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2024/2025 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

Notre Dame High School, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Trenton, is a dynamic, diverse Catholic community dedicated to educating young women and men to realize their full potential through a faith-filled environment, a challenging college-preparatory program, extensive co-curricular activities and a commitment to citizenship and service in the community.

HISTORY & CURRICULUM

Founded in 1957, Notre Dame is a Catholic, college preparatory, co-educational high school which provides programs to meet the diverse needs of 881 students enrolled in grades 9–12. Located in suburban, central New Jersey, Notre Dame High School occupies a 100- acre campus drawing students from New Jersey and Pennsylvania in Mercer, Burlington, Bucks, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. While Notre Dame is selective based on admission requirements, it remains committed to its mission of serving a diverse range of students.

Approximately 99% of the Class of 2024 attended a post-secondary institution (98% attended a four-year institution, 1% attended a two-year institution and 1% are employed or active in our military). The faculty and staff at Notre Dame High School believe in providing students with transformative, sustainable learning through active engagement, differentiated instruction and authentic learning experiences.

Notre Dame employs an 80-minute modified block scheduling model. As in the collegiate model, five-credit courses are completed in one semester. Advanced Placement and classes in the arts take advantage of the modified scheduling to allow students to maximize mastery in a broad spectrum of studies. All students take a Religion course each year. In addition to completing 130 credits, students fulfill a yearly Service Learning commitment to the community outside of the school and participate in an annual retreat experience.



PHILOSOPHY & VISION

Notre Dame High School believes:

In the Mercy Core values of service, compassion, justice, integrity and respect revealed through the Gospels, centered in God's love and the Catholic faith which permeate all aspects of the Notre Dame community:

In mutual respect and appreciation of diversity;

In a challenging, interactive academic environment, that is respectful of the learning style and needs of each individual.

In the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills, creativity, and a commitment to life-long learning for faculty and students.

In the necessity to have a secure, caring and enthusiastic environment, which has a consistent code of conduct and fosters integrity.

In the promotion of leadership through self-discipline, self-discovery and self-worth, in order to encourage personal responsibility, accountability, growth and fulfillment.

In the need to provide extensive quality opportunities for community service and co-curricular involvement in order to develop growth while building pride and ownership in the Notre Dame family beyond the classroom.

In educating our students to discern moral, ethical and responsible choices in a constantly evolving global community.

In fostering a respect for all of God's creation.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

MATH

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus AB Seminar
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Statistics Seminar
Algebra 1
Algebra 1 Part A/Part B
McAuley Algebra 1
Honor Algebra 1
Algebra 2
McAuley Algebra 2
Honors Algebra 2
Geometry
McAuley Geometry
Honors Geometry
Pre-Calculus
Honors Pre-Calculus
Advanced Algebra
Financial Algebra
Trigonometry
Calculus
Honors Calculus
Probability & Statistics
Honors Probability & Statistics
Discrete Mathematics

ENGLISH

AP English Lang & Comp
AP English Lit & Comp
Orientation Seminar
English Seminar
English 1
Honors English 1
English 2
Honors English 2
English 3/American Lit
Honors English 3
English 4/British Lit
English 4/The Short Story
Honors English 4
Honors English 4/Heroes
Academic Writing
Public Speaking 1
Public Speaking 2
Intro to Mass Comm
Intro to Creative Writing
Film Studies
Journalism 1
Journalism 2
Broadcast Journalism Podcast

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP US History 2
AP US History 2 Seminar
AP Micro Economics
AP European History
AP European History Seminar
AP Psychology
AP Psychology Seminar
AP US Government & Politics
AP US Gov & Politics Seminar
AP World History
AP World History Seminar
World History
Honors World History
United States History 1
Honors/Pre-AP US History 1
United States History 2
Honors US History 2
Economics
Genocide
US History 3(American Culture)
Psychology/Sociology
American Legal Issues
Cultural Landscapes

WORLD LANGUAGES

French 1
French 2
Honors French 2
Honors French 3
Honors French 4
Honor Convo. French
Latin 1
Latin 2
Honors Latin 2
Honors Latin 3
Honors Latin 4
Honors/Elective
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Honors Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Honors Spanish 3
Honors Spanish 4
Honors Convo Spanish
Italian 1
Italian 2
Honors Italian 2
Italian 3
Honors Italian 3
Honors Italian 4
Honors Convo Italian

