



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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## 2014 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 50 schools and 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 professional staff consists of 74 full-time members, a chaplain, and 3 religious, with 68% holding advanced degrees.

The total enrollment in grades 9 through 12 is approximately 833; 190 are seniors. Over 92% 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. Professional memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Florida Catholic Conference, the Dade Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (DAANS) and the 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 for the school years 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, 100 hours of school-approved and documented service are required for graduation. Specific subject requirements are:

Theology .....	4.0 credits
English.....	4.0 credits
Social Studies.....	3.0 credits*
Mathematics.....	4.0 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.....	1.0 credit

\* Students are required to take either 4 credits in social studies or 4 credits in science.

## 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>
5.28	3.75	2.33	5.28-4.65

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

During the 2013-2014 school year, 339 students took a total of 547 exams; 90.9 percent of these students earned a passing score, earning a mark of three or higher. Two subjects had a 100% pass rate: U.S. Government and Politics, as well as Spanish Literature.

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

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS\*

2014	2013
AP Scholars ..... 54	AP Scholars ..... 42
AP Scholars with Honor ..... 34	AP Scholars with Honor ..... 19
AP Scholars with Distinction ..... 39	AP Scholars with Distinction ..... 32
AP National Scholar ..... 2	AP National Scholar ..... 5

## 2014 TESTING PROFILE

SAT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	Total Group
Critical Reading	548	491	497
Math	541	485	513
Writing	565	472	487

The mean scores on the SAT Reasoning Test for Our Lady of Lourdes Academy students who took both the SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject tests are:

Critical Reading = 621                      Math = 623                      Writing = 629

ACT (Mean Scores)

	OLLA	FLORIDA	NATIONAL
English	25.6	18.7	20.3
Math	23.2	19.5	20.9
Reading	25.0	20.7	21.3
Science	22.4	19.1	20.8
Composite	24.1	19.6	21.0

## CLASS OF 2014 PROFILE

Percentage of graduating class applying to college:.....	100%
Percentage of graduating class attending four year institutions:.....	92%
Percentage of graduating class attending two year institutions:.....	8%
Percentage of graduating class attending universities outside Florida .....	26.2%

## 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 2014

Auburn University  
 Ave Maria University  
 Babson College  
 Barry University  
 Boston University  
 Catholic University of America  
 Cornell University  
 Denison University  
 Fashion Institute of Technology  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida International University  
 Florida State University  
 Georgetown University  
 Georgia Tech University  
 Hofstra University  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Loyola University New Orleans  
 Miami Dade College  
 Miami Dade - Honors College  
 New World School of the Arts College  
 New York University  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 Parsons the New School  
 Penn State University  
 Santa Fe College  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Spring Hill College  
 Stonehill College  
 Tallahassee Community College  
 Tufts University  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Florida  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
 University of Miami  
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of South Florida  
 University of the Arts  
 University of Virginia  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Tech  
 Wake Forest University