



UPPER SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

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A group of people are kayaking on a river. The kayakers are wearing life jackets and hats. The river is surrounded by dense green trees. The water is calm and reflects the surrounding foliage. The sky is clear and blue.

LIVING OUR LEARNING LEGACY

At Maumee Valley Country Day School, we are beholden to an innovative spirit and tradition of excellence that has defined our school for well over a century. We remain undeterred in our collective commitment to educate and inspire tomorrow's leaders by cultivating creativity and encouraging exploration.

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT..



Conducting research at the college level on rare forms of cancer or traveling to Tanzania to start a nonprofit.



Writing, directing, and starring in your own theater production or living with a host family and attending school in Ecuador.



A classroom learning experience based on research, debate, and discussion in a community that is diverse, supportive, and engaged.



An average class size of 14 where all thoughts and perspectives are encouraged and heard as part of a community that is built on respect and trust.

If you can imagine all of these things, then you can imagine the academic life of a Maumee Valley Upper School student.



... NOW CONSIDER THESE UPPER SCHOOL FACTS

65

Percent of Upper School students who play at least one sport

17

Number of MV National Merit Scholars since 2010

1345

Average SAT score

1884

Year Maumee Valley Country Day School opened in Toledo

14

Number of Advanced Placement courses offered by Maumee Valley

9

Number of weeks students engage in Intensives each year

10:1

Student-to-teacher ratio in the Upper School

28

Average ACT score

75

Number of acres that make up Maumee Valley's campus

7:1

Student-to-staff ratio in Dayal House

14

Average class size in the Upper School

139

Number of colleges and universities MV graduates have enrolled in since 2000

43

Number of MV National Merit Semifinalists since 2010

25

Percent of Upper School students participating in the Global Leadership Program

20

Percent of international students in the Upper School

CONFIDENT, PREPARED, AND ENGAGED

It is easy to identify Maumee Valley students. They are independent, curious, and actively engaged in their learning.

They can be found throughout the Upper School collaborating with one another, discussing intriguing topics, and creating impressive works of intellectual excellence. Our students love to learn, and that is evident in everything they do. In preparation for college and beyond, the MV curriculum places special emphasis on:

- A strong foundation in writing and research.
- Critical thinking and innovation.
- Scientific exploration and problem solving.
- Proficiency in world languages and culture.
- Collaboration with peers and adults.
- Establishing a world view.
- Appreciating and engaging in the arts.



Why Choose Maumee Valley

For more than 140 years, Maumee Valley has been a national leader in university preparation and academic innovation. Over time, our campus has evolved into a state-of-the-art Upper School and adjacent residence hall (Dayal House). A Maumee Valley education is truly a life-changing experience.

Maumee Valley is challenging. The best teachers prepare students while balancing student experiences through a culture of caring and personal attention. Small class sizes encourage interaction, and the advising program, college counseling, and academic support are focused on academic and personal success.

Maumee Valley is personal. Our student-centered culture affords you the opportunity to form close relationships built on common experiences. In a uniquely global community, students learn with and among peers from different backgrounds. This provides countless teachable moments and leadership opportunities. More than half of the Upper School is multicultural, and international students are fully integrated into the life of the school.

Maumee Valley is experiential. Hands-on education is everywhere at MV, including classroom projects, collaborative group work, and participation in our signature program, Intensives. Beyond academics, almost 100 percent of students participate in extracurricular activities. Every student is invited to join an athletic team, and there are countless clubs from which to choose.

Maumee Valley is global. We are leading the way in boarding schools not only with our residence hall but also in the programs offered, including nightly tutoring, dedicated faculty, structured programming, a 7:1 student-to-staff ratio, and a living environment intentionally designed to make students feel like they are at home.



Statement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

At Maumee Valley, we recognize and embrace our responsibility to foster an inclusive, equitable, safe, and respectful community. We cultivate a community in which students, faculty, staff, and families feel genuinely welcome and are encouraged to learn from, with, and about one another. We honor the uniqueness of each individual and embrace diverse backgrounds, values, learning styles, and points of view to build a strong inclusive community. At Maumee Valley, we want all community members to know: We hear you. We see you. We value you.



Highlights of the Upper School

CONSTELLATION LEARNING: Maumee Valley is a member of Constellation Learning, an organization that partners with independent schools to develop high-quality online courses for Upper School students. Students take yearlong and semester-long courses in a variety of fields, such as world languages, engineering, entrepreneurship, and sports broadcasting. These courses appear on student transcripts and are factored into the GPA.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Selected 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade students engage in college-level coursework through the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program. The school offers 14 AP courses spread across six disciplines. Additional AP classes are also available through Constellation Learning.

EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS: From theater and string ensemble to choir and visual arts, students have endless opportunities to explore their creative passions. Students are not passive observers, but makers of music, sound, paintings, sculpture, photography, and drama. Music instruction is a hallmark of Maumee Valley's fine arts education. Programs include choirs, string ensembles, and private lessons.

ADVISORY: Faculty advisors provide wisdom and support in all areas of school life through daily check-ins, twice-weekly meetings, and semiannual conferences that connect advisors, students, and parents. Advisory time allows students to address their social and emotional learning. Within their groups, students have the opportunity to explore topics such as healthy relationships, personal identity, ethical decision making, and equity and diversity.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: Creating culturally competent citizens is central to our mission. More than 25 percent of our students participate in the Global Leadership Program, through which they explore topics of local and international significance and plan programming for the Upper School community. Students may earn the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy as a mark of competence in a world language. Students have the opportunity to participate in programs such as the Global Public Service Academy for Health, which involves traveling to a developing country and learning to administer simple health checks while practicing mastery of a world language.

DAYAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: The Dayal Center for Academic Excellence provides academic support for Upper School students to help them reach their academic and personal potential. Individualized assistance is available in areas of time management, organization, note taking, reading comprehension, and test preparation. Emphasis is placed on specific study strategies designed to support each student's learning needs.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) INSTRUCTION: Maumee Valley's ESOL program supports students for whom English is not their first language with their academic progress, language transition, and cultural adaptation into American schools—both in and out of the classroom.



"I love being able to learn in an academic environment that encourages ambition."

NEENA DZUR '22



DIVERSE ACADEMIC CHOICES

The goal of the Upper School is to develop lifelong learners who are contributing citizens of the world. The Upper School schedule allows students the opportunity for choice.

The core curriculum is complemented by elective classes in students' areas of interest and innovative programs, including Intensives, the Global Leadership Program, and the Global Public Service Academy for Health. Select Advanced Placement courses across the curriculum challenge students and help further prepare them for top colleges and universities.



FALL INTENSIVE
3 weeks

WINTER INTENSIVE
3 weeks

SPRING INTENSIVE
3 weeks

FALL ROTATION
12 weeks

SPRING ROTATION
12 weeks

5-TERM ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Intensives

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Our school employs a five-term academic schedule encompassing three Intensive terms along with two more traditional terms. In August, January, and May, students depart from conventional routine and immerse themselves into a three-week, full-day Intensive course to explore an academic, personal, or professional interest.

During the Intensive terms, students choose from more than 30 on-campus courses, take international trips for cultural and linguistic immersion, or explore personal and professional interests in the community or abroad. Recent Intensive topics included "Ecology of the Maumee Valley Watershed," "Science of War," and "Social Issues of Latin America." Domestic and international travel Intensives offer students the chance to study Broadway in New York, adventure writing in Minnesota, the Holocaust in Poland, and sustainability in Iceland. Students also can participate in independent studies or internships during the Intensive term. All Intensive courses earn half a credit.

Intensives enhance students' experience by providing in-depth opportunities to explore personal academic pathways. They also promote connected learning, independence, commitment to personal goals, and professional networking. Through Intensives, Maumee Valley students develop a unique portfolio of experiences that make them more competitive in the college admission process.

HERE ARE PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES OUR STUDENTS ARE TYPICALLY ADMITTED TO:

- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cornell University
- Emory University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Morehouse College
- Northwestern University
- Pomona College
- Swarthmore College
- Tufts University
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Yale University

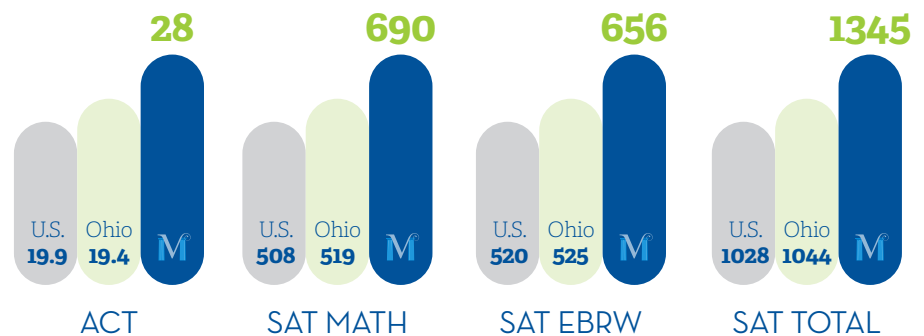
College Counseling and Placement

Our goal is to find the best possible college fit for each uniquely talented student. Beginning in their freshman year, Upper School students begin working closely with the director or assistant director of college counseling to establish the foundation for creating a four-year portfolio that reflects the scope of their many talents and interests.

