



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 52 Catholic parishes and 117 zip codes across the metropolitan area, yet remains a friendly, intimate community of 356 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. YLP is the only high school program in the country that combines a formal character and leadership development curriculum, opportunities to apply their knowledge in all their school activities, and a coaching program to assist them in their journey.

The program combines collegiate-level curriculum and experiential opportunities to empower students to take on lead and serve 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. Finally, students are eligible to graduate as a Distinguished Leader if they complete the Young Leaders Concentration curriculum and fulfill the co-curricular requirements. IWA faculty coaches provide formal leadership coaching to any student who wants to earn this distinction. The coaches help students identify and attend formal enrichment programs, create impactful engagement with their chosen clubs and organizations, and guide their development of a capstone service project called an "Extraordinary Solution".

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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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.



1st Place

awarded to an IWA senior at the UT Sustainable clothing design competition.

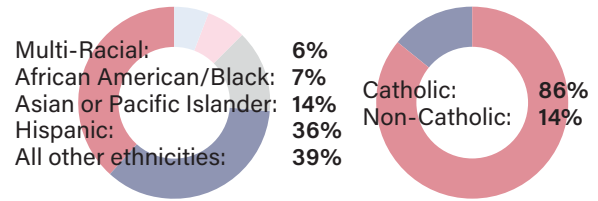


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different sports and dance teams at IWA allow students to learn sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership skills.

IWA at a glance

Total enrollment: 356
 12th grade enrollment: 86
 Number of Faculty (Full & Part Time): 46
 Doctoral: 13%
 Masters: 60%



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	World Languages (same language)	3
English	4	Physical Education	1
Mathematics	4	Health Education	.5
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	4	Computer Science	.5
Social Studies	3	Fine Arts	1
Government	.5	Leading with Character	.5
Economics	.5	Elective	1.5

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

AP COURSES

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

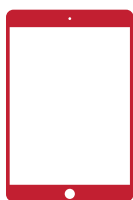
Modified Block Schedule & Flex Time

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 such as speakers or stress management workshops.



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different zip codes and 52 parishes from across the Houston metropolitan area are represented at IWA.



1:1

With our 1:1 iPad program, we offer relevant curriculum, applied technology and growing opportunities to pursue STEM, from Honors Engineering Design, 3D Modeling, Digital Design, AP Computer Science and Python Programming.



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 2019	Class of 2018	Class of 2017
Students Tested	70	57	29
EBRW	550-660	570-670	610-680
Math	520-630	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 2019	Class of 2018	Class of 2017
Students Tested	42	58	55
English	22-29	22-26	23-30
Math	21-31	18-25	20-26
Reading	19-25	22-30	23-31
Science Reasoning	21-27	21-25	22-26
Composite	21-28	21-25	23-30

AP Scores

	2019	2018	2017	2016
11th/12th graders taking at least 1 exam	63%	65%	68%	69%
Total Exams	280	243	252	213
Students with scores 3+	76%	74%	80%	86%

National Recognition

2019 Advanced Placement Recognition

AP Scholars	29
AP Scholars with Honor	9
AP Scholars with Distinction	3

Students in National Merit Scholarship Program

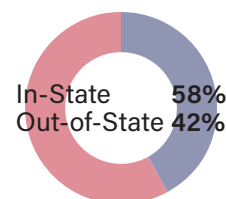
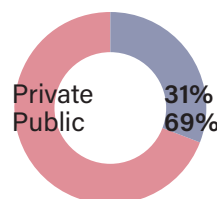
Class of 2020	2
Class of 2019	2
Class of 2018	4
Class of 2017	3
Class of 2016	3

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 2020	40%	8%	14%	16%	14%	8%
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

	2019
Size of graduating class	75
Post Grad Placement	75





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in merit-based scholarships earned by the 75 graduates of the Class of 2019. Over 67% of the class received at least 1 scholarship.



76%

of students taking AP exams received a 3 or better.



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college and university acceptances by the Class of 2019. 42% of the acceptances were to out-of-state colleges and universities and 31% of acceptances were to private universities.

College Acceptances 2019

University of Alabama at Birmingham
The University of Alabama
The American University of Paris
 The University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
 Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Blinn College
 Boston University
 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, San Diego
 Central Christian College of Kansas
 Champlain College
University of Chicago
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 Colorado School of Mines
University of Dallas
 Dillard University
 Flagler College
 Florida International University
Fordham University
 George Mason University
 The George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Grambling State University
 Grand Canyon University
 Hampton University
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
Houston Baptist University
University of Houston
 Howard University
 The University of Iowa
 Jackson State University
 John Cabot University
 Johns Hopkins University
University of Kansas
 LeTourneau University
Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
 Lynn University
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 University of Mary
 Metropolitan State University of Denver
 Michigan Technological University
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri Columbia
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 University of North Dakota
University of North Texas
 Northwest Missouri State University
The University of Oklahoma
 University of the Pacific
Pennsylvania State University
Prairie View A&M University

Purdue University
 Quincy University
 Regis University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Richmond, The American International
 University in London
Rocky Mountain College
 Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Sam Houston State University
 Samford University
San Diego State University
University of San Diego
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California
 Southern Methodist University
 Southwestern University
 Spelman College
St. Edward's University
 St. John's University
St. Mary's University of San Antonio
 University of St. Thomas
 Stephen F. Austin State University
 Syracuse University
 Talladega College
 The University of Tampa
Technologico de Monterrey
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas A&M University
 Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University, Galveston
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The University of Texas, Austin
 The University of Texas, Dallas
 The University of Texas, San Antonio
The University of Texas, Tyler
 Trinity University
 Tulane University
 University of Tulsa
 United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
Preparatory School - Army
University of St. Thomas
University of the Incarnate Word
 Washington University in St. Louis
 University of Washington
 Wellesley College
Xavier University of Louisiana

*Class of 2019 Matriculation in bold