



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

Mission

Incarnate Word Academy provides young women with a Catholic college preparatory education helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word, and live according to His values.

School Community

Incarnate Word Academy, a Catholic college preparatory high school for young women, is the oldest Catholic high school in Houston. Incarnate Word Academy is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament and is celebrating 145 years since its inception in 1873. Today, the student body represents 51 Catholic parishes and 108 zip codes across the metropolitan area, yet remains a friendly, intimate community of 358 young women.

Location

Incarnate Word Academy is uniquely situated in downtown Houston surrounded by Minute Maid Park, Discovery Green, the George R. Brown Convention Center, and bustling centers of business and the arts.

Young Leaders Program (YLP)

The Young Leaders Program provides IWA students with the opportunity to develop in-demand leadership skills built upon a foundation of strong personal character. The program combines collegiate-level curriculum and experiential opportunities to empower students to take on leadership roles in their communities.

YLP consists of a 4-course curriculum, known as the Young Leaders Concentration, that provides an in-depth exposure to the leadership discipline. The four courses are: Leading with Character, Leading with Business, Leading with Service, and Leading with Personal Finance. These courses leverage nationally recognized materials from institutions such as Santa Clara University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. The program also provides out-of-class experiences for each grade classification. For freshmen and sophomores, the focus is on character: challenging each student to be virtuous by doing the right things, the right way, and, thus, becoming a role model. Juniors and seniors focus on leadership by applying learned leadership skills into action in a variety of community service projects, student-run businesses and in school organizations. IWA also teams up with corporate partners and national organizations such as PwC and Chick-Fil-A to provide nationally recognized real-world leadership lessons to our students.

Students are eligible to apply to graduate as a Distinguished Leader if they complete the Young Leaders Concentration curriculum and fulfill the co-curricular and community leadership requirements.

Accreditations & Affiliations

IWA is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department under aegis of the Texas Education Agency and by AdvancEd. Memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, Houston Area Independent Schools, Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling, National Association for College Admissions Counseling, College Board, and Greater Houston Partnership.

Honor Societies

National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, International Thespian Society

Leadership

President, Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I.

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>8,000

hours dedicated to community service by our students each year through our Christian Service Learning Program.



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student-created and student-run businesses started through YLP's Leading with Business Course.



>90%

of participants ranked with Superior at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) art competition.



>30%

of our student body learn sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership skills while participating in the nine different sports at IWA.

IWA at a glance

Total enrollment (9-12)	354	Student Demographics	
12th grade enrollement	75	African American/Black	7%
Faculty (full & part-time)	42	Asian or Pacific Islander	10%
Faculty with master's degrees	62%	Hispanic	29%
Faculty with Ph.D. or Ed.D.	12%	Multi-Racial	3%
Average class size	17	All other ethnicities	51%
Student to faculty ratio	9:1	Catholic	83%
		Non-Catholic	17%

College Preparatory Curriculum

IWA's curriculum exceeds the TEA's recommended program, and allows students to expand upon their strengths and interests with diverse academic electives such as Honors Engineering Design, Leading with Service, and Leading with Business, a course in partnership with the Wharton School of business. In addition to the academic requirements, students are required to complete 75 Service Learning Hours, 60 of which are with a single agency.

28 credits are required for graduation:

Theology	4	Physical Education	1
English	4	Health Education	.5
Mathematics	4	Speech	.5
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	4	Technology	.5
Social Studies	3	Fine Arts	1
Government	.5	Leading with Character	.5
Economics	.5	Elective	1
World Languages (same language)	3		

GPA & Class Rank

GPA is determined using a 4.0 scale with an additional weight of 1.0 for honors and AP courses. The GPA is weighted and cumulative from 9th grade. Transfer grades are not calculated into GPA. IWA does not rank students.

	Grade	On-Level	Honors/AP
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	4.0
C	75-79	2.0	3.0
D	70-74	1.0	2.0
F	Below 70	0	0

Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

IWA offers 17 honors courses and 13 AP courses. Each department determines its enrollment standards for academic performance, participation and faculty recommendation. There is no limit to the number of honors/AP courses a student may take, and each course is given a one-point weight in the student's GPA. All students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the AP exam.

HONORS COURSES

Algebra I	Latin III
Algebra II	Physics
Biology	Physics II
Chemistry	Pre-Calculus
Economics	Spanish III
Engineering Design	World Geography and History to 1500 CE
English I	World Geography and History from 1500 CE
English II	
French III	
Geometry	

AP COURSES

Biology	French Language & Culture
Calculus AB	Spanish Language & Culture
Calculus BC	Statistics
Chemistry	US Government & Politics
Computer Science	United States History
English Language & Composition	
English Literature & Composition	
Latin	

Modified Block Schedule & Flex Time

IWA uses a modified block schedule. Students attend all eight classes on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, four of their classes on Tuesdays, and the other four on Wednesdays. This allows more time for experiential learning and reflection and decreases the homework load two nights per week. Students learn time-management skills through Flex Time, 40 minutes at the end of each school day that is used at the student's discretion. Flex Time provides opportunities for students to engage in tutoring, collaborate in groups, plan for the week or participate in enrichment activities like speakers or stress management workshops.



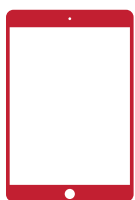
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IWA students come from over 108 zip codes and 51 parishes from across the Houston metropolitan area.



>40%

of the student body receives some form of scholarship or financial aid.



1:1

Our student body takes digital responsibility and safety seriously; we offer relevant curriculum and communications with our 1:1 iPad program.