Maumee Valley students fare extremely well in the competitive college admissions process. In fact, nearly 100 percent of graduates go on to four-year, selective institutions. In addition, students are able to develop true passions through our unique programs such as Intensives, Global Leadership Program, and vibrant athletics, arts, service, and leadership opportunities. Differentiation and demonstrated interest are integral pieces to the admissions process and MV students are incredibly successful in these categories.

Although our curriculum does not teach to a test, students are well prepared for standardized tests. Upper School students consistently score above national and independent school averages on both the ACT and SAT and have the highest standardized test scores in the region. Maumee Valley students excel on the SAT (330 points above the national average) and ACT (6 points above the national average and the highest in the Toledo area).

Because of our reputation, tradition of selective college placement, and opportunities for students to participate, lead, and engage, Maumee Valley graduates are unmatched in their admission successes.



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING: Families work one on one with the college counselor through all phases of the process. Students and parents have five individual meetings with the director.

UNIVERSITY VISITS TO MVCDS: Admission directors from selective colleges speak with Upper School students and their families about issues in college admission and conduct interviews with Maumee Valley students.

COLLEGE VISITS: Spring Break college tours are led by the college counseling office. On these trips, students explore different types of colleges and universities and gain an understanding of specific institutions and the different structures, programs, teaching, and learning methodologies available.

APPLICATION PREPARATION: Juniors work through a series of activities designed by the Office of College Counseling that thoughtfully move them toward polished essays, completion of the Common Application, and a thorough and diverse list of colleges and universities they will consider.



DAYAL HOUSE

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Maumee Valley's boarding program is housed in Dayal House. The residence hall opened in 2013 and was purposefully designed to create a family-like atmosphere for residential students. From the spacious commons to the well-equipped main kitchen, Dayal House feels like a home. This year, our residential students come from China, Vietnam, South Korea, Georgia, United Arab Emirates, and Spain. In addition to our residence hall, we offer a host family program for our students that would prefer to live with a local family.

Located across the Anning Lawn from the Upper School, Dayal House is the place on campus where boarding, international, and day students meet after school to participate in clubs, meet with faculty and staff, or just hang out.

Being part of our residential community means you are joining a family. The residential life staff forge close relationships with students and guide them in building friendships and developing important social and leadership skills.



HIGHLIGHTS OF DAYAL HOUSE:

- 7:1 student-to-staff ratio
- Spacious commons
- Secure environment
- Beautiful views
- Steps from classes and athletics facilities
- Comfortable, home-like feel
- Amenities include free laundry, WiFi, TV, study spaces, and music room
- All-inclusive tuition
- Academic support nightly
- Weekend/evening activities
- Cultural immersion



DAYAL HOUSE STUDENT SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:15 a.m.: Classes begin in the Upper School
- 3 p.m.: Classes end; students check in with residential life staff
- 3:15 p.m. Free time for clubs, activities, and athletics
- 6 p.m.: Dinner (served family style)
- 7 p.m.: Family hour (includes programming or free time)
- 8 p.m.: Study hours and academic support
- 10 p.m.: Quiet time
- 11 p.m.: Lights out

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

- 8 a.m.: Self-serve breakfast
- 11:30 a.m.: Lunch
- 5:30 p.m.: Dinner in Dayal House or night out
- 11 p.m.: Curfew and quiet time
- 12 a.m.: Lights out

Shopping trips offered to various locations throughout the week.

Saturday and Sundays are reserved for special outings.



Toledo Mud Hens



Toledo Museum of Art



Metroparks Toledo

LIFE AT MAUMEE VALLEY

Life at Maumee Valley is defined by personal attention and continuous support from faculty, staff, and other students.

Beyond the care and guidance students receive, they also have the opportunity to engage in local and regional activities unique to our area:

- Toledo Museum of Art
- Lake Erie and the Erie Islands
- Cedar Point
- Historic Sauder Village
- Toledo Mud Hens (baseball)
- Toledo Walleye (hockey)
- University of Toledo sporting and cultural events
- Shopping malls and movie theaters
- Concerts
- Metroparks Toledo
- Toledo Zoo
- Kalahari Water Park

