



College Admission PROFILE

2020-2021 School Year

FOUNDED IN 1859 BY THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY. St. Mary's Academy offers a college preparatory curriculum designed to engage young women in STEM, humanities and the arts. As our mission dictates, St. Mary's educates the whole person by nurturing spirituality, encouraging creativity, promoting justice and inspiring a sense of global interdependence to prepare students for service and leadership.

LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, St. Mary's attracts girls from over 130 different middle schools. We challenge all students to become proficient, confident, independent learners. They are highly engaged in their learning, school community and outreach.

684 TOTAL ENROLLMENT

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Caucasian 68%	Middle Eastern 1%
African-American 5%	Multiracial 10%
Asian/Pacific Islander 6%	Native American 1%
Hispanic 6%	Not Provided 3%

OVER **\$2.2** MILLION IN TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDED TO **42%** of St. Mary's families for the 2020-2021 school year

98-100% Students enrolling in college

51 FACULTY 88% hold advanced degrees

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	YEARS	SUBJECT	YEARS
English	4	Electives	1.5
Theology	4	Fine Arts	1
Social Science	3.5	Health	1
Science	3	Physical Education	1
World Languages	2	Information Science	0.5
Mathematics	3	Speech	0.5

Students generally take seven courses each semester. Classes meet two to three times per week for 85-minutes.* Co-curricular classes Mock Trial, Model UN, Science Olympiad and Teaching, Integrating & Exploring Science (TIES) and Robotics receive .5 credit. *See notes on COVID-19 adjustments, addendum.

HONORS AND AP COURSES

Students must have department recommendations to take AP, honors, and PSU courses, which are weighted and receive an extra point on our 4.0 grading scale. We recommend limiting these honors classes to two per semester. PSU courses are taught at SMA but receive college credit at neighboring Portland State University.

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| Honors Advanced French | AP Chemistry |
| Honors Advanced Spanish | AP English Language |
| Honors Algebra 2/Trig | AP English Literature |
| Honors Biology | AP Computer Science |
| Honors Chemistry | AP French Language |
| Honors English 10 | AP Physics |
| Honors Geometry | AP Spanish Language |
| Honors Leadership | AP Studio Art |
| Honors Pre-Calculus | AP U.S. Government and Politics |
| Honors World History | PSU: Calculus 2 & 3 (MTH 252, 253) |
| AP Biology | PSU: U.S. History |
| AP Calculus | PSU: Modern European History (HST 102) |

Although not honors classes, other advanced STEM classes include Scientific Research Methods, Advanced Physics and Engineering, and Advanced Computer Science. (Advanced Physics and Computer Science are AP courses as of the 2020-2021 school year.)

Advanced Leadership Endorsement: St. Mary's offers seniors the opportunity to earn this distinction. In addition to coursework, service hours and leadership experience, an oral presentation to faculty, staff and community members is required to attain this honor upon graduation.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

83% Took the SAT Mid 50% EBRW 600-700 Mid 50% Math 540-660	162 Students Took 234 AP Exams	National Merit Scholarship Finalists
37% Took the ACT Mid 50% Composite 23-31	29% Scored a 5 85% Scored a 3 or better	2

GRADING SCALE

A+ 4.33	C+ 2.33
A 4.00	C 2.00
A- 3.67	C- 1.67
B+ 3.33	D+ 1.33
B 3.00	D 1.00
B- 2.67	D- 0.67
	F 0.00

GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS

CLASS OF 2021: 167 STUDENTS

Quintile	Weighted GPA
Quintile 1	4.55-4.21
Quintile 2	4.20-4.03
Quintile 3	4.02-3.79
Quintile 4	3.78-3.43
Quintile 5	3.42-2.37

