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Notre Dame Belmont High School School Profile 2023-2024

About

Notre Dame High School, Belmont is an independent Catholic college preparatory school dedicated to the educational mission of St. Julie Billiard and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Notre Dame High School was established by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1851 and moved to the historic William Ralston Estate in 1923. The school is located on 10.6 acres in Belmont, California, a professional suburban community located midway between San Francisco and San Jose. Notre Dame High School Belmont is a WASC accredited high school.

Mission

We are a caring and compassionate community committed to promoting justice and peace while developing responsible young women of active faith, strong intellect and Christian leadership. We develop the gifts and talents of each student and foster Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence and mutual respect.

Community

The school draws its student body principally from San Mateo County. Families of the school often reflect middle to upper middle class economic background. Of the 365 students, 100 comprise the senior class. International students encompass 5% of the student body. The student/teaching faculty ratio is 12:1. The student/teaching faculty and professional staff ratio is 14:1. For the class of 2023, 95% enrolled into a 4-year college, 2% at community college and 3% began a gap year.

Ethnicity

- 57%** White Non-Hispanic
- 24%** Asian
- 17%** Hispanic
- 1%** American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 1%** Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 1%** Black/African American

Faculty/Administration

57% FTE, 71% hold one or more advanced degrees

Accreditation

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

CEEB#

050275

Student Activities Program

Notre Dame High School offers a strong interscholastic sports program including cross-country, tennis, flag football, golf, volleyball, water polo, basketball, soccer, swimming, softball and track and field. Cheerleading is part of the program as it competes in both regional and national competitions each year. Other activities include associated student body, student council, California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Mock Trial, one school publication (The Catalyst) and Tiger TV.

Capstone Project

At NDB, juniors complete a Capstone project within the Spiritual Life (religious studies) curriculum. They are asked to choose either a local or global social justice issue, research this topic in-depth and engage in an academic-focused critical analysis. Additionally, students engage in theological and values-based reflection, examining their chosen issue through the lens of both the Notre Dame Hallmarks and Catholic Social Teaching.

Tri-School Program

Notre Dame High School Belmont, Mercy High School Burlingame and Junipero Serra High School participate in a Tri-School (T-S) program that provides co-educational experiences in the areas of academics, performing arts and student activities.

COVID-19 Response

On March 9, 2020, Notre Dame moved to an online, synchronous learning model with accommodations for students who require an asynchronous learning exception. In addition, NDB transitioned from an alternating block schedule to a fixed block schedule with Wednesdays reserved for flexible instruction. During this transition to online learning, NDB covered regular course content as well as maintained letter grades reported on transcripts for Spring 2020. NDB remained in this online model through March 1, 2021. That same month, students returned to campus on a hybrid model. In the Fall of 2021, students returned to fully in-person instruction.

CURRICULUM

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

Students must meet faculty recommendation and course prerequisite grades to be eligible for taking honors and AP classes. It is recommended that students take no more than three APs in one year unless the student has shown by grades and teacher recommendation that they are capable. This is considered on a case-by-case basis. The small size of NDB, combined with its block schedule, sometimes results in scheduling conflicts, preventing a student from enrolling in all desired AP courses for which they are qualified.

Advanced Placement Courses (22)

Art History (Tri-School)
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC (Tri-School)
Chemistry
Chinese (Tri-School)
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
French Language and Culture
Human Geography
Physics I
Psychology
Spanish Language and Culture
Spanish Literature and Culture
Statistics
Studio Art: 2-D, 3-D, Drawing
United States Government/Politics
United States History

Honors Courses (15)

American Sign Language III
American Sign Language IV
Anatomy & Physiology (Tri-School)
English I
English II
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-calculus
Biology
Chemistry
Modern World History
Photography III
Sculpture III
French III
Spanish III

Advanced Placement Exams

In May of 2023, 217 students took 452 examinations in 20 subject areas. From this total, 65% earned a score of 3 or higher.

Graduation Requirements

The minimum course load for a student is 30 credits per semester for all grade levels. Most students take 35 credits per semester. 240 credits with the following distribution are required for graduation:

Computer Science: 10 credits
English: 40 credits
Mathematics: 30 credits
Physical Education with Health: 10 credits
Spiritual Life: 35 credits
Science: 30 credits
Social Studies: 30 credits
Visual/Performing Arts: 10 credits
World Languages: 20 credits
Becoming Notre Dame: 5 credits
Electives: 20 credits
Community Service: 80 hours

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

The calculation of a student's academic standing is based on a weighted GPA, in which Honors and AP classes are weighted 1.0. Grade reporting occurs two times per year. NDB does not report class rank.

A+ =	98-100
A =	93-97
A - =	90-92
B+ =	88-89
B =	83-87
B - =	80-82
C+ =	78-79
C =	73-77
C - =	70-72
D+ =	68-69
D =	63-67
D - =	60-62
F =	59 and below

2023 Grade Distribution

Class of 2024
100 students on a 5.0 scale
AP and Honors classes weighted +1.0

GPA	Percentile
4.70	100th %
4.29	75th %
3.98	50th %
3.59	25th %

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations (Class of 2023 and 2024)

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National Merit Scholarships

PSAT/NMSQT exams are offered to 10th and 11th grade students at NDB every October.

Class of 2020: 2 Finalists/2 Commended Students

Class of 2021: 2 Commended Students

Class of 2022: 4 Commended Students

Class of 2023: 3 Commended Students

Class of 2024: 1 Semi-Finalist Student,
2 Commended Students

Top University Acceptances

American University	Fordham University	Purdue University
Auburn University	George Washington University	University of California, Riverside
Bates College	Georgetown University	University of San Diego
Baylor University	University of Georgia	San Diego State University
Boise State University	Gonzaga University	Santa Clara University
Boston College	Indiana University Bloomington	Stanford University
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Southern California
Cal Poly SLO	Loyola University - Chicago	Southern Methodist University
University of California, Berkeley	University of Miami	Stanford University
University of California, Davis	University of Michigan	Syracuse University
University of California, Irvine	Michigan State University	University of Tennessee
University of California, Los Angeles	New York University	Texas A&M University
University of California, San Diego	Northeastern University	Texas Christian University
University of California, Santa Barbara	Occidental College	The University of Texas, Austin
University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Oregon	Tulane University
Chapman University	University of Pennsylvania	University of Utah
Clemson University	Parsons School of Design	Vanderbilt University
University of Colorado Boulder	Pennsylvania State University	Villanova University
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	Wake Forest University
Dartmouth College	Pitzer College	University of Washington
Emerson College	Pomona College	University of Wisconsin