



Visitation School

Non Scholae, Sed Vitae: Not for School, but for Life

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CEEB CODE: 242240

2024-2025 School Profile

MISSION

Visitation School provides an excellent education within a Catholic environment permeated by Salesian Spirituality and the living tradition of the Visitation Sisters.

SCHOOL

Visitation's Upper School (9-12) currently enrolls 253 students. Students come from the greater Twin Cities area and are of various religions, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. Our all-girls Upper School offers young women a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, renowned fine arts offerings, celebrated athletic programs, and a nationally recognized robotics program. The Class of 2024 has 60 students, nearly all of whom plan to attend a four-year college or university.

VISITATION HONORS & AWARDS

- In the past year, Visitation art and writing students earned 9 honorable mentions, 8 silver key honors and 4 gold key honors at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. In 2024, one student earned an American Voices Award nomination.
- In 2023-24, student-athletes made state appearances in cross country, golf, swimming & diving, and track & field. The swimming & diving team won its 10th consecutive state championship.
- Three Visitation student groups were named finalists in the MN Zoo Redesign Competition with one group earning second place for their design proposal of the prairie dog exhibit.
- Visitation's theater company earned 9 Spotlight Awards during their 2023-24 season from the Hennepin Theater Spotlight program, including the community engagement award, outstanding achievement in leading roles, featured role, and costume crew. They also earned honorable mention for technical production, overall performance, sound crew, and ensemble acting.
- In the last five years, Visitation's robotics team has earned both individual and team honors including Dean's List Finalists, the Engineering Inspiration award, and the Chairman's award.
- The Visitation mock trial team qualified for the state tournament in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & DETAILS

Community Service

Given Visitation's commitment to volunteerism, students devote a minimum of 34 hours to community service and also complete a two-week senior service project.

Accreditation and Organizational Memberships

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, MACAC, MAIS, College Board and International Coalition of Girls' Schools

Reporting Disciplinary Action

Visitation School does not volunteer information to colleges about disciplinary actions best handled within the walls of our school. We will report egregious violations of our student code of conduct or of any threat to the safety of the community.

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UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English (4 credits required)

Introduction to Literary Genres
World Literature
Literature and Composition of the US
British Literature and Humanities
AP Literature and Composition
Film and Fiction, Film Studies
Great Nonfiction

Social Studies (3 credits required)

Civics, Economics, and Civil Discourse
World History, AP European History
US History, AP US History
US Gov/Econ and Global Issues
AP US Government
Psychology, Sociology, Intro to Law
Women and Society, World Cultures

World Language (3 credits required)

Chinese I through AP
French I through AP
Spanish I through AP

Mathematics (3 credits required)

Freshman Algebra
Geometry, Honors Geometry
Algebra II, Honors Algebra II
Math Analysis, Honors Math Analysis
Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Computer Graphics
Computer Programming Topics

Science (3 credits required)

Biology, AP Biology
Chemistry, Honors Chemistry
Physics, Honors Physics
Anatomy and Physiology
Genetics, Astronomy
Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science
Introduction to Engineering Design
Principles of Engineering
Honors Math and Science Research

Physical Education (1 credit required)

Health (.5 credit required)

Fine & Performing Arts (1 credit required)

Drawing, Honors Drawing
Painting, Honors Painting
Pottery, Honors Pottery
Printmaking, Honors Printmaking
Jewelry and Fibers
Digital Art and Photography, Honors Photography
Classical Ballet, Theater
Bel Canto, Honors Chamber Choir
Concert Band, Honors Concert Band**
Orchestra

Religion (4 credits required)

Intro to Sacred Scripture/Christology
The Paschal Mystery/Ecclesiology
Ethical and Moral Issues/World Religions
Salesian Leadership and Ministry

**** Courses on transcript marked "@ STA" indicates classes taken at Saint Thomas Academy.**

Courses on transcript marked "-OSH" are taken through One Schoolhouse, an online educational organization with whom Visitation partners.

CLASS of 2024 | TESTING & NATIONAL MERIT

ACT

Mean: 27

SAT

Mean: 1247

NATIONAL MERIT

Finalist: 2

Commended: 4

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Visitation offers 12 Advanced Placement courses. Admission to AP courses is competitive and requires department permission. Students may take only 3 AP courses per year unless granted special exception to take 4 as a senior.

In 2023-2024, **137** students were enrolled in AP courses; students took **286** exams and **82%** of the scores were 3, 4 or 5.

CLASS of 2024 AP AWARDS

AP Scholar: 9

With Honors: 3

With Distinction: 21

VISITATION SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	% Range	Regular Grade Point	Honors Grade Point	AP Grade Point
A	93-100	4	4.4	4.8
A-	90-92	3.7	4.1	4.4
B+	87-89	3.3	3.6	4
B	83-86	3	3.3	3.6
B-	80-82	2.7	3	3.2
C+	77-79	2.3	2.5	2.8
C	73-76	2	2.2	2.4
C-	70-72	1.7	1.9	2
D+	67-69	1.3	1.4	1.6
D	64-66	1	1.1	1.2
D-	60-63	0.7	0.8	0.8
F	0-59	0	0	0
I	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	0	0

Visitation has a universal grade scale for all classes, awarding additional weight for Honors and Advanced Placement classes.

Class of 2025 | Grade Point Information (Six Semesters)

Because of the small size and strong performances of our graduating students, we do not provide class rank.

