



MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE 2024-2025

Teaching Scholars with a Soul

MISSION

Marian Catholic High School is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school within the Dominican tradition of study, prayer, community, and preaching. Marian Catholic students seek truth, exhibit personal responsibility, cultivate their individual talents, and demonstrate ethical leadership and Christian service.

ACCREDITATION/ MEMBERSHIPS

- Cogna
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois Council of Private Schools (ICOPS)
- Dominican Association of Secondary Schools (DASS)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASPP)

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Twice recognized as a Blue Ribbon School

Two-time recipient of National Catholic High School Honor Roll Top 50 Award

Named as one of Illinois' Most Challenging High Schools by the Washington Post

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ADMISSION

Admission to Marian Catholic is selective. In addition to taking an entrance exam, other factors such as previous standardized test results and junior high transcripts are considered. Marian Catholic does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, or ethnic origin.

ENROLLMENT

Marian Catholic has a total enrollment of 755 students representing 64 different zip codes within the states of Illinois and Indiana. The school enjoys a rich cultural and geographic diversity as students enroll from many public, private, urban, and suburban grade schools. Approximately 71% of our students are of Latino, African American, or Asian ethnicities.

Academic Program Overview

FACULTY

Marian Catholic's faculty serve as mentors in and out of the classroom. The average teaching experience is 18 years; 65% hold a Master's Degree or higher or are in progress. The student-teacher ratio is 13:1.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Marian Catholic offers a college preparatory curriculum; a minimum of 23 credits is required for graduation. Students are encouraged to take a strong program of academic courses.

Specific Requirements

THEOLOGY 4.0 credits

ENGLISH 4.0 credits

MATHEMATICS 3.0 credits

SCIENCE 3.0 credits

SOCIAL STUDIES 3.0 credits

(Must pass U.S. & Illinois Constitution exams)

WORLD LANGUAGE 2.0 credits

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1.25 credits

HEALTH 0.25 credits

FINE ARTS 0.5 credits

COMPUTER CONCEPTS & INFORMATION PROCESSING 0.5 credits

HONORS DIPLOMA

The Marian Catholic Honors Diploma is conferred upon students who show outstanding academic achievement throughout their career and who have met the criteria listed below. Graduating with this honor will show that a student has achieved an elite academic status that sets them apart as accomplished scholars. To receive the Honors Diploma, a student must:

- Earn 25 full credits
- Complete a minimum of at least 6 advanced classes (Honors or Advanced Placement), at least 4 of which must be AP, and earn a semester grade of "C" or better each semester in these classes
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 by the end of their 7th semester and maintain it through their 8th semester
- Have no failing semester grades nor have any Withdrawal (W) or Withdrawal Failure (WF) notations on their transcript
- Be an active member of the National Honor Society in good standing.

GRADING SCALE

Marian Catholic uses a 4.0 grading scale. Advanced Placement courses are weighted an extra 1.0 point and Honors courses are weighted an extra 0.5 point. The school-wide grading scale is as follows:

	Percent	Points
A+	100-97	4.4
A	96-90	4.0
B+	89-87	3.4
B	86-80	3.0
C+	79-77	2.4
C	76-70	2.0
D+	69-67	1.4
D	66-60	1.0
F	59 and below	0



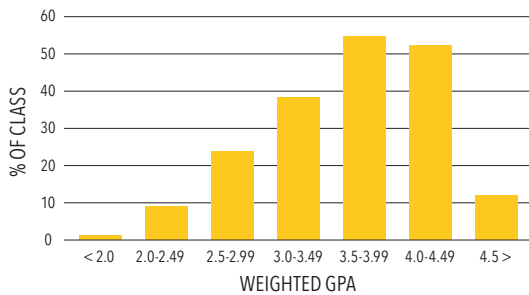
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Marian Catholic discontinued the practice of class rank. The GPA grade distribution chart below provides a better understanding of the competitiveness of Marian Catholic.

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

190 students through 6 semesters of study



CLASS OF 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Graduating Seniors - 189

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY 88%

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE 6%

CAREER EDUCATION / TRADE SCHOOL 3%

OTHER 3%

Members of the Class of 2024 are attending classes on 84 different campuses in 24 states and Washington D.C.

- 38% In-State
- 56% Out-of-State
- 21% Private
- 17% Catholic
- 49% State
- 14% HBCU

Over the past five years, 23% of graduates have matriculated to a top 100 university including:

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| Boston College | Princeton University |
| Colorado School of Mines | Purdue University |
| Columbia University New York | Spelman College |
| Cornell University | The Ohio State University |
| Dartmouth College | Tulane University |
| DePaul University | University of California |
| Georgetown University | (multiple campuses) |
| Hampton University | University of Illinois |
| Harvard University | University of Iowa |
| Howard University | University of Michigan |
| Indiana University | University of Notre Dame |
| Loyola University Chicago | University of Pennsylvania |
| Marquette University | University of Southern California |
| Michigan State University | University of Wisconsin |
| Morehouse College | University of Chicago |
| New York University | Vanderbilt University |
| Northeastern University | Washington University, St. Louis |
| Northwestern University | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Pomona College | |

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Marian Catholic offers 17 AP courses, 24 Honors courses, and 7 Dual Credit courses. Enrollment in Honors, AP, or Dual Credit classes is based on a student's academic performance, GPA, and faculty/counselor recommendations.

AP: Capstone (AP Seminar/AP Research), Art & Design, English Language and Composition, Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, U.S. Government & Politics, World History, Calculus (BC), Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Statistics, Biology, Physics 1, Spanish Language and Culture

Dual Credit: English Literature and Composition, Psychology, U.S. History, Catholic Social Teaching, Chemistry, Calculus (BC)

Dual Credit Courses from Loyola University, Dominican University, or Benedictine University

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Involvement in extracurricular programs plays an important role in students' academic and social growth. Marian Catholic sponsors over 45 clubs and organizations to support a wide range of student interests including a world-renowned band program, an award winning speech team, National Honor Society, Latin National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Spanish National Honor Society. Students also participate in individual class retreats including a senior Kairos experience.

Highlights: 43 Consecutive Marching Band State Championships in Class; 18 State Grand Championships; 7-Time Bands of America Grand National Champion

13 Illinois High School Association Speech State Individual Championships; 29 Individual IHSA Sectional Champions; 68 Individual IHSA Regional Crowns

SPARTAN ATHLETICS

Marian Catholic is a member of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and competes in the East Suburban Catholic Conference.

Football	Men's Track & Field	Women's Cross Country
Men's Baseball	Men's Volleyball	Women's Fencing
Men's Basketball	Wrestling	Women's Golf
Men's Cross Country	Bowling	Women's Soccer
Men's Fencing	Cheerleading	Women's Tennis
Men's Golf	Women's Softball	Women's Track & Field
Men's Soccer	Women's Basketball	Women's Volleyball
Men's Tennis		

14 of Marian Catholic's 20 Varsity Athletic teams earned an average 3.5 or better GPA during the 2023-2024 school year.

2023-2024 Highlights: Women's Basketball IHSA Elite Eight; Inaugural Bowling season; Three IHSA Regional titles (Men's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball); IHSA State finalists (Wrestling, Men's Track, Women's Track & Field)

VISIT POLICY

College representatives are welcome to visit with the Marian Catholic students during the fall either on campus or via a virtual visit. Representatives may schedule their in-person or virtual visit at www.counselorcommunity.com.