

School Profile 2021-2022

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International
Students: 7%

Domestic Students of
Color: 37%

Student to Faculty
Ratio: 5:1

Average Class Size:
8 students

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MISSION: Oldfields School's mission is to embrace each student's authentic self, educate through collaboration, empower the individual voice, and inspire confidence and continual growth, leading to a life of purpose. Oldfields, established in 1867, is a small, independent, non-sectarian school for girls in grades eight through twelve. The School is located on 140 acres in Baltimore County, MD. Sixty-seven percent of the students are boarders.

CURRICULUM: Starting in 2021-2022, Oldfields offers both AP and Honors level courses. In previous years, only Honors level classes were offered; however, most Honors classes followed an AP curriculum, and students who wished to take the AP exams could choose to do so.

- Oldfields does not calculate class rank. We report an unweighted GPA on a 100-point scale based on grades earned at Oldfields.
- In the 2020-2021 school year, Oldfields moved from a trimester to a semester system.
- One-credit courses meet four times in a 7-day cycle for the entire year.
- Semester-long electives are offered for the first time in 2021-22; these carry .5 credit.

Oldfields School operated on a synchronous remote learning model from March 30-June 5, 2020. Students had the option of requesting a P/F grade for third trimester with parental permission. The final grade was calculated normally if they earned a grade for the third trimester and was calculated using the first two trimester grades if they earned a P/F for the third trimester.

Oldfields resumed in-person instruction and returned to our normal grading policy in the 2020-2021 school year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: A student must earn a minimum of 22 credits in academic courses. An academic credit is defined as a full-year course. Students who enrolled at Oldfields prior to the 2021-2022 school year will be subject to graduation requirements from the year they enrolled at Oldfields. Semester courses award .5 credits. The Director of Academics, as necessary, may resolve any discrepancies in these requirements. The 22 credits should be distributed as follows:

Graduation Requirements	
English	4 credits
World Language (minimum: two consecutive years of same language)	3 credits
Social Studies (one credit in US history and one in a non-US history course)	3 credits
Mathematics (minimum: Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry)	3 credits
Laboratory Science (minimum: Biology and Chemistry)	3 credits
Fine Arts (performing or visual)	2 credits

Class of 2022 Class Size: 22
GPA Distribution for the Class of 2022
GPA: High: 96.8 | Mean: 90.27 | Low: 76.1
GPAs calculated through June 2021

CURRICULUM:

The following courses are or have been available to the students in the class of 2021:

English: All students take English 9. Honors courses are offered in grades 10-12. Seniors have the option of taking elective courses. All classes are seminar-style.

English 9: Coming of Age	Young Adult Literature	World Building: Sci Fi and Creative Writing
English 10/Honors: Finding your Literary Voice	Shakespeare in Film	AP/Honors English Language and Comp
English 11/Honors: Origin and Destination	Open Eyes, Open Minds	AP/Honors English Literature and Comp
	Women in Literature	
	Globetrotting (Global Lit)	

Math: Oldfields uses a problem-solve approach to mathematics, requiring students to become logical thinkers. A balance is achieved between mathematical structure, the traditional study of skills, and problem-solving.

Elements of Algebra	Algebra II*	Calculus*	Statistics*
Algebra I	Geometry	AP/Honors Calculus AB *	Data Analytics
Foundations of Algebra II*	Precalculus*	AP/Honors Calculus BC *	AP/Honors Statistics

Science: The goal of the Oldfields Science Department is to equip students with the skills necessary to create and test a hypothesis through laboratory experience, to develop an understanding and appreciation of fundamental scientific principles, and to prepare students to make informed decisions about scientifically-related societal issues.

Biology	Physics*	Environmental Science	Animal Science
AP/Honors Biology*	AP/Honors Physics I*	AP/Honors Environmental Science*	Forensics*
Chemistry	AP/Honors Physics II*		Genetics*
Foundations of Chemistry	Anatomy and Physiology*		Astronomy
AP/Honors Chemistry*			

History: Students are taught to critically examine primary and secondary sources and to form their own conclusions. Students gain the historical perspective and method of inquiry necessary to become well-informed and active global citizens. World History Workshop courses are available to non-native English speakers.

World History I and II	US History	AP/ Honors The Multicultural Experience in America*
AP/Honors Modern World History*	AP/Honors US History	Women and Gender Studies
20 th Century World History	Global Conflict and Justice	
	Psychology	

World Languages: Through traditional teaching techniques, supplemented by audio-visual materials, engaging educational technology, and in-class exercise, students learn the basic skills required to listen, speak, read, and write in a world language. May Program often involves travel abroad and gives another opportunity to develop mastery.

Spanish, Levels I-V	AP/Honors Spanish Language*	AP/Honors French Language and Culture*
French, Levels I-V	AP/Honors Modern French Society and Politics	AP/Honors Spanish Culture and Conversation*
Mandarin, Levels I-III		

Visual and Performing Arts: Two one-year courses in the arts are required of all students. Private music lessons are available for those students seeking training in areas outside our curriculum.

