



VWA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Villa Walsh Academy, a college preparatory Catholic school, is to inspire our young women to expand their intellectual breadth and depth and to enhance their sense of local and global concern, empowering them to influence their world in a Christian manner.

Villa Walsh Academy Stands Solidly on a Foundation of Tradition

Set within the lovely Morristown countryside atop rugged mountain terrain, Villa Walsh Academy provides a picturesque setting to enhance an exceptional academic curriculum. Discovery of truth, beauty, and knowledge, both within and beyond the classroom, marks the students' experiences as they explore the natural beauty of its 120 acres of rolling hills.

The best of old-world charm combined with modern facilities and resources, the magnificent estate on which Villa Walsh Academy is set is home to a 19th century administration building and the residence of the Religious Teachers Filippini, a chapel, a variety of academic buildings, an auditorium, Assembly Hall, and music rooms. Additionally, a state-of-the-art Athletic Center meets the needs of all student athletes. Perhaps the most notable and recognizable aspect of the Villa Walsh campus, is the 100-year old, six-story stone water tower from which water was pumped by steam engine to supply the estate. The campus, situated at the highest point in Morristown, sits proudly on Gillespie Hill and boasts a natural beauty and panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.



ACCREDITATION

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
New Jersey Department of Education
Paterson Catholic Diocese

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Provincial Superior and Interim President: *Sr. Marianne McCann, M.P.F.*

Principal: *Sr. Elaine Bebyn, M.P.F.*

Director of Curriculum: *Mrs. Maria Manley*

Director of Guidance & Academic Services: *Mrs. Elizabeth Devins*



VILLA WALSH ACADEMY
ESTABLISHED 1967

Founded in 1967, Villa Walsh Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for girls, Grades 7 through 12, conducted by the Religious Teachers Filippini. With a total enrollment of 200 students, young women attend from throughout the state of New Jersey to take part in a rigorous and supportive education through which they develop their intellectual and moral lives.

Villa Walsh Academy is consistently recognized for its academic achievements at national, state and university levels. National Merit Scholars and scholarship recipients attend top colleges and universities across the country armed with the comprehensive education that the school provides. Historically 100% of graduating students enter four-year colleges and universities.

Fully-equipped science laboratories, computer-equipped classrooms, and resource media centers are connected via a state-of-the-art local area network that maintains cutting-edge technology for optimum learning potential.

CURRICULUM

A Villa Walsh Academy education strives to combine an exceptional school curriculum with the basic expectation of a purposeful existence.

All students experience a well-rounded course of study in theology, math, computer science, humanities, social sciences and fine arts as preparation for college. Enrollment in Honors and AP courses is competitive and contingent on departmental approval. All students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses are required to take the examination in May.

Administrators and faculty regularly engage in professional curriculum development to deliver relevant and innovative material to students. The faculty, which collaborates on a departmental and interdepartmental level, boasts a 6:1 student/teacher ratio.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 5 periods weekly for major subjects.

Theology	4 Years	Phys. Ed & Health	4 Years	World Language	2 Years
English	4 Years	History	3 Years	Financial Literacy	1 Year
Mathematics	4 Years	Lab Science	3 Years	Chorus Art Dance	1 Year

School Year: Semesters | **Class Periods:** 42 minutes | **Major Subjects:** Minimum 3 Periods Weekly

Lab Sciences: Biology/AP, Chemistry/AP, Physics, Physics I AP + II AP | **Course Credits:** 5 or 6 Credits based on at least 180 minutes per week of classroom instruction with additional research assignments and/or independent study. *Additional electives may be selected from the following areas: Mathematics, History, Science, Computer Science, Arts & Humanities.

GRADING & GPA

Grade point averages, based on all subjects are cumulative from freshman year through senior year. The system used is weighted and based on a 4.0 scale:

GRADING	
Numerical Equivalent	Letter Mark
97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
65-69	D
64 and below	F

GRADE POINT AVERAGE				
College	Prep	Honors	AP	
A+	4.33	4.66	5.00	
A	4.00	4.33	4.67	
A-	3.67	4.00	4.34	
B+	3.33	3.66	4.00	
B	3.00	3.33	3.67	
B-	2.67	3.00	3.34	
C+	2.33	2.66	3.00	
C	2.00	2.33	2.67	
C-	1.67	2.00	2.34	
D	1.00	1.33	1.67	
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	

MEAN TEST SCORES Class of 2026	
SAT	Mean
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	627
Math	601
Composite Score (1600)	1228
ACT	Mean
English	22
Math	21
Reading	24
Science Reading	21
Composite Score (36)	23

Villa Walsh Academy does not rank its students as the concept of rank does not accurately reflect the selective nature of our student body, our well-rounded college preparatory curriculum, or individual achievements. Student rankings can be misleading as an indication of a student's true academic quality and subsequent ability to perform successfully in college.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS 2021 - 2026

National Merit Scholar Finalists: 1 | National Merit Commended Students: 15

ADMISSIONS & SIZE

Very Selective.

