

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

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

Class of 2026166
Upper School (US)665
Total (PK-12)1,463
BIPOC (US)45%
Financial Aid (US)25%

8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

2025-2026 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, AND ENGINEERING	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	WORLD LANGUAGE
H English I H English II A English III A English IV A English Seminars: • English III: Nonfiction • English IV: Writing for Justice	H Yearbook II H Yearbook III	Science H Biology H Chemistry H Physics A Applied Chemical Inquiry* A Biology A Chemistry A Ecology A Physics A Physics C A Science Seminars: • Anatomy and Physiology • Astronomy and Weather* • Chemical Engineering • 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 String Orchestra H Vocal Music II H Vocal Music III A Concert Band A Jazz Band A Music Technology A String Orchestra A Vocal Music IV	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: Murder Mysteries
HISTORY H World History I H World History II A Arab-Israeli Conflict* A Government A History of Art A Maritime History A Microeconomics and Macroeconomics A United States History A Vietnam & the Vietnam War*	MATHEMATICS H Algebra II H Geometry H Precalculus Accelerated H Precalculus A Calculus I A Calculus I/II A Calculus II A* A Calculus II B* A Linear Algebra* A Statistics A Topics in Advanced Math	Computer Science H Computer Science Principles H Object Oriented Programming A Algorithms & Data Structures* A Computational Physics A Computing Systems Design*	Theatre H Movie-Making II* H Movie-Making III* H Theatre Tech II H Theatre Tech III H Theatre III: Improv II* H Theatre IV: Improv III* Visual Arts H Drawing and Painting II H Fashion & Fibers II H Photography & Digital Media II H 3-D Art and Architecture II A Senior Art Capstone	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: Presentations and Conversations A Spanish V: Identity and Culture
* ½ credit				
DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM McDonogh now offers dual credit courses , enabling students to earn both Upper School and college credit simultaneously through approved classes taught by McDonogh faculty on our campus.				

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 (29 championship wins in 2021–2025), 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 2025 SAT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

Based on highest score per student.

Evidence Based Reading and Writing: 610–730

Mathematics: 570–730

Composite: 1210–1440
(128 students tested)

CLASS OF 2025 ACT MIDDLE 50% RANGES

Based on highest score per student.

English: 26–34

Mathematics: 23–31

Reading: 28–33

Science: 24–30

Composite: 26–31
(39 students tested)

CLASS OF 2025 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalists: 1

National Merit Commended
Students: 11

CLASS OF 2025 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

American University, 1
Auburn University, 2
Bates College, 2
Baylor University, 1
Bentley University, 1
Boston College, 3
Boston University, 2
Bowdoin College, 1
Bryn Mawr College, 1
Bucknell University, 1
Carnegie Mellon University, 2
Catholic University of America, 1
Clemson University, 4
College of Charleston, 1
College of the Holy Cross, 2
Colorado College, 1
Columbia University, 2
Davidson College, 1
Denison University, 1
Dickinson College, 2
Duke University, 2
Duquesne University, 1
Elon University, 1
Emory University, 4
Fordham University, 2
Franklin & Marshall College, 1

George Washington University, 2
Georgetown University, 2
Harvard University, 1
High Point University, 1
Howard University, 1
Lehigh University, 1
Louisiana State University, 1
Loyola University Maryland, 2
Marquette University, 1
McGill University, 1
New York University, 2
Northeastern University, 1
Northwestern University, 3
Penn State University
(University Park), 6
Point Loma Nazarene University, 1
Princeton University, 3
Rice University, 1
Rochester Institute of Technology, 2
Rutgers University (Camden), 1
Rutgers University
(New Brunswick), 1
Rutgers University (Newark), 1
San Diego State University, 1
Siena College, 1
Skidmore College, 1

Spelman College, 2
Stanford University, 3
Syracuse University, 3
Temple University, 1
Texas A&M University, 1
Texas Christian University, 1
Texas State University, 1
The Ohio State University, 3
The University of Tampa, 2
The University of Texas at Austin, 2
Towson University, 1
Tulane University of Louisiana, 1
United States Naval Academy, 2
University of Arizona, 1
University of Arkansas, 1
University of California
(Los Angeles), 1
University of California
(Santa Barbara), 1
University of Colorado Boulder, 3
University of Delaware, 1
University of Denver, 1
University of Florida, 1
University of Kentucky, 1
University of Maryland
(College Park), 11

University of Massachusetts
(Amherst), 1
University of Miami, 1
University of Michigan, 3
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill, 4
University of Oregon, 1
University of Pennsylvania, 1
University of Pittsburgh, 2
University of Rhode Island, 1
University of San Diego, 1
University of South Carolina, 2
University of Vermont, 2
University of Virginia, 2
University of Washington
(Seattle Campus), 1
University of Wisconsin
(Madison), 2
Vassar College, 1
Villanova University, 1
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University, 1
Wake Forest University, 7
Washington University in St. Louis, 1
Wellesley College, 1

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