COLLEGE MATRICULATION | ST. MARY'S 2017-2020

Agnes Scott College	Gonzaga University**	Pomona College*	University of California, Santa Cruz*
American University	Grinnell College	Portland Community College**	University of Chicago
Arizona State University	Hampshire College	Portland State University*	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bard College Berlin	Harvey Mudd College	Purdue University	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Barnard College*	Haverford College	Quest University Canada	University of Delaware
Bates College	Hawaii Pacific University	Quincy College	University of Denver
Belmont University	Holy Names University*	Reed College	University of Florida
Bennington College	Howard University	Regent's University London	University of Hawaii at Manoa*
Berklee College of Music	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	University of Massachusetts
Boise State University*	Humboldt State University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Miami
Boston University	Immaculata University*	Rice University	University of Michigan*
Brandeis University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Saint Louis University	University of Montana*
Brigham Young University	Johns Hopkins University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Brown University	Kalamazoo College	Salem College	University of New Mexico
Bryn Mawr College	Kent State University	San Diego State University	University of Northern Colorado
Bucknell University	Kenyon College**	Santa Clara University	University of Notre Dame
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo*	Knox College	Sarah Lawrence College*	University of Oregon**
Carleton College*	Lane Community College	Savannah College of Art and Design*	University of Pittsburgh
Carroll College*	Lewis & Clark College*	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Portland**
Case Western Reserve University	Linfield College	Scripps College	University of Puget Sound*
Chapman University*	Linn-Benton Community College	Seattle Pacific University*	University of Redlands
Clackamas Community College	Long Island University, Post	Seattle University**	University of Richmond
Clark Atlanta University*	Loyola Marymount University	Simmons University*	University of San Diego
Clark College	Loyola University Chicago**	Skidmore*	University of San Francisco**
Clark University	Loyola University Maryland	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Southern California*
Colby College	Loyola University New Orleans	Southern Oregon University	University of St. Andrews
College of the Holy Cross*	Macalester College	Southwestern University	University of the Pacific
Colorado College*	Manhattanville College	St. Edward's University	University of Utah*
Colorado School of Mines*	Marquette University	St. John's College*	University of Vermont
Colorado State University	Marymount Manhattan College*	St. John's University*	University of Victoria
Cornell University*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*	St. Olaf College*	University of Washington**
Cornish College of the Arts	McGill University	Syracuse University*	Vancouver Island University
Creighton University*	Middlebury College	Temple University	Vassar College
Dakota State University	Mills College	Texas Christian University*	Villanova University
Davidson College	Montana State University**	The College of Idaho*	Virginia State University*
Denison University	Mount Holyoke College	The New School*	Washington State University**
DePaul University	Mt. Hood Community College*	The University of Arizona	Washington University in St. Louis
Dickinson College	New York University**	The University of Auckland	Wellesley College
Dillard University	Northeastern University*	The University of Texas, Austin	Wesleyan University
Dominican University	Northwestern University	Trinity College*	Western Oregon University
Drew University	Oberlin College*	Trinity Western University	Western Washington University**
Eastern Washington University	Occidental College	Tufts University	Wheaton College
Eastman School of Music of the U of Rochester	Oregon State University**	Tulane University	Whitman College**
Fordham University*	Oregon State University,	University of British Columbia*	Whittier College
George Fox University George	Cascades	University of California, Davis	Whitworth University
Mason University George	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California, Los Angeles*	Willamette University
Washington University*	Pace University*	University of California, Santa Barbara*	Williams College
Georgetown University**	Pacific Lutheran University**		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Georgia State University	Pacific Northwest College of Art		Yale University
	Pacific University		
	Pitzer College*		

* indicates where a 2020 SMA graduate matriculated

** indicates where more than one 2020 SMA graduate matriculated



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St. Mary's Academy – Profile Addendum 2020-2021 School Year

In addition to COVID-19, Portland-area students experienced prolonged racial equity protests, and the school year began amid widespread Oregon wildfires requiring evacuation and creating unhealthful air.

Academics

Because all students have iPads, we were able to move all classes online on March 16th without a break in instruction. We are confident in the rigor and quality of instruction during COVID-19.

- From March 16 through the end of the semester, we provided:
 - Synchronous and asynchronous instruction within an adapted bell schedule;
 - Classes in 60-minute blocks on M, Tu, Th, F from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm;
 - An expectation that students meet with their teachers and actively participate;
 - An open schedule on Wednesdays for study time and student support;
 - Letter grades based on student academic performance; although we did not administer final exams.

- Thus far in the 2020-2021 academic year, we are holding classes online, in compliance with our Governor's orders. We have continued our approach with some adjustments intended for hybrid learning:
 - We added SWIVL classroom technology to improve lecture and lab experiences;
 - Class time per block was increased to 75-minutes.

For Q2, with the enforced continuation of digital learning, we are resuming our Spring schedule;

- Classes in 60-minute blocks on M, Tu, Th, F from 10:00am to 3:00 pm;
- Wednesday blocks for club meetings and community, social and academic support time
- The elimination of final exams for semester one courses.

Standardized Testing

- The ACT and SAT tests in our area have been repeatedly cancelled. Most students have not been able to take the SAT or ACT. Our advice has been to register for test dates, but to consider test optional pathways.