

MDSA CURRICULUM AND DIRECTIONS FOR SELECTION

Schedules are built according to each student's specific abilities. All of our courses are college preparatory. For students requiring detailed skill acquisition in Math, Science or English, a College Prep Level 1 recommendation will be made. Freshmen are required to take **7.5 credits: 1 Religion, 1 English, 1 Social Science, 1 Math, 1 Foreign Language, 1 Science, 1 elective and .5 Philosophy during 2nd Semester** (A Study Hall will run in the Philosophy slot for their first semester.) Our Course Booklet can be found on our website, www.mountdesales.org under the Academics tab (Curriculum). We welcome you to Mount de Sales!

Mrs. Theresa Greene
Vice Principal of Academics

STEP 1- IDENTIFY THE COURSE SELECTION SHEET IN THIS PACKET. SELECT A 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE ELECTIVE

Students must have 1 P.E./Health and 1 Fine Arts credit for graduation.

- Choose either one of the various Fine Arts or P. E./Health courses

STEP 2- SELECT A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (Spanish, Latin, or French)

Students must have at least 2 consecutive years of the same Foreign Language for graduation.

- Fill out the enclosed **Foreign Language Profile** and return it with the Selection Sheet. (pink sheet)
- Students who have taken more than one year of the language they are selecting OR have speaking experience in that language, MUST take a placement test in that language. **
- We offer both College Prep Level 2 and Honors Spanish. Latin and French are only offered as Honors Languages. Thus, their challenging nature should be considered.

STEP 3- REGISTER ONLINE FOR PLACEMENT TESTING – ALL students must take a Math placement test. Depending on the amount of previous study in a foreign language, most students will be required to take a foreign language placement test. **TO REGISTER FOR ANY PLACEMENT TESTING GO TO www.mountdesalesacademy.org and click on the Accepted Students tab under Admissions.**

- **Math Placement Test** – *REQUIRED*
 - All incoming freshmen must give the **Math Verification Form** to their current math teacher (blue sheets) - This form is due back to MDSA by **March 13th**. A copy of this form is also available on our MDSA website under the Admissions tab (*Accepted Students*). *Your teacher can also email this form directly to admissions@mountdesales.org*
 - All incoming freshman must Register and take the Math placement (dates listed on back).
- **Foreign Language Placement Test** – *REQUIRED** See directions above in Step 2.*
- **English/Social Science Placement Test** – *OPTIONAL* *This placement test consists of a writing sample and is used for both English and Social Science placement.*
 - Only students who meet all of the Prerequisites should register to take the Honors English and/or Honors Social Science placement test. The prerequisites for these honors courses are:
 - Scored Above Average or within the 90th percentile on previous standardized testing
 - MDSA Placement Test which shows advanced skills and ability in writing
 - Consistent A average in Language Arts and History courses
- **Science Placement Test** -*OPTIONAL*
 - Prerequisites for Honors Biology are:
 - Above Average Math scores on previous standardized testing
 - MDSA Science Placement Test which shows an advanced knowledge of science
 - Consistent A average in Science and Language Arts courses

SUBMIT ALL FORMS TO MOUNT DE SALES BY MARCH 13, 2019.

Mail To:

Mount de Sales Academy -Admissions
700 Academy Road
Catonsville MD 21228

OR Email to:

admissions@mountdesales.org

What:

1. Course Selection Sheet
2. Foreign Language Profile
3. Math Verification Sheet

A NOTE ABOUT MATH PLACEMENT-To ensure proper math placement we offer three different placement tests:

Concepts Test: for students who have or are taking Math 8 or Pre-Algebra; or for students who are currently taking Algebra 1 and need more skill acquisition. Determines Algebra 1 placement. ***Students MAY NOT use a calculator on this test.***

Algebra Test: for students who have or are taking Algebra 1; students scoring consistently well in math. Determines placement for Algebra 1, Integrated Geometry, Geometry or Honors Geometry. ***Students MAY NOT use a calculator on this test.***

Algebra/Geometry Test: for students who have taken Algebra I and Geometry and consistently score well. Determines if students have enough Algebra 1 and Geometry foundations to move into Honors Algebra II. **Calculators allowed**

PLACEMENT TEST DATES

We offer two days for testing. Each test is offered at two different times on both days. Choose the day and time that suits your schedule. Students taking more than the required math and foreign language tests should plan on attending both days.

All tests are held at Mount de Sales - Enter through the Main Building and check in at the Padre Pio Side Library.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME ONLINE AT WWW.MOUNTDESALES.ORG

choose the Admissions tab (*Accepted Students*)

Click the "***Sign-up Genius***" link under *Placement Tests*.

Sacred Heart Students MUST register for placement testing directly with Mrs. Puglisi mjpuglisi@mountdesales.org

