



Catholic High School 2023-2024

An Independent College Preparatory School Serving Grades 8-12

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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LOCATION

Catholic High School is located in Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana and its second largest city. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River and is the political center for Louisiana with a population of approximately 230,000 individuals. The city is home to the state's flagship university (Louisiana State University), Southern University and Baton Rouge Community College, as well as being a noteworthy site of major petrochemical plants and related industries, and the Port of Baton Rouge is the ninth largest in the United States. The majority of our students' parents are professionals in the workforce, and our school is located in mid-city Baton Rouge.

SCHOOL

Founded in 1894 by the religious order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Catholic High School continues today as an independent, Catholic, all-male college preparatory high school accredited by AdvancED. As indicated in its mission statement, Catholic High School strives to teach gospel values in an environment of academic excellence according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Recognized as a "National School of Excellence" six times by the U.S. Department of Education, the school celebrates 129 years of operation with a current population of 1,134 students in grades 8-12. The enrollment for the senior class of 2024 is 277.

COURSE LISTINGS

Engineering and Technology

Aerospace Engineering
Civil Engineering and Architecture H
Computer Architecture
Computer Science I, II
Cybersecurity
Engineering Design and Development H
Independent Study – A+ Certification
Introduction to Engineering Design
Principles of Engineering
Webmastering

English

English I, I H, II, II H, III, III H,
AP English Language, IV, IV H,
IV (Dual Enrollment), AP English
Literature, V H, V (Dual Enrollment)
Reading I
Speech I
Broadcast Journalism I, II

Fine Arts

Advanced Technical Drafting
Art I, II, III, IV
Art: Drawing and Painting
Art: Sculpture
AP 2D Art and Design
AP Music Theory
Dance II, III, IV
Fine Arts Survey
Media Arts I, II, III
Music Appreciation
Advanced Band B, A
Applied Music (Percussion)
Wind Ensemble
Beginning Men's Choir
Intermediate Men's Choir
Advanced Men's Choir
Schola Cantorum
Chamber Singers
Technical Theatre
Theatre I, II, III, IV

Foreign Language

French I, II, III H, IV H, AP French
Language and Culture, V H, VI H
Latin I, II, III H, AP Latin, V H
Spanish I, II, III H, IV H
AP Spanish Language and
Culture, V H

Health & Physical Education

Health
Physical Education I, II, III, IV
Sports Medicine I, II

Mathematics

Algebra I, I H, II, II H, III
Geometry, Geometry H
Advanced Math: Functions and
Statistics
AP Statistics
Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus H
Calculus, Calculus H, AP Calculus AB, AP
Calculus BC

Religion

History of Religion
Religion II, III, IV, IV (Dual Enrollment)

Science

Biology, Biology H, AP Biology
Chemistry, Chemistry H,
AP Chemistry
Environmental Science,
AP Environmental Science
Anatomy and Physiology
Physics, Physics H, AP Physics
C: Mechanics

Social Studies

Civics (Part 1, Part 2), AP United
States Government and Politics,
AP Comparative Government and
Politics
American History, American History
H, AP United States History
Western Civilization, AP European
History, AP World History
African American History
History Through Film
Law Studies
Psychology, AP Psychology
AP Microeconomics, AP
Macroeconomics
AP Human Geography
Accounting
Personal and Family Finance

H- Honors AP- Advanced Placement

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Program: Minimum Total 26

Religion - 4 credits
English - 4 credits
Fine Arts - 1 credit

Foreign Language (in sequence) - 2 credits
Health and Physical Education - 2 credits
Mathematics - 4 credits

Science - 4 credits
Social Studies - 3 credits
General Electives - 2 credits

Honors Program: Minimum Total 26

Completion of the Academic Program with at least 13 Honors/AP credits (including 2 in senior year), a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, and no semester grade lower than C in any course. A student must meet departmental guidelines and have approval from the department chairperson to enroll in these courses. Given the obligation to meet state and diocesan guidelines, **no student, regardless of how advanced or gifted he is, is able to enroll in all of the Honors/AP courses Catholic High School offers.**

GRADING

Report cards are issued four times a year. Each division of the school year is referred to as a quarter. The first two quarters make up the first semester; the third and fourth quarters make up the second semester. The letter system used is as follows

A.... 4 Quality Points B.... 3 Quality Points C.... 2 Quality Points D.... 1 Quality Point F.... 0 Quality Points

Letter grades will appear on the report card according to the following scale A = 93-100; B = 85-92; C = 75-84; D = 67-74; F = 0-66. First and second semester grades are calculated by counting each quarter's numeric average as 40% of the semester grade, and the semester exam as 20%. The cumulative grade point average (weighted and unweighted) is determined by semester grades. In determining the cumulative grade point average (weighted and unweighted), all semester grades are included.

RANK IN CLASS

Because of the academic strength of our students, class rank is not considered a notable indication of an individual student's scholastic achievement and is not computed. Instead, weighted grade-point average information is available below for comparison purposes.

<u>GPA Distribution</u>			<u>Honors Program Core Curriculum</u>	
Weighted GPA*	% of Class	# of Students	<i>(The following Honors and AP courses are given equal weight in the GPA.)</i>	
4.0+	22.7%	63	• English II Honors	• Physics Honors or AP Physics C: Mechanics
3.5 - 3.99	30.7%	85	• Any two of the following: English III Honors, AP English Language, English IV Honors, AP English Literature	• AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or AP Environmental Science
3.0 - 3.49	26.0%	72	• Algebra II Honors	• American History Honors or AP U.S. History
2.5 - 2.99	14.8%	41	• Pre-Calculus Honors	• AP World History or AP European History
2.49 and below	5.8%	16	• Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, or Calculus BC	
			• Chemistry Honors	
<i>Weighted GPA=Unweighted grade-point average + number of honors program core curriculum semesters completed with grades A, B or C x .02</i>				

TEST DATA

<u>ACT</u>	<u>Middle 50%</u>	<u>National Merit, National College Board Recognition, and AP Scholars</u>	
<i>Class of 2022 (100% of class).....</i>	<i>22-29</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
<i>Class of 2023 (100% of class).....</i>	<i>22-29</i>	11 Finalists	17 Semifinalists
<u>SAT</u>	<u>Middle 50%</u>	11 Semifinalists	9 Commended
<i>Class of 2022 (7% of class).....</i>	<i>1400-1480</i>	3 Commended	1 National African American Recognition
<i>Class of 2023 (4% of class).....</i>	<i>1420-1540</i>	2 National African American Recognition	10 National Hispanic Recognition
		3 National Hispanic Recognition	
		2 National Indigenous Recognition	

SCHOOL POLICY ON DISCIPLINARY NOTIFICATION

Membership in the senior class and graduation from Catholic High School implies that a student is in good standing regarding both the behavioral and academic requirements of the school. Any significant changes to a student's record will be reported to the post- secondary institution(s).

CAMPUS VISITS

Catholic High School welcomes college & military representatives to our campus to meet with interested students; however, this is done by appointment only. To schedule a date/time, please sign up through SCOIR.

COVID-19

On March 18, 2020, Catholic High School moved to a virtual learning platform, and students were able to complete their Spring 2020 semester courses based on our typical grading scale. Upon returning to school on August 13, 2020 for the fall semester, an A/B hybrid schedule was implemented based on state COVID-19 mandates/guidelines. On September 21, 2020, Catholic High School resumed regular, in-person learning by having our full student population on campus and has continued to do so.