
Elon University, 3
Emory University, 3
Fairfield University, 1
George Washington University, 2
Georgetown University, 1
Gettysburg College, 1
Gonzaga University, 1
Harvard University, 1
High Point University, 4

Hofstra University, 1
Howard University, 1
Indiana University (Bloomington), 1
Ithaca College, 1
James Madison University, 1
Lehigh University, 1
Maryland Institute College of Art, 1
McDaniel College, 1
Miami University (Oxford), 1
Monmouth University, 1
Morgan State University, 3
Muhlenberg College, 1
New York University, 1
North Carolina State University, 1
Northeastern University, 4
Parsons School of Design at The New School, 1
Penn State University (University Park), 1
Princeton University, 1
Purdue University, 1
Randolph-Macon College, 1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1
Rochester Institute of Technology, 2
Rollins College, 1
Saint Joseph's University, 1

San Diego State University, 3
Savannah College of Art and Design, 1
Spelman College, 2
St. Lawrence University, 1
St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1
Stanford University, 4
Stevenson University, 1
Stony Brook University, 1
Syracuse University, 1
Texas Christian University, 1
The Ohio State University, 4
The University of Alabama, 1
The University of Texas at Austin, 2
Towson University, 2
United States Coast Guard Academy, 1
United States Naval Academy, 2
University of Arizona, 2
University of California (Irvine), 1
University of Colorado Boulder, 2
University of Delaware, 2
University of Florida, 1
University of Maryland (Baltimore County), 1
University of Maryland (College Park), 9

University of Miami, 1
University of Michigan, 3
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1
University of Notre Dame, 1
University of Pennsylvania, 4
University of Pittsburgh, 2
University of Richmond, 1
University of South Carolina, 3
University of Southern California, 3
University of Vermont, 1
University of Virginia, 4
University of Westminster, 1
University of Wisconsin (Madison), 4
Vassar College, 1
Villanova University, 2
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 4
Wake Forest University, 1
Washington and Lee University, 1
Washington University in St. Louis, 1
William & Mary, 1
Williams College, 1

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