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SCHOOL

Mother McAuley is a private, all-female, Catholic high school located on the far southwest side of Chicago. Of the 81 full-time faculty, 70% hold masters + degrees. The student to faculty ratio is 9.8:1.

ENROLLMENT

With nearly 800 students enrolled in grades 9-12, Mother McAuley is one of the largest, all-female Catholic high schools in the United States. Mother McAuley draws students from diverse backgrounds from over 160 elementary and junior high schools throughout Chicago, the surrounding suburbs and Indiana. Approximately 63% of our students come from the city of Chicago and 37% from surrounding suburbs.

CATHERINE MCAULEY HONORS SCHOLARS (CMHS)

The Catherine McAuley Honors Scholars program recognizes superior academic achievement, offers opportunities for academic and cultural enrichment and encourages further skill and talent development. Requirements include: enrollment in at least four honors classes each semester, the completion of five AP classes, a 4.05 grade point average each semester, participation in at least one extra-curricular activity each year and management of an electronic portfolio. Approximately 10% of Mother McAuley students are CMHS.

ATHLETICS

Mother McAuley is a member of the IHSA and the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC)/Metro Catholic Aquatic Conference (MCAC). McAuley's athletic program has a rich tradition of excellence; our 12 competitive sports teams demand exceptional self-discipline, dedication, loyalty, integrity and teamwork. We have proudly earned 19 state championships – with 50+ state appearances – and numerous conference and regional titles. Our athletes excel in the classroom, as well; in 2022-2023 all Varsity teams achieved IHSA's academic excellence award.

VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts take a holistic orientation to education and curriculum is designed to challenge McAuley's young women to build self-confidence, achieve technical skills for personal expression, and build portfolios for future study and career opportunities. Visual Arts students enter original works of art in numerous exhibitions and receive awards in the Midwest Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the National Scholastic Art & Writing awards, and the General and Senior Scholarship IHSAA Exhibitions. In 2023 McAuley Visual Arts students received: Gold Keys, Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions in the Midwest Scholastic Art & Writing Competition and 9 Advanced Placement Art and Design students were offered \$2,011,000 in art scholarships.

PERFORMING ARTS

Offering a unique blend of performance and technical classroom opportunities for students, as well as a robust extracurricular performance schedule, the performing arts program creates opportunities for students to develop their giftedness through performing, thinking critically, and creating works of art. Classes range from beginner courses to honors workshops, which enhance students' awareness of the world and her relationship to it. The performing arts students have consistently received first place ratings as part of the IHSA, and the All-State Show. Students have been finalists for the Illinois High School Music Theatre Awards, and participate in the Illinois Music Educators all-state chorus and orchestra.

Academic Profile

CLASS OF 2023

206 graduates
100% accepted to college
91% attending a 4-year college
6% attending a 2-year college
37 Illinois State Scholars

CLASS OF 2024

208 students
Highest 6th semester GPA = 4.46

GRADING AND RANKING

Due to Mother McAuley's selective admission policy and rigorous curriculum, the school does not rank its students.

The grading scale is as follows:

A: 90-100 **B:** 80-89 **C:** 70-79
D: 60-69 **F:** Below 59

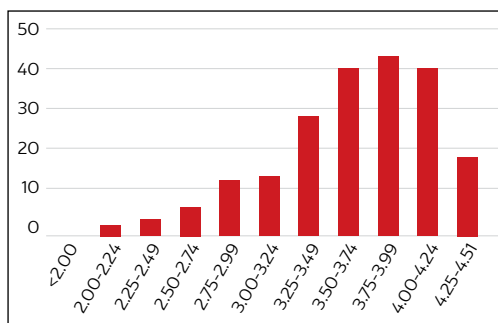
Effective Fall 2021

WEIGHTING

Courses are assigned weights in accordance with their relative difficulty on the following scales:

	A	B	C	D	F
AP	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	0
Honors	4.5	3.5	2.5	1.0	0
College Prep	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION Class of 2023



TEST SUMMARY Class of 2023

ACT Subscore	Middle 50%-ile	Mean
English	20-28	23
Math	17-26	21
Reading	20-30	24
Science Reasoning	20-26	22
Composite	19-27	23
Students Tested	92%	23

CURRICULUM

A minimum of 28 credit hours are required for graduation.

4 credits	Theology
4 credits	English
3 credits	Mathematics
4 credits	Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
3 credits	Social Science
2 credits	Foreign Language
1 credit	Physical Education
2 credits	Fine Arts (½ Art History, ½ Music or Theatre, 1 Fine Arts Elective)
½ credit	Personal Finance
4½ credits	Electives

For course descriptions please visit:

<https://www.mothermcauley.org/academics/curriculum-guide>

AP COURSES

During the 2022-2023 school year, **581** total exams were administered to **335** students.

18 Advanced Placement courses are available in the following subject areas:

2D Art and Design	Latin
Biology	Physics C-Mechanics
Calculus AB	Physics I
Chemistry	Psychology
Computer Science Principles	Spanish Language
English Language & Composition	Statistics
English Literature & Composition	U.S. Government and Politics
French Language	U.S. History
Human Geography	World History

AP RECOGNITION

	2021	2022	2023
AP Scholar	51	65	56
AP Scholar with Honor	19	22	15
AP Scholar with Distinction	14	17	31
National AP Scholar	2	*	*

**Program discontinued*

HONORS LEVEL COURSES

Mother McAuley offers **32 honors level courses** across all departments.

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES

Mother McAuley High School and Saint Xavier University have collaborated to offer students the opportunity to earn college credit through completion of the following courses:

Dual-Credit at Saint Xavier University and Mother McAuley High School

AP Biology
AP Literature & Composition
AP Spanish
AP Statistics

Credit only at Saint Xavier University

Introduction to Nursing

MISSION MOTHER MCAULEY LIBERAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL is a Catholic educational community committed to providing a quality secondary education for young women. In the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and their foundress, Catherine McAuley, we prepare students to live in a complex, dynamic society by teaching them to think critically, communicate effectively, respond compassionately to the needs of their community and assume roles of Christian leadership. In partnership with parents, we empower young women to acknowledge their giftedness and to make decisions with a well-developed moral conscience. We foster an appreciation of the diversity of the global community and a quest for knowledge and excellence as lifelong goals.