



the
Avalon School
A SCHOOL FOR BOYS, GRADES K-12

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2023–2024

Avalon is an independent, college-preparatory, Catholic K–12 day school for boys. Avalon was founded in 2003. The School's first senior class graduated in June 2007. There are 192 students in total, 126 in grades K–8 and 66 in grades 9–12. There are 17 students in the class of 2023.

Avalon is approved to operate an elementary and secondary school by the Maryland State Department of Education. Avalon has 21 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, Dystopian Novels, Literature of the Vietnam War, Tolkien's Literature

Mathematics: Pre-Algebra, I, II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

Sciences: Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics (online), Anatomy & Physiology

World Languages: Spanish, Italian, Greek, Latin I, II, III, IV/AP

Theology: Scripture, Church History, Sacraments, Moral Theology, The Trinity, and Apologetics

History: Medieval/Early Modern, US, AP US, AP European, History of the Crusades, 20th Century, Government, English Kings, and Literature of the Vietnam War

Electives: Journalism, Creative Writing, Drawing, Composition, ESL, ESL Geography, Studio Art

To augment their course list, students can enroll in independent study, including Advanced Placement courses, for courses that are not offered by Avalon. Upperclassmen with a qualifying GPA and with the permission of the Headmaster may seek dual enrollment at a nearby college or university.

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, F0–59.

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 2023 & 2024



CLASS OF 2023

College Acceptances

(Matriculation in bold)

Bellarmino University	Penn State University
Bentley University	Purdue University
The Catholic University of America	Stevenson University
The Citadel	Towson University
Delaware State University	United States Merchant
Florida International University	Marine Academy
Frostburg State University	University of Maryland,
George Mason University	Baltimore County
Howard University	University of Illinois,
Hobart Institute of Welding	Urbana Champaign
Technology	University of Maryland,
Loyola University Maryland	College Park
Merrimack College	University of North Florida
Mount Saint Mary's University	University of Rochester
	University of Wisconsin, Madison

Awards and Distinctions

Eight students named AP Scholar

Testing

SAT

The Class of 2023 had 14 test takers. Scores listed are an average of the superscores for all test takers.

Reading: 600

Math: 610

Composite: 1210

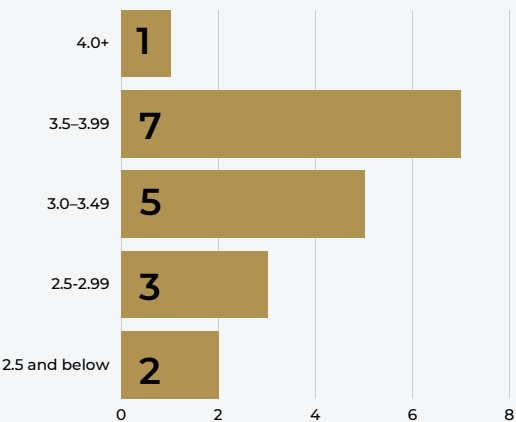
Advanced Placement

Avalon had 20 students take a total of 58 exams in May of 2023. Of the 58 tests, students scored a 3 or higher on 43% of the exams.

65% of the students taking the exams received at least one exam score of a 3 or higher.

CLASS OF 2024

Cumulative GPA Distribution



Grade Distribution

For 11th Grade Academic Courses (19 students)

Course	A	B	C	D	F
English III	6%	65%	29%		
English Literature AP	50%	50%			
Geometry	33%	33%	33%		
Pre-Calculus/H	18%	64%	18%		
Chemistry AP	14%	43%	43%		
Anatomy & Physiology	10%	70%	20%		
Religion III	26%	60%	10%	4%	
Italian I	29%	71%			
Latin IV/H		100%			
US History AP	13%	75%	13%		
Vietnam War	44%	22%	33%		
Studio Art	75%	25%			

time-tested
WISDOM

steadfast
COURAGE

authentic
FAITH

enduring
FRIENDSHIPS