100%

of all student leadership positions in the over 25 clubs and organizations are head by girls, creating a culture of confidence and support.

Standardized Testing

SAT SCORES*

Middle 50%	Class of 2018	Class of 2017
Students Tested	57	29
EBRW	570-670	610-680
Math	510-630	560-660

*All scores after the SAT redesign

SAT SCORES*

Middle 50%	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
Students Tested	28	58
Critical Reading	500-630	500-630
Math	500-620	500-590
Writing	530-650	520-620

*All scores prior to the SAT redesign

ACT SCORES

Middle 50%	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
Students Tested	58	55	67
English	22-26	23-30	21-28
Math	18-25	20-26	18-25
Reading	22-30	23-31	20-30
Science Reasoning	21-25	22-26	22-25
Composite	21-25	23-30	21-27

AP Scores

	2018	2017	2016
11th/12th graders taking at least 1 exam	65%	68%	69%
Total Exams	243	252	213
Students with scores 3+	74%	80%	86%

National Recognition

2018 Advanced Placement Recognition

AP Scholars	17
AP Scholars with Honor	8
AP Scholars with Distinction	10

Students in National Merit Scholarship Program

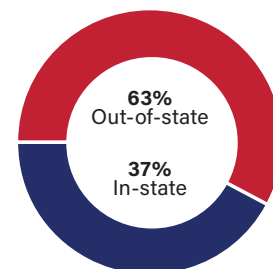
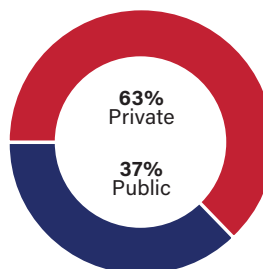
Class of 2019	2
Class of 2018	4
Class of 2017	3
Class of 2016	3
Class of 2015	2
Class of 2014	1

Cumulative GPA Distribution (six semesters)

	4.0	3.75-3.99	3.5-3.74	3.25-3.49	3.0-3.24	< 3.0
Class of 2019	37%	7%	7%	15%	7%	27%
Class of 2018	36%	5%	8%	13%	10%	28%
Class of 2017	38%	15%	10%	10%	14%	13%
Class of 2016	38%	20%	9%	13%	10%	10%

College Matriculation

	2018
Size of graduating class	80
Post Grad Placement	79
4-year colleges universities	90%





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in merit-based scholarships earned by the 80 graduates of the Class of 2018. Over 67% of the class received at least 1 scholarship.



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members of the Class of 2018 took part in National Signing Day and committed to play college athletics.



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college and university acceptances by the Class of 2018. 58% of the acceptances were to out-of-state colleges and universities, 63% of acceptances were to private universities, and 27% were to Catholic universities.

College Acceptances 2015-2018

- Abilene Christian University
- Acadia University**
- Adelphi University
- Allegheny College
- American University
- Arcadia University
- Arizona State University
- Assumption College
- Auburn University**
- Austin College
- Ave Maria University
- Bates College
- Baylor University
- Belhaven University
- Belmont University
- Benedictine College
- Black Hills State University
- Blinn College**
- Boston University
- California Polytechnic State
- Chatham University
- Clemson University
- Coe College
- Colby College**
- College of Charleston
- College of Saint Mary
- College of the Holy Cross**
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Concordia University Texas
- Creighton University
- Denison University
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Eckerd College
- Emory University
- Fairfield University
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- George Mason University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Goucher College
- Hampton University**
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hendrix College
- Hillsdale College**
- Hofstra University
- Hollins University
- Holy Cross College
- Houston Baptist University
- Howard Payne University**
- Howard University
- James Madison University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University Kansas State University
- Kenyon College
- Lamar University
- Lee University
- Louisiana State University**
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland**
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Marymount California University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Millsaps College
- Mississippi State University
- Mount Carmel College of Nursing
- Mount St. Mary's University
- New York University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwestern University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Oklahoma City University
- Oklahoma State University
- Our Lady of the Lake University
- Oxford College of Emory University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Prince Edward Island, Univ of
- Providence College
- Purdue University**
- Regent University
- Regis University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rice University
- Roanoke College
- Rockhurst University
- Saint John's University (NY)**
- Saint Louis University**
- Saint Louis University, Madrid
- Saint Mary's College
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Sam Houston State University**
- San Diego State University
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle University
- Seton Hall University
- Simmons College
- Southern Methodist University
- Southwestern University**
- Spring Hill College
- St. Catherine University
- St. Edward's University**
- St. Mary's University (SA)**
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- Stonehill College
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- Tarleton State University
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University**
- Texas A&M University, Corpus**
- Texas A&M University, Galveston**
- Texas A&M University, (SA)**
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Lutheran University
- Texas Southern University
- Texas State University**
- Texas Tech University**
- Texas Woman's University
- The Catholic University of America**
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Iowa
- The University of Oklahoma
- The University of Scranton
- The University of Texas, Arlington**
- The University of Texas, Austin**
- The University of Texas, Dallas
- The University of Texas, (SA)**
- The University of Texas, Tyler
- Trinity University
- Tulane University
- Tuskegee University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)**
- University of Arkansas**
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago**
- University of Colorado at Boulder**
- University of Dallas**
- University of Denver
- University of Florida**
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Houston**
- University of Houston, Clear Lake**
- University of Houston, Downtown**
- University of Kansas
- University of Louisiana
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Texas
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania**
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Richmond
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Thomas**
- University of the Incarnate Word**
- University of Tulsa
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Whitworth University
- William Jewell College
- Xavier University**
- Xavier University of Louisiana

*Indicates Class of 2018 Matriculation