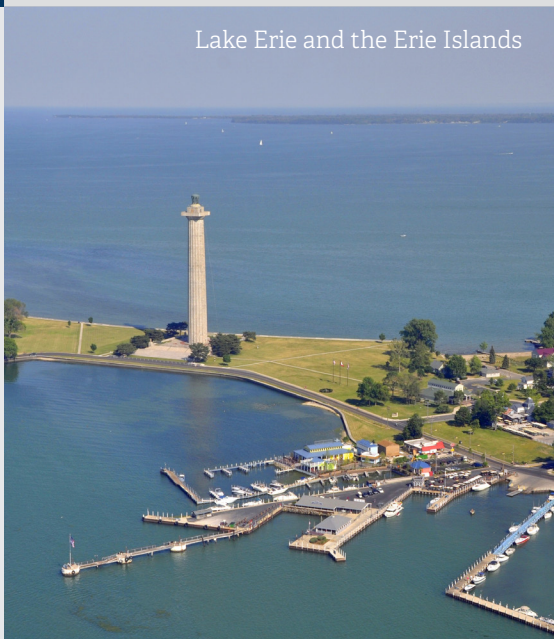
TRAVEL DISTANCE

- 45-minute drive to Detroit
- 2.5-hour drive to Columbus
- 4-hour drive to Chicago

Detroit Metropolitan Airport offers nonstop flights to many cities internationally.

ACCESSIBLE LOCATION

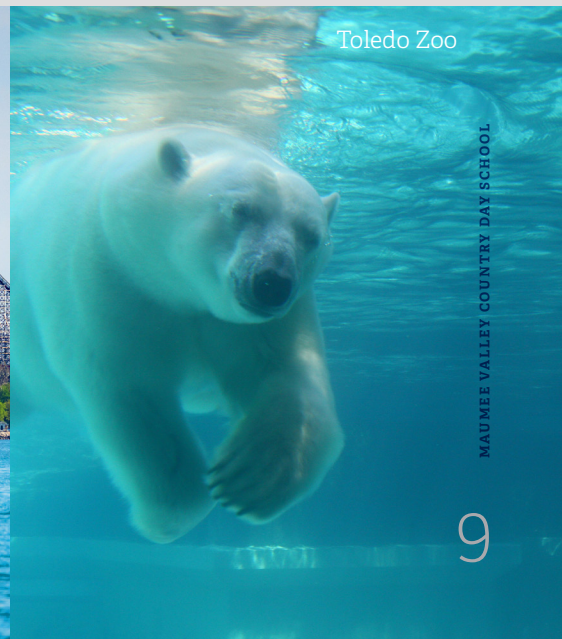
Toledo is conveniently located within driving distance to many major metropolitan areas, including Detroit, Columbus, and Chicago.



Lake Erie and the Erie Islands



Cedar Point



Toledo Zoo

Extracurricular activities and sports

Based on inclusion, participation, and leadership, Upper School students have boundless opportunities in athletics, the arts, and student-led organizations.

Upper School students often start their own programs with the guidance of an advisor. Clubs are an opportunity for students to connect, have fun, and learn outside of the classroom. The school offers more than 30 student-led clubs to choose from, which vary from year to year depending on student interest. Some of these clubs have included:

- Art Club
- Chess Team
- Chorus
- Robotics
- Community Service Club
- Drama Club
- Fall/spring play/musical
- Global Leadership
- Model United Nations
- Quiz Bowl
- Student Ambassadors
- Vocal Ensemble



Welcome to Hawk Nation!



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Nearly 65 percent of Upper School students play at least one sport each year and all are encouraged to participate in interscholastic athletics. Student athletes learn to set goals, work as a team, persevere, and become leaders.

We compete at the varsity level in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference, which contains both private and public schools. Nearly a dozen alumni are currently student-athletes at every collegiate division.

We offer 10 varsity sports and numerous facilities, including three gymnasiums, a fitness center, five tennis courts, an outdoor track, a soccer stadium, and ample competition and practice fields. The programs and teams are wonderfully supported by parents and other enthusiasts through the Maumee Valley Boosters. Our Upper School sports are:

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross country
- Swimming
- Girls' field hockey
- Girls' lacrosse
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track & field





COME VISIT US!

See how MV can help your child blaze a unique trail.

Interested parents can call 419-381-1313.

To submit an online inquiry, please visit

mvcds.org/apply



VISION

Personal. Experiential. Global.

MISSION

Maumee Valley Country Day School cultivates an inclusive community of intellectual excellence where learners creatively explore their passions and boldly inspire positive change in the world.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

We create an environment of freedom and responsibility to Think, Speak, Explore, Choose, Connect, Be You.

About Maumee Valley

As Maumee Valley celebrates 140 years in Toledo, it remains the preeminent educational institution in northwest Ohio. It is the only accredited, coeducational, nonreligious, and independent school in the area and attracts families from northwest Ohio, southeast Michigan, and nations around the world. Enrollment is about 450 students from PreKindergarten through 12th grade. We prepare students for global citizenship and admission to prestigious universities. We are known for outstanding academics, high test scores, a beautiful campus, and unrivaled opportunities for study abroad, hands-on learning, and personal bonds between students and teachers.

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