



"At Our Lady Of Good Counsel, we have a "global buddies" program that pairs American students who are willing to help international students. It was a good for me because got to know a couple of people before school started!"

Yusuf from Turkey

Private School

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Maryland

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School is a private day school in suburban Maryland offering a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum with IB and Advanced Placement options. The school is known for its large campus, strong STEM programs, and high student participation in athletics and the arts.



PRIVATE



COED



SPORTS



ARTS



STEM



IB PROGRAM

Quick Facts

Founded: 1958

Niche.com Score: A+

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Snowy winters / Warm summers

Population: 35,000

School Population: 1,275

Accepting students: Grade 9-11

Diploma Year offered: No

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 100%

Curriculum offered: International Baccalaureate

Academic Excellence

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School delivers a **demanding college-preparatory curriculum** that includes **Advanced Placement courses and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**, the oldest IB program among Catholic schools in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Virginia. Students study a broad range of subjects across **humanities, sciences, mathematics, languages, and technology**. The nationally recognized STEM program has earned Project Lead The Way Distinguished School status, placing it among the top 2% of participating schools nationwide. Academic support is further strengthened through the Ryken Studies Program, which provides structured learning for students with mild learning differences while maintaining high academic expectations.

Student Accomplishments

- U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (two-time recipient)
- Project Lead The Way Distinguished School recognition
- Gatorade Maryland Girls Cross Country Player of the Year (2023)

Recent University Acceptances

- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western University
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- Davidson College
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Stanford University
- Swarthmore College
- United States Military Academy at West Point
- University of Michigan
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University



Stats

22

of AP Courses

13:1

Student Teacher Ratio

83%

Teachers with Advanced Degrees

100%

University and College Acceptance

22

Average Class Size

9-12

Grades at School

28

Average ACT Score

1280

Average SAT Score

Campus Facilities

The 51-acre campus provides **extensive academic, athletic, and arts facilities** designed to support student development across disciplines. Academic spaces include multiple science and technology laboratories, a learning center, and a modern library that supports independent study and research. Performing arts facilities include a large theater and dance studio, while athletic infrastructure features multiple gyms, turf fields, an Olympic-level running track, and specialized training spaces. The campus layout allows students to move easily between academic, athletic, and creative environments throughout the school day.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics play a major role at Good Counsel, with approximately 75% of students participating in interscholastic sports. Teams compete in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and benefit from professional-level facilities that support training, competition, and athletic development.

The Fine Arts program offers structured pathways in visual arts, music, and theater. Students develop performance and creative skills through coursework, ensembles, and productions supported by dedicated arts facilities.



Highlights

Sports: American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country Running, Dance, Equestrian, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Lacrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling

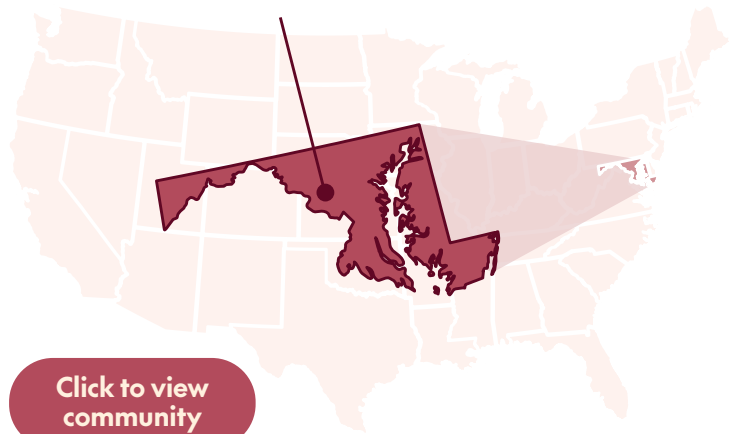
Arts: Art Drawing, Theater, Visual Arts, Choral Ensemble, Guitar, Instrumental Music, Music

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Government and Politics, Human Geography, Physics 1, Psychology, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, World History

Languages offered: Chinese, French, Latin, Spanish

Community

Olney is a suburban community in Montgomery County, Maryland, with a population of approximately 35,000 residents. The school is located about 15 miles from Washington, D.C., giving students access to museums, universities, and cultural institutions. Washington Dulles International Airport is the nearest major airport, supporting international travel. The area offers a balance of residential comfort and metropolitan access.



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Climate in Olney, Maryland

Traditional four seasons with warm summers and cool winters.



"The rigorous schedule is challenging yet truly helped me grow as a student and as a person in teaching me perseverance, how to get help, and to love what I learn. All of my teachers are exceptional and there are so many resources to help anyone in need."

Student

"I love GC because from the time you step onto the stunning campus, you can feel the exciting energy and school spirit from the students and the staff."

Parent

Video

Learn more about the school