Students: 200 | Faculty: 35

Student-Teacher Ratio: 6:1

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Small Classes
- Individual Guidance Counseling
- Computer Science Courses
- Full Varsity Sports Program
- Emphasis on Fine Arts
- Robotics Team

AP COURSES (for those who qualify)

- AP Research
- 2D Art & Design / 3D Art & Design
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB / Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English 10: AP Seminar
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- French Language & Culture
- Italian Language & Culture
- Music Theory
- Physics I and II
- Psychology
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Spanish Literature & Culture
- Statistics
- U.S. History
- World History

HONORS COURSES (for those who qualify)

- Advanced Art 2D
- Algebra II
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English (All years)
- French III, IV
- Fundamentals of Engineering
- Geometry
- Physics
- Precalculus
- Italian III, IV
- Spanish III, IV
- Statistics
- U.S. History I, II
- World History

The number of AP and Honors courses a student can take each year may vary due to scheduling conflicts.

Selected Colleges & Universities Accepting VWA Graduates

100% OF GRADUATES ACCEPTED AT 4-YEAR COLLEGES | 2021 - 2026

Alfred University	Holy Cross College, Indiana	Tulane University
American University	Indiana University - Bloomington	U.S. Air Force
Arizona State University	James Madison University	U.S. Military Academy
Auburn University	Lafayette College	U.S. Naval Academy
Baylor University	Lehigh University	University College - Dublin
Belmont University	Louisiana State University	University of Alabama
Binghamton University	Loyola College, IL	University of Arizona
Boston College	Loyola Marymount University	University of CA- Berkeley
Boston University	Loyola University, MD	University of CA-Davis
Bowdoin College	Marist College	University of CA- Los Angeles
Brown University	Marquette University	University of CA-San Diego
Bucknell University	Maryland Inst. College of Art	University of CA- Santa Barbara
Butler University	Massachusetts Institute of Tech.	University of Chicago
Caldwell University	Miami University	University of Colorado
Carnegie-Mellon University	Michigan State University	University of Connecticut
Catholic University	Middlebury College	University of Delaware
Clemson University	Monmouth University	University of Florida
Colby College	Montclair State University	University of Georgia
Colgate University	Moravian University	University of Illinois
College of Charleston	Muhlenberg College	University of Kansas
College of the Holy Cross	New Jersey Inst. of Technology	University of Maryland
College of New Jersey	New York University	University of Massachusetts
College of William & Mary	Northeastern University	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Northwestern University	University of Michigan
Columbia University	Ohio State University	University of Mississippi
Connecticut College	Parsons School of Design	University of Notre Dame
Cornell University	Pennsylvania State University	University of North Carolina
Dickinson College	Pepperdine University	University of Pennsylvania
Drew University	Princeton University	University of Pittsburgh
Drexel University	Providence College	University of Rhode Island
East Carolina University	Purdue University	University of Richmond
Elon University	Quinnipiac University	University of Rochester
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Ins.	University of St. Andrews
Emory University	Rochester Inst. of Technology	University of Scranton
Fairfield University	Roger Williams University	University of South Carolina
Fairleigh Dickerson University	Rutgers University	University of Southern CA
Felician University	Sacred Heart University	University of Tampa
Franciscan University	St. Bonaventure University	University of Tennessee
Florida Atlantic University	Saint Mary's College	University of Texas-Austin
Florida State University	Saint Joseph's University	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	University of Virginia
Franklin and Marshall College	Santa Clara University	University of Wisconsin
George Washington University	Seton Hall University	Vanderbilt University
Georgetown University	Southern Methodist University	Villanova University
Gettysburg College	Stevens Institute of Tech.	Virginia Tech.
Hamilton College	SUNY Buffalo State	Wake Forest University
Harvard College	Syracuse University	Washington University in St. Louis
High Point University	Texas Christian University	West Point Academy-Army
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Trinity College - Dublin	Xavier University

* Additional college acceptances can be found on the Villa Walsh Academy website.