



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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2018-2019 School Profile

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Founded in 1963, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is an archdiocesan high school whose first objective is to provide secondary Catholic education for young women in grades 9 through 12. The school is located on a 6-acre campus in suburban South Miami. Students enter Our Lady of Lourdes Academy from 34 schools and more than 23 Catholic parishes in Miami-Dade County. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is operated by the Archdiocese of Miami and staffed by the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The faculty consists of 69 members, with 78% holding advanced degrees. The faculty includes a chaplain and three religious.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 840; 204 are seniors. Over 97% of the student body is of Hispanic background.

The One-to-One iPad Program, at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, was initiated in August of 2012. Aligned with Common Core Standards, the iPad Program has shifted the academic focus to higher-order thinking, analysis and application.

The Bernadette Scholars Program is a rigorous program of studies which began in 2011 designed for highly motivated and intellectually gifted students to excel in academics. Students take the most challenging curriculum offered at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy as well as participate in cultural and extracurricular enrichment opportunities.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and, in 2017, received the AdvancEd STEM Certification. Professional memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, Southern Association of Independent Schools, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Florida Catholic Conference, Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (DAANS) and Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education, in 1986 and 1995. In 2006, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy was named one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the United States.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy is to educate young women to face the future, strengthened by their faith, prepared and confident in their abilities to achieve their goals, and committed to their Catholic and American heritages.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The number of credits required for graduation is 28. In addition, an unweighted cum GPA of 2.0 or higher and 100 hours of school-approved and documented service are required for graduation. Specific subject requirements are:

Theology	4.0 credits
English.....	4.0 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	3.0 credits*
Science	3.0 credits*
Electives.....	4.0 credits
Foreign Language	2.0 credits
Physical Education.....	0.5 credit
Health/Life Management Skills.....	0.5 credit
Fine Arts	1.0 credit
Computer Science.....	0.5 credit
Electives.....	4.0 credits

* Students are required to take either 4 credits in social studies or 4 credits in science. Beginning with the Class of 2018, students are required to take 0.5 credit in Computer Science and 4.5 elective credits.

GRADING SCALE

98 - 100	=	A+	80 - 82	=	B-	63 - 66	=	D
93 - 97	=	A	77 - 79	=	C+	60 - 62	=	D-
90 - 92	=	A-	73 - 76	=	C	0 - 59	=	F
87 - 89	=	B+	70 - 72	=	C-			
83 - 86	=	B	67 - 69	=	D+			

Highest GPA
5.30

Median GPA
3.97

Lowest GPA
2.20

Top Decile Range
5.30-4.76

Letter grades are posted on student report cards and transcripts. The grading scale above reflects the numerical equivalent of each letter grade. The student's GPA is weighted and includes all subjects. Given the intensity of the curriculum, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy does not rank its students, but additional quality points are allocated to academically challenging courses such as AP and Honors.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams. Advanced Placement courses are offered through the College Board Advanced Placement Program in U.S. History, Art History, U.S. Government, Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, and World History.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 400 students took a total of 971 exams; 79% of these students earned a passing score, earning a mark of three or higher.

Enrollment in AP courses is determined by a student's grades, teacher recommendation and course availability.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS*

2017	2018
AP Scholars..... 87	AP Scholars..... 96
AP Scholars with Honor 24	AP Scholars with Honor 25
AP Scholars with Distinction 35	AP Scholars with Distinction 45
AP National Scholar 3	AP National Scholar..... 6

2018 TESTING PROFILE

SAT

	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	560-640	600
Math	520-620	560

ACT

	Middle 50%	Mean
English	24-32	27.8
Math	21-27	24
Reading	23-31	26.8
Science	22-26	24.3
Composite	23-29	25.8

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Based on their performance on last year's PSAT, three students from the Class of 2019 attained Semifinalist Status and four attained Commended Status in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The Semifinalists will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. In addition, six students from the Class of 2019 have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars by The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

CLASS OF 2018 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	100%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:.....	86%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	14%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida	27%

CALENDAR

The school calendar is divided in two semesters; each semester is divided into two quarters. The school day consists of four alternating 90 minute blocks.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CLASS OF 2018

Auburn University
 Babson College
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Elon University
 Emmanuel College
 Fashion Institute of Technology
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Loyola University New Orleans
 Miami Dade College - All Campuses
 New York University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Point Park University
 Purdue University
 Samford University
 Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Seton Hall University
 Shenandoah University
 Southern Methodist University
 Spring Hill College
 Syracuse University
 Tallahassee Community College
 The Catholic University of America
 The New School - All Divisions
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Tulane University
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Central Florida
 University of Dayton
 University of Florida
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of North Florida
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of South Florida, Tampa
 University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Villanova University
 Wake Forest University