



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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## 2020-2021 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 43 schools and more than 21 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 64 members, with 83% holding advanced degrees. The faculty includes two 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	Physical Education.....	0.5 credit
English.....	4.0 credits	Health/Life Management Skills .....	0.5 credit
Mathematics .....	4.0 credits	Fine Arts .....	1.0 credit
Social Studies.....	3.0 credits*	Computer Science.....	0.5 credit
Science .....	3.0 credits*	Electives.....	4.0 credits
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Foreign Language .....	2.0 credits		

\* Students are required to take either 4 credits in social studies or 4 credits in science. Students are required to take 0.5 credit in Computer Science and 4.5 elective credits.

### VIRTUAL LEARNING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy transitioned to 100% online learning for the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. While the mode of education was different than in-person, the student expectations and caliber of instruction were consistent with the school's core values.

For an updated list of college and university acceptances, test scores and awards, please visit the Guidance section of the school Web site at [www.olla.org](http://www.olla.org).

## 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+			

<b>Highest GPA</b>	<b>Median GPA</b>	<b>Lowest GPA</b>	<b>Top Decile Range</b>
5.27	4.24	2.57	5.27-5.01

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, Comparative Government and Politics, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, and World History.

During the 2019-2020 school year, 447 students took a total of 1,117 exams; 86% 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\*

2019		2020	
AP Scholars.....	88	AP Scholars.....	96
AP Scholars with Honor .....	36	AP Scholars with Honor .....	47
AP Scholars with Distinction .....	53	AP Scholars with Distinction .....	57
AP National Scholar .....	5	AP National Scholar.....	8

## 2020 TESTING PROFILE

	Middle 50%
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	620
Math	580

	Middle 50%
English	24-34
Math	22-28
Reading	23-33
Science	23-29
Composite	23-30

*NOTE: The testing data reflects the impact COVID-19 has had on our school. At the time of this profile's publication, our school continues to be in Phase 1. Students' ability to test for the first time has been reduced.*

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Based on their performance on last year's PSAT, one student from the Class of 2021 attained Semifinalist Status and two attained Commended Status in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The Semifinalist 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, eight students from the Class of 2021 have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars by The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

## CLASS OF 2020 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	100%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions: .....	85%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	15%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida .....	23%

## 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 2020

Appalachian State University  
 Babson College  
 Boston College  
 Catholic University of America  
 Clemson University  
 Cornell University  
 Duke University  
 Duquesne University  
 Elon University  
 Emerson College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida International University  
 Florida State University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Goucher College  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
 Miami-Dade College  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Rollins College  
 Santa Clara University  
 Santa Fe College  
 Santa Fe Community College  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Spring Hill College  
 Tallahassee Community College  
 The Ohio State University  
 The University of Alabama  
 Tulane University of Louisiana  
 Universidad de Navarra  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Florida  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of South Florida  
 Villanova University  
 Wake Forest University  
 Walsh University  
 Washington University in St. Louis