



# Newton Country Day School Profile 2024-25

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## Accreditation & Memberships

New England Association of  
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International Network of  
Sacred Heart Schools

National Association of  
Independent Schools

Association of Independent  
Schools in New England

Secondary School Admission  
Test Board

College Board

Education Records Bureau

International Coalition of  
Girls' Schools

**Founded in 1880, Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic, independent, preparatory day school for girls in grades 5-12.**

Newton Country Day is dedicated to innovation, continually revitalizing our academic and cocurricular programs to empower young women to act with integrity, think critically, analyze deeply, communicate clearly, and foster their intellectual curiosity and creativity.

## Sacred Heart Goals & Criteria

Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to educate to:

**Goal I:** a personal and active faith in God

**Goal II:** a deep respect for intellectual values

**Goal III:** a social awareness which impels to action

**Goal IV:** the building of community as a Christian value

**Goal V:** personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom



**372**  
STUDENTS

**50+**

COMMUNITIES  
REPRESENTED



RECEIVE  
FINANCIAL AID



IDENTIFY AS  
STUDENTS  
OF COLOR



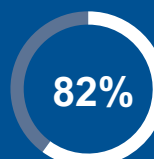
IDENTIFY AS  
CATHOLIC



**60**  
SENIORS



COLLEGE  
MATRICULATION



FACULTY HOLD  
ADVANCED DEGREES

**11**

AVERAGE  
CLASS SIZE

# Programs of Distinction

## Sacred Heart International Network Exchange

Located in 41 countries, Sacred Heart Schools provide a global perspective. Through the Exchange Program, students have the opportunity to become independent world travelers as they engage in six-week reciprocal exchanges with students who attend Sacred Heart schools worldwide.



EXCHANGE  
PARTICIPANTS  
PER CLASS



### RECENT EXCHANGE COUNTRIES

Australia	France	South Korea
Austria	Ireland	Spain
Chile	Japan	Taiwan
	New Zealand	

## Independent Research in Science and Engineering

This program encourages students to become scientists or engineers through the development of a project of their own design. With mentorship from a faculty member, students discern a question to address, write a detailed project proposal, conduct the experiment or implement their designs, analyze their data, and communicate their findings through a written report and oral presentation at the annual Science and Engineering Fair. Many students advance to present their work at the regional, statewide, and international Science and Engineering Fairs. Notable student achievements include earning awards to develop a patent on their design and receiving recognition from national societies.

PARTICIPATION  
FROM 2019 - 2024

83

ENROLLED  
STUDENTS

31

REGIONAL LEVEL  
AWARDS

11

STATE LEVEL  
AWARDS



## Global Studies Program

This Grade 10 program is an interdisciplinary and experiential approach to the humanities, enriching students' understanding of global cultures by combining surveys of modern history and global literature from the French Revolution to the present.



## Hesed Program

*Hesed* is Hebrew for loving-kindness. Students in Grade 11 complete 40+ hours of direct service at an organization where they form relationships rooted in the ethic of reciprocity. This program fosters the building of community and invites students to respond to the Gospel call to work for social justice—an act that leads to a deepening of faith. Through reflection, which encourages critical thinking and personal growth, students mature intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually and continue to hone a true sense of purpose.



## Senior Project

This program invites students to discern, pursue, and engage in an independent professional externship during the final month of Grade 12. The project can take the form of an internship, service project, job shadow, or carefully planned creative endeavor and culminates in the Senior Project Symposium, where each student presents experiences and outcomes in response to an essential question they have articulated. Recent projects include interning with a member of Congress, shadowing a surgeon, assisting the executive director of a non-profit, writing a novel, and composing and recording an album.



