

# McLean School

## Upper School Profile 2024-2025

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### The School

McLean School is a K-12 college preparatory, independent, co-educational, day school supporting bright students' individual learning strengths and challenges. Founded in 1954, McLean graduated its first senior class in 2003. McLean is accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS) and the Maryland State Department of Education.

### Mission

**McLean School's mission is to make education accessible, stimulating, and meaningful to a broad range of bright K-12 learners.**

Our students flourish because McLean responds to students' strengths and challenges. McLean prepares students intellectually and socially by encouraging self-advocacy and building self-confidence.

*Our students succeed because they learn how to learn.*

Ratio of Teachers - 9:1  
Learning Services Team - 2

Teachers with Postgraduate Degrees - 83%  
Counselors - 2  
College Counselors - 2

### Upper School Enrollment

**Grade 12** - 55    **Grade 11** - 51    **Grade 10** - 51    **Grade 9** - 53

### Grading

GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Grades in Honors classes are weighted by .33. Grades in AP classes are weighted by .67.

McLean is on a semester schedule, recording semester grades. We do not calculate class rank. A few classes, such as P.E., are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. The grading scale is as follows:  
**A** 93-100    **A-** 90-92    **B+** 87-89    **B** 83-86    **B-** 80-82    **C+** 77-79    **C** 73-76    **C-** 70-72    **D+** 67-69    **D** 63-66    **D-** 60-62    **F** 59 or below

### Honors and Advanced Placement

Honors classes are offered in selected subjects. Fifteen AP classes are available to students in grades 11 and 12. AP classes are open to all McLean juniors and seniors who express the desire to challenge themselves in preparation for the rigor of college-level academics. Students are discouraged from taking more than two AP courses simultaneously.

McLean students who take AP exams, 85% of them score three or higher.

### Senior Projects

Seniors participate in a two-week independent project at the end of the year. Students must submit a formal proposal, choose a faculty advisor, keep a daily journal, and present their projects to the entire Upper School community. Senior Projects are graded on an Honors/Pass/Fail basis and recorded on the final transcript.

**Accreditation: State of Maryland, AIMS & NAIS**

### Graduation Requirements

English	3 credits	CORE (Community-Oriented Reflective Education)	4 credits	Physical Education	2 credits
Literature	3 credits	History/Social Science	3 credits	Visual & Performing Arts	1 credit
Mathematics	3 credits	Science	3 credits	Total Needed	26 credits
Senior English/Humanities	1 credit	World Languages	2 credits	Service Learning	40 hours

### Curriculum for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

#### English

English 9  
English 9 Honors  
English 10  
English 10 Honors  
English 11  
English 11 Honors

#### History

US History  
US History Honors  
Western Traditions  
Western Traditions Honors  
The America Narrative History,  
Politics, and Myth  
The Modern World  
The Modern World Honors  
Philosophy and Art  
AP Human Geography  
AP US Government and Politics  
Hispanics in the US: History,  
Literature, and Culture

#### Humanities

Creative Writing  
20th Century Culture & Thought  
Ancient Greek Language & Culture  
Political Ideas in Dystopian Fiction  
The Nature of Nature

#### Literature

Literature 9  
Literature 9 Honors  
Global Literature  
Global Literature Honor  
American Literature  
American Literature Honors  
AP English Language  
and Composition  
Advanced English Literature  
and Composition  
African American Literature  
Shakespeare Throughout Time

#### Mathematics

Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Geometry Honors  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry Honors  
Precalculus  
Precalculus Honors  
Probability and Statistics  
Calculus  
AP Calculus AB  
Multivariable Calculus  
Integrated Geometry

#### Performing Arts

Chorus I, II, III, IV  
Jazz Band I, II, III, IV  
Rock, Pop, and Blues I, II, III, IV, V  
Strings Ensemble I, II  
Music Production

#### STEM

Computer Science and Engineering I  
Computer Science and Engineering II  
AP Computer Science A  
Independent Study in Computer Science  
Independent Study in Engineering

#### Science

Astronomy  
Biology  
Biology Honors  
Environmental Science  
Forensic Science  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Physiology and Disease  
Psychology  
AP Biology  
AP Psychology  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2

#### Visual Arts

Art I: Foundations in Art  
Art II: Elements and Principles  
of Design  
AP 2-D Art & Design  
Independent Art  
Advanced Art  
Ceramics  
Photography  
Web and Graphic Design I, II  
Yearbook  
Mass Communications  
**World Languages**  
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V  
AP Spanish Language and Culture  
Latin I, II, III, IV, V  
AP Latin  
American Sign Language I, II, III, IV

## College Acceptances

Below is a list of the colleges and universities into which our recent graduates were admitted.

The **bold** type indicates at least one matriculation.

### **American University**

Arcadia University  
Arizona State University (Tempe)

### **Baylor University**

Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Bowie State University

### **Brandeis University**

Bradley University  
Butler University

### **Case Western Reserve University**

Christopher Newport University  
Clark University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)

Connecticut College  
Creighton University

Culinary Institute of America

Curry College

Dean College

Denison University

DePaul University

### **Denison**

### **Dickinson College**

### **Drexel University**

### **East Carolina University**

Eckerd College

### **Elon University**

Emerson College

### **Emory University**

Endicott College  
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham)

Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

Frostburg State University

Furman University

George Mason University

George Washington University

Gettysburg College

### **Goucher College**

Hamilton College

Hampton University

Hawai'i Pacific University

### **High Point University**

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hofstra University

Hood College

Howard University

Ithaca College

### **James Madison University**

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Kansas City Art Institute

Kenyon College

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Maryland

### **Lynn University**

Manhattan College

Maryland Institute College of Art

### **McDaniel College**

Merrimack College

Miami University (Oxford)

Muhlenberg College

New York Film Academy

### **New York University**

Northeastern University

Old Dominion University

Oregon State University

### **Pace University (New York City)**

Penn State University (University Park)

Point Park University

Quinnipiac University

Radford University

Rider University

### **Rochester Institute of Technology**

Rockhurst University

### **Rutgers University (New Brunswick)**

### **Salisbury University**

Sarah Lawrence College

### **Savannah College of Art and Design**

Seton Hall University

Shenandoah University

Smith College

Skidmore College

St Mary's College of Maryland

St. John's University

St. Lawrence University

SUNY at New Paltz

SUNY at Purchase College

SUNY College of Technology at Delhi

Susquehanna University

Syracuse University

Temple University

The New School

### **The Ohio State University**

The University of Alabama

The University of Tampa

Toronto Metropolitan University

Towson University

### **Trinity College Dublin**

### **Tulane University**

Union College

### **University of Arizona**

University of California (Irvine)

University of California (Santa Cruz)

### **University of Colorado Boulder**

University of Connecticut

University of Delaware

### **University of Denver**

University of Hartford

### **University of Kansas**

University of Kentucky

University of Mary Washington

### **University of Maryland (College Park)**

University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)

University of New Haven

University of Oregon

### **University of Pittsburgh**

University of Rhode Island

### **University of Richmond**

University of South Carolina

### **University of Vermont**

### **Utah State University**

Vassar College

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

### **Washington University (St Louis)**

Wesleyan University

Wichita State University

### **William & Mary**

### **Xavier University**

Yale University