SCIENCE

AP Biology
AP Biology Seminar
AP Chemistry
AP Chemistry Seminar
AP Physics- Mechanics
AP Physics Seminar
AP Environmental Science
STEM
Honors STEM
Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry
Physics
Honors Physics
Adv. Lab Tech in Bio
Anatomy/Physiology

RELIGION

Religion 1- Revelation of Jesus
Christ in Scripture
Religion 2- Our Catholic Faith
Religion 3- Morality & Social
Justice
Honors Religion 3/Service
Religion 4- World Religions
and Christian Vocation
Honors Religion 4/Academic
Honors Religion 4/Service
Intro to Western Philosophy
Peer Leadership
Peer Leadership Practicum

BUSINESS

AP Computer Science
Computer Science
Honors Computer Science
Integrated Technology
Physical Computing &
Robotics
Entrepreneurship
Accounting
Honors Accounting
Introduction to Business
Web Design
Introduction to Data Science

PHYSICAL EDU.

Physical Education/Health
Driver's Education
Physical Education
First Aid/ Personal Fitness
Senior PE Option

VISUAL ARTS

AP 2D Art
AP Drawing
Art 1
Art 2
Honors Art 3
Multicultural Arts
Illustration & Character Design
Intro to Graphic Arts & Design
Fund of 3D/Ceramics
Ceramics
Advanced Ceramics
Film Production
Advanced Film Production

PERFORMING ARTS

Acting 1 & Acting 2
Music Theory
Show Choir
Madrigal Singers
Concert Band
Dance Class
Intermediate Dance
Dance Performance
Jazz Band
Instrumental Studies
Percussion Studies
Piano Studies
Digital Recording
String Ensemble
Chamber Orchestra

COURSE LEVELS

College Preparatory

College preparatory courses

Honors

Requires high level of proficiency with reading, writing and spoken language.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Follows a national curriculum: The most demanding courses offered at ND.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

MEAN SAT SCORES - CLASS OF 2024

	National	New Jersey	Notre Dame
Evidenced Based Reading & Writing	520	533	580
Math	508	525	558

MEAN ACT SCORES - CLASS OF 2024

* NJ ACT DATA NOT AVAILABLE FROM ACT

	National	Notre Dame
Composite	19.6	26.3
English	18.7	25.9
Math	19.1	26.4
Reading	20.2	27.8
Science	19.7	24.4

ADVANCE PLACEMENT SCORES MAY 2024

Number of Students Taking AP Exams	214
Total Number of AP Exams	388
% of Students Scoring 3 or Above	90.19%

AP EXAMS INCLUDE

Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, European History, World History, US History, US Government, & Politics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Design Portfolio, Music Theory, *Italian Language and Culture, Physics Electricity & Magnetism, Physics Mechanics Based.

*Courses not offered at Notre Dame High School.

GRADING

Notre Dame's GPA is based on a 100-point scale. Students are awarded +3 points for Honors and +5 for AP courses. We do not report class rank.

Numerical Grade Equivalents

A: 90-100

D: 65-69

B: 80-89

F: 64-Below

C: 70-79

2024 NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

3 National Hispanic Recognition Scholars

1 National African American Recognition Scholars

37 Advanced Placement Scholars

13 Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors

20 Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PhilMUN Best Large Delegation, Outstanding Delegation, Distinguished Delegation, *Best Position Paper* and 13 students awarded individual awards. RUMUN Best Position Paper National Latin, Spanish and Italian Exam Medal Winners

American Legion Boys' State

New Jersey Math League

Mathematical Association of America – Math Competition – 1st (10th and 12th grade)

ND Performs over 20,000 hours of Community Service

CyberPatriot Nat. Award – Created by US Air Force

CyberPatriot Nat. Youth Cyber Defense Comp. Team

Louis Armstrong Jazz Awards Excellent in Jazz

John Phillip Sousa Band Award – 1st Chair in Orchestra

Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award

Fred Waring Director's award for Chorus

Dual Enrollment with Seton Hall University (AP Economics, AP Government and Honors Computer Science)

