

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

Avalon is an independent, college-preparatory, K-12 day school for boys, approved to offer Catholic religious instruction by the Archdiocese of Washington. Avalon was founded in 2003. The School's first senior class graduated in June 2007. There are 187 students in total, 94 in grades K-8 and 93 in grades 9-12. There are 27 students in the class of 2021.

Avalon is approved to operate an elementary and secondary school by the Maryland State Department of Education. Avalon has 22 full-time faculty members and 2 part-time faculty members.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Avalon seeks to cultivate in its students a sense of intellectual freedom and personal responsibility; to foster the gifts of faith and culture that are within each boy's reach; and to help them fulfill the deep desire to live a noble life that resides in all men.



Upper School Course Offerings

English: I, II, III, IV, AP Language, AP Literature
Math: Pre-Algebra, I, II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
Sciences: Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology
Foreign Languages: Spanish, Italian, Greek, Latin I, II, III, IV/AP
Religion: Church History, Christian Anthropology, Sacraments, The Trinity
History: Medieval/Early Modern, US, AP US, AP European, History of the Crusades
Electives: Journalism, Creative Writing, Drawing, Composition, ESL, ESL Geography

To augment their course list, students can enroll in independent study, including Advanced Placement courses, for courses that are not offered by Avalon.

Grading Scale

There are two semesters with end of term exams in January and June. Grades are scored: A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69, F 0-59.

GPA is calculated:

A+ (4.33) = 97-100	A (4.00) = 93-96	A- (3.67) = 90-92
B+ (3.33) = 87-89	B (3.00) = 83-86	B- (2.67) = 80-82
C+ (2.33) = 77-79	C (2.00) = 73-76	C- (1.67) = 70-72
D+ (1.33) = 67-69	D (1.00) = 63-66	D- (0.67) = 60-62
F (0.00) = Below 60		

Pass/Fail grades and transfer grades are not used in computing GPA.

Graduation Requirements

Subject	Total Years	Total Credits
English	4	4
Math	4	4
History*	4	4
Science**	3	3
Language***	3	3
Religion	4	4
Electives	2	2
Total Credits		24

*one year includes US History

**including one year of Biology and one of Chemistry

***Latin, Greek, Italian and/or Spanish

Fulfillment of the sports/activities requirements

Class Rank

We do not rank students because of small class size. A distribution of grades by course for Grade 11 is included in this profile.

Weighting of GPA

Advanced Placement course grades are weighted by one point each, and Honors course grades are weighted by one-half point; these differences are reflected on the transcript.

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The Class of 2020 & 2021



THE CLASS OF 2020

College Acceptances

Benedictine College
Catholic University of America
Cornell University
Hood College
James Madison University
Monmouth University
Montgomery College
Old Dominion University
Penn State University
Rutgers University
St. John's University,
Queens, NY
Saint Louis University

St. Mary's College of Maryland
Towson University
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County
University of Maryland,
College Park
University of New England
University of Virginia
Washington and Lee
University

Awards and Commendations

- 3 AP Scholars from the Class of 2020.
- The class of 2020 had 1 Summa Cum Laude, 1 Maxima Cum Laude, 2 Magna Cum Laude, and 2 cum Laude awards for the National Latin Exam over its years at Avalon.
- 3 football players won full D-1 scholarships.
- 1 baseball player was awarded a partial scholarship.
- 1 basketball player will play college basketball.

Our Response to COVID-19

Avalon moved to remote learning on 3/18/2020, following our school's 3/15 closure due to COVID-19 precautions. For the rest of the school year, classes continued, using some live classes but mostly asynchronous online learning techniques: a variety of web-based learning systems and discussion platforms as well as photos of handwritten work. We maintained standard letter grades.

For 2020–21, we plan to start on time, in person, following CDC and Harvard School of Public Health guidelines, as our small school values community and our philosophy emphasizes education through the relationships between and among teachers and students. In 2020–21, we will maintain standard grading regardless of instructional method.

Testing

SAT

Middle 50%

The Class of 2020 had 16 test takers

Reading: 580—610

Math: 480—620

Composite: 980—1230

Advanced Placement

Avalon had **20 students** take a total of **39 exams** in **May of 2020**.

45% of the students taking the exams received at least one exam score of a **3 or higher**.

THE CLASS OF 2021

Grade Distribution

for 11th Grade Academic Courses (32 students)

Course	A	B	C	D	F
English III	23%	27%	27%	20%	3%
Geometry	18%	36%	36%		10%
Trigonometry	10%	40%	20%	20%	10%
Pre-Calculus	43%	43%	14%		
Algebra II		80%	20%		
Physics	21%	79%			
Biology AP	66%	22%	12%		
European History	27%	33%	14%	13%	13%
European History AP	15%	62%	8%	15%	
Religion III	23%	29%	35%	13%	
Spanish II		50%		50%	
Latin IV	33%	33%	22%	11%	
Journalism	43%	36%	14%	7%	
Studio Art	66%		17%	16%	

Cumulative GPA Distribution

for the 11th Grade (32 students)