Studio I and II	Applied Design*	Introduction to Dance
Digital Design*	Drama and Performance I and II	Intermediate and Advanced Jazz*
AP/Honors Portfolio/Portfolio *	Photography I and II	Intermediate and Advanced Ballet*
3D Design: Sculpture	Drawing I	Pointe I
Ceramics I and II	Painting I	Music Video Production
Effective Speaking	Introduction to Drama	Music Video Production
Comedy and Improv	Theater I	Music Fundamentals

*Courses marked with an asterisk have prerequisites, and in some cases, require permission of the department chair for entry into the course.

Honor Roll: First Honors designation is awarded to students with a semester average of 95 or above with no grade below a 90. Second Honors is awarded to students with an average of 93 or above with no grade below an 87.

School Program Highlights

Experiential Learning: Students participate in a two-week experiential learning **May Program**; Juniors and Seniors may opt to complete an Independent Project once in lieu of a formal program. May Program is graded pass/fail and carries credit on the transcript. All May Programs contain an academic element and can be regional, national, or international. Several have community service components. Recent programs include *Freedom Ride*, *World War II and the Holocaust*, *Ecuador*, *Robotics*, and *Flight*. Independent Projects have included interning at local businesses or at therapeutic riding programs or service as an elementary school teaching assistant.

Starting in 2021-22, all students will also complete a one-week **Winter Experiential Program**. These programs are geared to give students experiences similar to May Program but on a smaller scale.

Specialized Academic Concentrations:

- Starting in 2021-22, students may opt to complete an Arts Concentration Program, designed to allow students who are passionate about the arts a more focused opportunity to develop in their discipline. The Arts Concentration integrates academic courses, experiential learning, community service and participation, and annual and capstone performances into a flexible, college-like major.

One Schoolhouse: With permission, students may enroll in courses from One Schoolhouse, an online provider whose courses are taught by faculty who are qualified to engage students in a meaningful classroom experience emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and application. In recent years, Oldfields students have enrolled in classes such as AP Statistics, AP Macroeconomics, and AP Comparative Government. While Oldfields students receive credit for courses completed through One Schoolhouse, those grades are not used in our GPA calculation.

Seminar Series: Our grade-level Seminars are designed to develop important skills such as effective study habits, competency in practical and useful technology applications, financial literacy, wise decision-making, the college application process, and leadership development. As of 2021, much of this programming is being held in all-School assemblies and in residential life programming. Juniors and Seniors continue to meet with the College Counselor for seminars on college-readiness and transition to life after high school.

Standardized Test Scores:

From March 2020-July 2021, many Oldfields students were not able to test in a typical manner; others chose not to test due to safety concerns and the expansion of test-optional college options. In addition, complete standardized test results have not been provided to School counselors by testing agencies. Without the ability to provide accurate statistics for the Class of 2021, testing is not included in the 2021-2022 school profile.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2017-2021

Ninety-four percent of graduates from the classes of 2017-2021 attended four-year colleges or universities immediately following graduation. Three percent attended two-year colleges, and three percent chose a gap year option.

American Musical and Dramatic Acad. North Carolina A&T University
 American University (2) North Carolina State University
 Arcadia University **Northeastern University**
 Auburn University (2) Ohio Wesleyan University (2)
 Barnard College Pace University
 Baylor University Pennsylvania State University
 Boston University (2) Pratt Institute (2)
 Bowdoin College Queens University of Charlotte
Brandeis University (2) **Randolph-Macon College (3)**
 Bucknell University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Case Western Reserve University Rhodes College
 Clarkson University Ringling College of Art and Design
Colby College Roanoke College
 College of Charleston Rutgers University, New Brunswick
 College of William and Mary Savannah College of Art and Design
 College of Wooster Shenandoah University
 Dalhousie University (Canada) Simon Fraser University (Canada) (2)
 Delaware State University Skidmore College
 Denison University (2) Saint Lawrence University
 Dickinson College Stevenson University
 Drexel University (3) Suffolk University
 Elizabethtown University Sweet Briar College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. **Syracuse University (3)**
 Emory & Henry College United States Naval Academy
 Emory University University College Maastricht
 Fairfield University (2) (Netherlands)
 Ferrum College University of Arkansas
 Franklin & Marshall College University of California, Davis (3)
 Frostburg State University University of California, Riverside
 Furman University (2) University of California, San Diego
The George Washington University (3) University of Colorado, Boulder (2)
 Georgia Institute of Technology University of Connecticut (2)
 Gordon College University of Illinois, U-C
Goucher College (3) University of Mary Washington
 Hampton University University of Maryland, Baltimore Co. (2)
 High Point University (2) University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)
 Hope College University of Michigan
Howard University University of Montana, Western
 Indiana University, Bloomington (2) University of Oregon
 Ithaca College (2) University of Redlands
 Johnson C. Smith University University of Richmond
 Lesley College (2) University of St. Andrews (Scotland)
 Lincoln University University of Southern Maine
 Loyola Marymount University (2) University of Tampa
Loyola University Maryland University of Texas, Austin
 Maryland Institute College of Art (2) **University of Toronto**
 Mercer University **University of Vermont (2)**
 Messiah University University of Washington (4)
 Miami University, Oxford (2) University of Wisconsin, Madison
 Montana State University Warren Wilson College
 Muhlenberg College Wellesley College
 The New School Wheaton College (MA)
 New York University Widener University (2)

York College of PA

*The Class of 2021 enrolled in those colleges and universities listed in bold print. The number in parentheses indicates the total number of Oldfields School students presently enrolled at each institution.