Student Publications – *ETC*, *The Voice*, and NDTV

Senior Internship Programs in hospitality, finance, police department, elementary school, and vocal studio

ICAN- Interdisciplinary Community Action Network – School-wide Community Service Program

43 Student-athletes continued their careers in college



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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE & MATRICULATION LIST

Alabama State University	Howard University	Sacred Heart University	University of North Carolina
Albright College	Immaculata University	Saint Francis University	University of Notre Dame
American University	Indiana State University	Saint John's University	University of Pennsylvania
Arizona State University	Iona College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Pittsburgh
Auburn University	Ithaca College	Salve Regina University	University of Rhode Island
Ave Maria University	Jama Madison University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Richmond
Babson College	Johns Hopkins University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of San Diego
Ball State University	Johnson & Wales University	Seton Hall University	University of South Carolina
Bard College	Kean University	Shippensburg University	University of South Florida
Belmont Abbey College	Kent State University	Skidmore College	University of Southern California
Berklee College of Music	Kingston University of London	Smith College	University of Tampa Bay
Boston College	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	University of Tennessee
Boston University	La Salle University	Spelman College	University of Toronto
Bowling Green State University	Liberty University	St. Bonaventure University	University of Washington
Brandeis University	Louisiana State University	Stanford University	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Brown University	Loyola University	State University of New York	University of Vermont
Bucknell University	Chicago Loyola University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Virginia
Cabrini University	Maryland Lynn University	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin
Caldwell University	Manhattan College	Susquehanna University	Ursinus College
Canisius College	Manhattanville College	Swarthmore College	Valencia College
Carnegie Mellon University	Marist College	Syracuse University	Vanderbilt University
Case Western Reserve University	Marquette University	Temple University	Vassar College
Chatham University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health	Texas Southern University	Villanova University
Chestnut Hill College	Mercer County Community College	The Catholic University of America	Virginia Commonwealth University
Clemson University	Messiah University	The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	University Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Coastal Carolina University	Miami University	The College of New Jersey	Virginia Wesleyan University
Colgate University	Michigan State University	The Culinary Institute of America	Wagner University
College of Charleston	Mississippi State University	The George Washington University	Wake Forest University
College of Saint Elizabeth	Monmouth University	The Ohio State University	Washington University in St. Louis
Columbia University	Montana State University	The Peabody Institute	Wellesley College
Cornell University	Montclair State University	The Johns Hopkins University	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Dickinson College	Moore College of Art and Design	The University of Alabama	West Virginia University
Drew University	Mount St. Mary's University	The University of Arizona	William & Mary
Drexel University	Muhlenberg College	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	William Paterson University
Duke University	New England Institute of Technology	The University of Oklahoma	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duquesne University	New Jersey Institute of Technology	The University of Scranton	Xavier University
Eckerd College	New York University	Thomas Jefferson University	York College of Pennsylvania
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	North Carolina State University	Towson University	
Emerson College	Northeastern University	Trinity College	
Emory University	Northwestern University	Tulane University	
Fairfield University	Oklahoma State University	United States Air Force Academy	
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Old Dominion University	United States Coast Guard Academy	
Fashion Institute of Technology	Pace University	United States Military Academy	
Florida Southern College	Pennsylvania State University	United States Naval Academy	
Florida State University	Pepperdine University	University of California, Berkeley	
Fordham University	Pratt Institute	University of California, Davis	
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Princeton University	University of California, Irvine	
Franklin & Marshall College	Providence College	University of California, LA	
Franklin Pierce University	Purdue University	University of California, San Diego	
Geneva College	Quinnipiac University	University of California, Santa Barbara	
George Mason University	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Georgetown University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Connecticut	
George Washington University	Rider University	University of Delaware	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Maryland	
Georgian Court University	Rosemont College	University of Miami	
Gettysburg College	Rowan University	University of Mississippi	
Gonzaga University	Rutgers University		
Hawaii Pacific University			
Hobart and William Smith Colleges			
Hofstra University			
Holy Cross College			

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