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# Course Offerings & Graduation Requirements

Department	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Religious Studies</b> <i>4 years required</i>	Religion 9: Jewish Scripture & Tradition	Religion 10: Jesus in the Gospels	Religion 11: Catholic Social Teaching & Action	Religion 12: World Religions
<b>English</b> <i>4 years required</i>	English 9: Introduction to Genre	English 10: Literature and Society  Honors Global Studies, English  Introduction to Creative Writing ( <i>elective</i> )	AP English Language and Composition: American Literature  Advanced Creative Writing I ( <i>elective</i> )	AP English Literature and Composition: Special Topics  Advanced Creative Writing II ( <i>elective</i> )
<b>Mathematics</b> <i>3 years required</i>	Algebra I, Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Principles of Geometry, Geometry, Honors Geometry, PreCalculus, Honors PreCalculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC and Advanced Topics, AP Statistics, Statistics and Financial Algebra			
<b>History</b> <i>3 years required</i>	World History I, World History II, Honors Global Studies (History), US History, Honors US History, AP US History, AP Art History, AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP European History, AP US Government and Politics, Psychology			
<b>World Languages</b> <i>3 years required</i>	<b>French:</b> Beginner's A-B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Intermediate B Honors, Advanced, Advanced Honors, AP French <b>Latin:</b> Beginner's A-B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Intermediate B Honors, Advanced, Advanced Honors, AP Latin <b>Spanish:</b> Beginner's A-B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Honors Intermediate B, Advanced, Advanced Honors, AP Spanish Language and Culture <b>World Languages:</b> Culture and Literature			
<b>Science</b> <i>2 years required</i>	Biology, AP Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Sciences, Physics, Honors Physics, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, Engineering Design, Independent Research in Science and Engineering			
<b>Arts</b> <i>2 years required</i>	<b>Dance:</b> Dance Technique, Dance Collaborative I, Dance Collaborative II, Dance Collaborative III, Honors Dance Composition <b>Visual Art:</b> Art I, Art II, Art III, Art IV, AP Studio Art, Honors Portfolio <b>Music:</b> Instrumental Ensemble, Honors Instrumental Ensemble, Chorale, Honors Schola Cantorum			
<b>Computer Science</b> <i>1 year required</i>	Introduction to Computer Science, Software Engineering and Introduction to Data Science, AP Computer Science A			

8

ADVANCED  
COURSES

18

HONORS  
COURSES

20

AP  
COURSES



336  
AP EXAMS  
TAKEN



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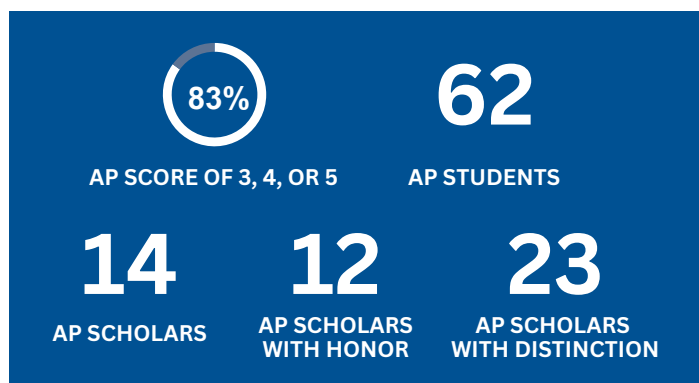
## Grading Information

For Honors and Advanced Placement Courses, grades are recorded on transcripts as reported by the teacher. In calculating academic honors, Honors and Advanced Placement courses are weighted a full grade higher than they are recorded.

Students' weighted GPAs are rounded to the nearest third of a point on a 4.0 scale.

Given the small size of graduating classes, Newton Country Day does not rank students.

### AP Results for the Class of 2024



### Standardized Test Scores 2020-24

Test	Mean	Percentile
ACT	30	93rd
SAT Reading and Writing	650	85th
SAT Math	638	83rd
SAT Composite	1288	85th

### College Matriculation 2020-2024

American University  
Babson College  
Bates College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
California Institute of Technology  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Clemson University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado College  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
Dickinson College  
Eckerd College  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Florida A&M University  
Fordham University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University

Grinnell College  
Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Haverford College  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University, Maryland  
University of Manchester (UK)  
McGill University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Middlebury College  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Olin College  
Pitzer College  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purdue University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Santa Clara University  
Saint Anselm College  
Smith College  
Skidmore College  
Southern Methodist University  
Spelman College  
Syracuse University

Temple University  
Trinity College (CT)  
Trinity College Dublin  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Richmond  
University of Southern California  
University of Tampa  
University of Toronto  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Tech  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College



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