

## Upper School Profile 2025-2026

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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.

### 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 - 86%  
Counselors - 2                      College Counselors - 2

### Upper School Enrollment

**Grade 12** - 48      **Grade 11** - 60      **Grade 10** - 53      **Grade 9** - 55

### 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. Seventeen 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 <small>(Community-Oriented Reflective Education)</small>	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 2025-2026 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  
AP Art History

#### Humanities

Ancient Greek Culture and Legacy  
Journalism  
20th Century Culture and Thought  
The Nature of Nature  
Mathematical Exploration From Ancient  
    Proofs to Model Puzzles  
History Behind the Headlines

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### STEM

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

#### 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.

Allegheny College  
American University  
**Appalachian State University**  
Arizona State University  
**Belmont University**  
**Bentley University**  
Berklee College of Music  
Brandeis University  
**Bryn Mawr College**  
Case Western Reserve University  
**Catholic University**  
Charleston Southern University  
**Chatham University**  
Christopher Newport University  
Clark University  
**Coastal Carolina University**  
College of Charleston  
**Colorado School of Mines**  
Colorado State University  
Connecticut College  
Culinary Institute of America  
Davis & Elkins College  
Dean College  
**Denison University**  
**DePaul University**  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Eckerd College  
**Elon University**  
Five Towns College  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida International University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Frostburg State University  
Furman University  
**George Mason University**  
**George Washington (2)**

**Gettysburg College**  
Goucher College  
Hampton University  
Hawai'i Pacific University  
**High Point University (2)**  
Hobart and William Smith  
Hofstra University  
Hood College  
Indiana University (Bloomington)  
Indiana University (Indianapolis)  
**Ithaca College (2)**  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales (Charlotte)  
Johnson & Wales (Providence)  
**Kent State University**  
Lebanon Valley College  
**Longwood University**  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Lynn University  
Manhattan University  
Marist University  
**McDaniel College (2)**  
Miami University (Oxford)  
Missouri State (Springfield)  
Montana State University  
Moore College Art & Design  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
North Carolina A&T State  
University  
Ohio University  
Old Dominion University  
**Pace University**  
Penn State (Behrend)  
Penn State (Brandywine)  
PA College of Art & Design  
Randolph-Macon College

Rensselaer Poly Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Roger Williams University**  
Rollins College  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
**Saint Joseph's University**  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Michael's College  
**Salisbury University**  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Shenandoah University  
Slippery Rock University  
**St Mary's College of Maryland**  
Stevenson University  
Stockton University  
Stony Brook University  
Susquehanna University  
**Sweet Briar College**  
Temple University  
The University of Alabama  
**The University of Montana**  
**The University of Tampa**  
Thomas Jefferson University  
**Towson University (4)**  
**Trinity University**  
Union College  
University of Arizona  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Houston  
University of Kentucky  
University of Lynchburg  
**University of Mary Washington**  
**University of Maryland (Baltimore County)**  
**University of Maryland (College Park)**  
University of Nevada

University of New Orleans  
University of North Carolina (Charlotte)  
University of North Carolina (Greensboro)  
University of North Georgia  
University of Oregon  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**University of Rhode Island**  
**University of Richmond**  
University of South Carolina  
**University of South Florida (2)**  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Vermont  
**University of Virginia**  
Ursinus College  
Virginia Commonwealth  
**Virginia Polytechnic Institute**  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
Warren Wilson College  
**William & Mary (2)**  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
Wright State University  
Xavier University