Highest GPA: 4.25

Median GPA: 3.88

CLASS of 2025 | AP COURSE DISTRIBUTION

NUMBER OF AP COURSES TAKEN IN UPPER SCHOOL	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING THIS COURSE LOAD	1	11	6	9	3	7	2	6	2	13

2020 - 2024 COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION

Colleges in **bold** are schools at which Visitation graduates are enrolled.

Adelphi University	Creighton University	Luther College	St. Catherine University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
American University	Dartmouth College	Lynn University	St. Cloud State University	University of Miami
The American University of Paris	Denison University	Macalester College	St. Edward's University	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Arizona State University	DePaul University	Marist College	St. John's University, NY	University of Minnesota, Morris
Assumption University	DePauw University	Marquette University	Saint Louis University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Auburn University	Dickinson College	Marymount Manhattan College	Saint Mary's College	University of Mississippi
Augsburg University	Dougherty Family College at UST	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Saint Mary's College of CA	University of Missouri
Augustana University	Drake University	McGill University	Saint Mary's University of MN	University of Montana
Ave Maria University	Drexel University	Merrimack College	Saint Michael's College	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Aveda Institute-Minneapolis	Duke University	Metropolitan CC- Kansas City	St. Norbert College	University of New Hampshire
Azusa Pacific University	Eckerd College	Miami University, Ohio	St. Olaf College	University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Bard College	Elon University	Michigan State University	Saint Xavier University	University of North Dakota
Barnard College	Emory University	Michigan Technological University	Sterling College	University of Notre Dame
Bates College	Emory University-Oxford College	Millikin University	Stevenson University	University of Oregon
Baylor University	Endicott College	Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design	Stonehill College	University of the Pacific
Belmont University	Fairfield University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Stony Brook University	University of Portland
Beloit College	Finlandia University	Minneapolis Coll of Art & Design	Syracuse University	University of Puget Sound
Benedictine College	Flagler College	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Temple University	University of Redlands
Bentley University	Florida Atlantic University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Texas A& M University	University of Richmond
Bethany Lutheran College	Florida Southern College	The New School (Parsons Coll of Design)	Texas Christian University	University of Rochester
Bethel University	Fordham University	New York University	Texas State University	University of San Diego
Biola University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	New York University, Shanghai	Texas Tech University	University of San Francisco
Boston College	Franklin & Marshall College	North Carolina State University	Towson University	University of South Carolina
Boston University	Furman University	North Dakota State University	Trinity College (CT)	University of South Dakota
Bowdoin College	Georgetown University	Northeastern University	Trinity College (Dublin)	University of Southern California
Bradley University	George Washington U	Northern Arizona University	Trinity University (TX)	University of Southern Maine
Bryant University	Gettysburg College	Northern Michigan University	Tufts University	University of St. Thomas
Bryn Mawr College	Gonzaga University	Northland College	Union College	University of Sydney
Bucknell University	Goucher College	Northwestern University	University College Dublin	University of Tampa
Buena Vista University	Grand Canyon University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Alabama	University of Tennessee
Butler University	Grinnell College	Oberlin College	University of Arizona	University of Texas, Austin
California Lutheran University	Gustavus Adolphus College	Occidental College	University of British Columbia	University of Texas, San Antonio
California Polytechnic U	Hamilton College	The Ohio State University	University of California, Berkeley	University of Toronto
Carleton College	Hamline University	Oklahoma State University	University of California, Davis	University of Vermont
Carthage College	Hawaii Pacific University	Oregon State University	University of California, Irvine	University of Virginia
Catholic University of America	High Point University	Pace University	University of California, Los Angeles	University of Washington
Champlain College	Hillsdale College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of California, San Diego	University of WI, Eau Claire
Chapman University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of WI, Madison
City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong U of Science and Tech	Pepperdine University	University of California, Santa Cruz	University of WI, Platteville
Clark University	Howard University	Providence College	University of Central Florida	University of WI, River Falls
Clemson University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Purdue University	University of Colorado, Boulder	University of WI, Stevens Point
Coe College	Indiana University, Bloomington	Reed College	University of Colorado, Denver	University of WI, Stout
Colby College	Inver Hills Community College	Regis University	University of Connecticut	Vanderbilt University
Colgate University	Iowa State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Dayton	Villanova University
College of the Atlantic	Ithaca College	Rhodes College	University of Denver	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
College of Charleston	John Cabot University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Georgia	Viterbo University
College of the Holy Cross	Juniata College	Rockhurst University	University of Hawaii	Wake Forest University
College of St. Benedict	Kansas State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.	University of Illinois	Washington State University
College of St. Scholastica	Kenyon College	Rutgers University	University of Iowa	Washington University in St. Louis
College of William & Mary	Knox College	Salve Regina University	University of Kansas	Western Washington University
College of Wooster	Lafayette College	San Diego State University	University of Kentucky	Wheaton College (MA)
Colorado College	Lake Forest College	Santa Clara University	University of La Verne	Whitman College
Colorado State University	Lawrence University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Louisville	Willamette University
Columbia College Chicago	Lewis & Clark College	Scripps College	University of Maine	Williams College
Concordia University, St. Paul	Liberty University	Seattle University	University of Manitoba	Winona State University
Connecticut College	Louisiana State University	Seton Hall University	University of Mary	Winthrop University
Cornell College	Loyola Marymount University	Skidmore College	University of Maryland	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Cornell University	Loyola University, Chicago	South Dakota State University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Xavier University
	Loyola University, Maryland	Southern Methodist University		