<u>Wednesday, March 13</u>	<u>Saturday, March 16</u>
• 3:40-4:50 All Math (70 minutes)	• 8:25-9:35 All Math (70 minutes)
• 3:45-4:45 English/Social Science (60 minutes)	• 8:30-9:30 English/Social Science (60 minutes)
• 3:45-4:45 French Placement (60 minutes)	• 8:30-9:30 French Placement (60 minutes)
• 3:45-4:45 Latin Placement (60 minutes)	• 8:30-9:30 Latin Placement (60 minutes)
• 3:45-4:45 Spanish Placement (60 minutes)	• 8:30-9:30 Spanish Placement (60 minutes)
• 4:00-4:45 Science Placement (45 minutes)	• 8:45-9:30 Science Placement (45 minutes)
• 5:00-5:45 Science Placement (45 minutes)	• 9:45-10:30 Science Placement (45 minutes)
• 5:00-6:00 English/Social Science (60 minutes)	• 9:45-10:45 English/Social Science (60 minutes)
• 5:00-6:00 French Placement (60 minutes)	• 9:45-10:45 French Placement (60 minutes)
• 5:00-6:00 Latin Placement (60 minutes)	• 9:45-10:45 Latin Placement (60 minutes)
• 5:00-6:00 Spanish Placement (60 minutes)	• 9:45-10:45 Spanish Placement (60 minutes)
• 5:00-6:10 All Math (70 minutes)	• 9:45-10:55 All Math (70 minutes)

For questions regarding the placement tests, please email our Registrar

Ms. Pam Tibbo

ptibbo@mountdesales.org

Last Name First Name M. I.

*A rough draft of each student's schedule will be sent by mail by early June. Unless we have a question regarding a schedule, **Mount de Sales will not alert students of their placement before this time.***

Have you received a Music or Art Scholarship from MDSA? If so, please identify which one:

___ **I have received a MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP** ___ **I have received an ART SCHOLARSHIP**

RELIGION: 1 credit *REQUIRED*

X (010) **Doctrine**

PHILOSOPHY: .5 credit *REQUIRED*

X (201) **Philosophy of the Human Person**

ELECTIVES: FINE ARTS and PHYSICAL EDUCATION (**Mark your selections "1st" and "2nd"**)

Fine Arts:

- ___ (130) **Line and Color** *Fine Arts elective; This course is a prerequisite to Honors Portfolio*
___ (924) **Graphic Communications** *Fine Arts elective; This course is a prerequisite for Yearbook*
___ (192) **Symphonic Orchestra** *Fine Arts elective*
___ (190) **Chorus** *Fine Arts elective*
___ (168) **Theatre Arts** *Fine Arts elective*
___ (162) **Dance Fundamentals** *Fine Arts elective*

PE/Health:

- ___ (822) **Physical Education and Health** *P.E. elective - Available in 9th and 10th grade only.*
___ (812) **Dance Fitness and Health** *P.E. elective - Available in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade only.*

Note: Other Fine Arts and Physical Education electives are available to students after freshman year. If you would like more information, please view the online Course Booklet at www.mountdesales.org under the Academics tab (under Curriculum).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Select a foreign language. The 3 courses below are introductory languages. These would be for students with little or no prior experience and for those who would not need a placement test.

- ___ (512) **Spanish I** (Level 2) *I have no Spanish experience and do not need to take a placement test.*
___ (571) **HN Latin I** *I have no Latin experience and do not need to take a placement test.*
___ (551) **HN French I** *I have no French experience. As this course is a more advanced honors foreign language, acceptance is granted by the Instructor. **Students should have excellent English language skills.***

If you have prior experience and need a placement test, select the language for which you plan on being tested. You should only sit for the test in the language you plan on taking.

- ___ **Spanish** *I have taken Spanish formerly and will register for the placement test.*
___ **French** *I have taken French formerly and will register for the placement test.*
___ **Latin** *I have taken Latin formerly and will register for the placement test.*

SACRED HEART - This section is **only** for students who have spoken to Mrs. Puglisi regarding the Sacred Heart Program and have pre-registered with her. **All others should skip this section.**

Welcome to the Sacred Heart Program,

As we review each candidate for the Sacred Heart program, we also look at the level of support that will best serve her and which will allow her to unlock and maximize her academic potential. Based on our review, we believe you will be best served by the following level of support:

___ (399) **Required Sacred Heart Seminar** *If marked with an X, this indicates that Seminar is **required** for Freshman year. This seminar will be one of your courses; meaning, you will defer either your elective or your foreign language for freshman year. **Please choose which option you prefer:***

- ___ I would like to defer my foreign language for freshman year.
- ___ I would like to defer my fine arts/physical education elective for freshman year.

___ (399) **Optional Sacred Heart Seminar** *If marked with an X, this indicates that you could benefit from Seminar. You have the **option** to take Seminar but are not required. If you take Seminar, you will need to defer either your elective or your foreign language for freshman year. **Please choose which option you prefer:***

- ___ I do not wish to take Sacred Heart Seminar
- ___ I would like to defer my foreign language for freshman year.
- ___ I would like to defer my fine arts/physical education elective for freshman year.

___ **Coach Sessions OR Plan only** *If marked with an X, this indicates you likely need less support from the Sacred Heart Program during freshman year. Upon your meeting with Mrs. Puglisi, you will develop a Support Plan and can determine which level of support is best at that time.*

QUESTIONS AND HELP

If you are in need of further assistance regarding this course selection packet, please email our Registrar, Ms. Tibbo ptibbo@mountdesales.org or our Sacred Heart Director and Counselor for students in the Sacred Heart Program, Mrs. Puglisi mjpuglisi@mountdesales.org.

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ENGLISH	MATH	SOCIAL SCIENCE
___ (300) Level 1	___ (400) Alg Concepts I	___ (611) Level 2
___ (301) Level 2	___ (401) Alg I	___ (615) Honors
___ (351) Honors	___ (425) Int Geo	
	___ (426) Geo	SCIENCE
	___ (428) Hn Geo	___ (710) Level 1
	___ (432) Alg II	___ (711) Level 2
	___ (436) Hn Alg II	___ (750) Honors