

# McLean School

## Upper School Profile 2026-2027

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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    | Teachers with Postgraduate Degrees - 70% |
| Learning Services Team - 2 | Counselors - 2                           |
|                            | College Counselors - 2                   |

### Upper School Enrollment

|               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Grade 12 - 61 | Grade 11 - 48 | Grade 10 - 50 | Grade 9 - 49 |
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### Grading

GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. Grades in Honors classes are weighted by .3. Grades in AP classes are weighted by .7.

McLean is on a semester schedule, recording semester grades. We do not calculate class rank. A few classes, such as CORE, 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.

### 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 2026-2027 Academic Year

#### English

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

#### History

US History  
US History Honors  
World History  
World History Honors  
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 Political Theory  
Journalism  
Mathematical Exploration From Ancient Proofs to Model Puzzles  
Fiction, Form, Forensics

#### 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  
Literature 10  
Literature 10 Honors  
Literature 11  
Literature 11 Honors  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
AP African American Studies

#### Mathematics

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

#### 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

#### Science

Earth Science  
Biology  
Biology Honors  
Environmental Science  
Forensic Science  
Chemistry  
Chemistry Honors  
Physics  
Psychology  
AP Biology  
AP Psychology  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Computer Science A

#### 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.

Aberystwyth University  
Adelphi University  
Alfred University  
**American University**  
Arcadia University  
Auburn University  
Bard College  
Bentley University  
**Boston University**  
Bowie State University  
Bowling Green State University  
Bradley University  
Brandeis University  
Bridgewater College  
**Catholic University of America**  
Clark University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Colby College  
**College of Charleston**  
Coppin State University  
**Dickinson College**  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duquesne University  
Durham University  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Eckerd College  
Elizabeth City State University  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Fairmont State University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Frostburg State University  
**George Washington University**  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Hampshire College  
**Hampton University**  
Hofstra University  
**Hood College**

Indiana University (Bloomington)  
**Ithaca College**  
**James Madison University**  
Kent State University  
**Lehigh University**  
**Lewis University**  
**Long Island University (Post)**  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Loyola University Maryland**  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Lynn University  
Manhattanville University  
Marquette University  
Marymount Manhattan College  
Marywood University  
**McDaniel College**  
Mercer University  
Mercyhurst University  
Miami University (Oxford)  
Millikin University  
Missouri State University  
(Springfield)  
Montclair State University  
**Montgomery College**  
Morgan State University  
Morehouse College  
Mount St Mary's University  
Muhlenberg College  
Nazareth University  
**New York University**  
Niagara University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Michigan University  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Ohio University (Main Campus)  
Oklahoma City University  
Old Dominion University

**Oxford Brookes University**  
**Pace University (New York City)**  
Penn State University  
(University Park)  
**Pepperdine University**  
Point Park University  
Queen's University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University (Camden)  
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Rutgers University (Newark)  
Saint Joseph's University  
**Saint Mary's College of California**  
Salisbury University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Seton Hall University  
Slippery Rock University of  
Pennsylvania  
Southeast Missouri State University  
**Southern Methodist University**  
St Mary's College of Maryland  
**St. Bonaventure University**  
Stevenson University  
Stony Brook University  
SUNY Buffalo  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University  
**Temple University**  
Texas Christian University  
The University of Alabama  
**The University of Tampa (2)**  
The University of Tennessee  
(Knoxville)  
**Towson University (3)**  
Union College  
Universidad CEU San Pablo  
Universidad Europea

University of Akron Main Campus  
**University of California (Berkeley)**  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
**University of Delaware (2)**  
University of Denver  
**University of Guelph**  
University of Hartford  
University of Iowa  
University of Maine  
**University of Maryland**  
**(Baltimore County)**  
**University of Maryland**  
**(College Park) (6)**  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
**University of Massachusetts**  
**(Amherst)**  
**University of Missouri (Columbia)**  
University of New Hampshire  
University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro  
University of North Dakota  
University of Ottawa  
University of Rhode Island  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Stirling  
**University of Vermont**  
University of Wyoming  
Ursinus College  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Wagner College  
**Wake Forest University**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
West Virginia University  
**York College of Pennsylvania**