



**Benilde-St. Margaret's**

A Catholic, college preparatory school

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Enrollment (Grades 7-12) **1,060**

Enrollment (Class of 2024) **237**

High School Code **242-202**

### Accreditation & Membership

- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
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# BSM Profile 2024-2025

**Benilde-St. Margaret's (BSM)**, is a college preparatory school serving a student body with an enrollment of approximately 1,060 students in grades 7-12 from more than 85 zip codes throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

### Mission

We educate, empower, and inspire learners within a Catholic community to lead lives of faith, achieve academic excellence, and contribute meaningfully to a global society.

### History

BSM was founded in 1974, serving a student body who came primarily from the merger of all-girl St. Margaret's Academy (founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1907) and all-boy Benilde High School (founded by the Christian Brothers in 1956). Since then, BSM has become the leading private school in the Upper Midwest through its rigorous academic program, diverse co-curricular offerings, and faith-based service opportunities.

### Today

BSM's class of 2024 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 96%. There is a student-faculty ratio of 11:1 and the average class size is 22. BSM offers 24 AP courses and 9 honors courses.

21% of students are people of color. BSM supports 18% of its student body with tuition assistance totaling nearly \$1.9M.

### Faculty

87% of our senior high faculty hold advanced degrees. 46% of faculty have 10-20 years of teaching experience and an additional 38% of faculty have 20+ years of teaching experience.

### Innovative Programs

**EPIC** — Senior high students can enroll in BSM's Professional Partnership Program that allows students to EXPLORE passions and career paths, PARTNER with professionals, gain INSPIRATION, and CONNECT with experts in various fields inside and outside the four walls of the classroom.

**RED** — Students can also participate in a Research, Entrepreneurship, and Design collaborative program with hands-on learning experiences that parallel the modern workplace. RED challenges students to solve the problems that impact their world using creativity and collaboration.

### Post Secondary Opportunities

The BSM post-secondary program allows students to earn undergraduate-level college credit from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus and Saint Mary's University while still in high school at BSM.

Students can choose from eight different (CIS / PSEO) courses and five (PACC) course offerings.

	Standard	AP/CIS/PACC
A	4.0	4.5
A-	3.7	4.160
B+	3.3	3.710
B	3.0	3.380
B-	2.7	3.040
C+	2.3	2.590
C	2.0	2.250
C-	1.7	1.910
D+	1.3	1.460
D	1.0	1.130
D-	0.7	.790
F	0.0	.000
P/NP – no GPA weight		
<b>Honors:</b>	3.3 – 3.69	
<b>High Honors:</b>	3.7 – 4.5	

### National Service Learning Leader

**School** – BSM is one of only two schools in Minnesota recognized as a service-learning leader school. Through service-learning, students engage in intentionally organized experiences that meet real needs in the community and develop leadership skills while gaining an appreciation for the diversity of people’s situations and experiences.

### National Scholastic Press Association

**Awards** – BSM’s students publish a nationally recognized print and online student newspaper. The paper has been recognized each year since 2009 by the National Scholastic Press Association, with Pacemaker Awards, Best of Show Awards and awards from the Minnesota High School Press Association.

### International Robocup Competition

– Competing internationally ten times since 2005, BSM has been the only high school in the world to qualify for the world championship competition in rescue robotics. The engineering competition’s goal is to develop and demonstrate advanced robotic capabilities for emergency responders and to disseminate best-in-class robotic solutions. The BSM team has competed in France, Turkey, Japan, China, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore, and Germany.

### National Forensic League 200 Club

**Award** – BSM’s speech and debate teams have earned the designation of 200 Club, putting the program in the top 5% of NFL chapters.

### School Year Marking System

BSM uses the 12-point marking system in the table at left. The school year consists of two semesters, each approximately 18 weeks in length.

Since the 2022-2023 school year, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, College in the School (CIS) courses and courses taken under the PACC option at BSM carry a weighted grade of 12.5%. AP courses are standardized throughout the nation allowing for weighted grades. Honors Courses are not standardized nationwide and are NOT weighted grades.

### National Merit

In the last ten years, 71 seniors have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation including two Commended Scholars and six finalists in 2024. All juniors take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

### SAT

Number of seniors taking the test: **23**  
 Percent of the Class of 2024 taking the test: **11%**

### ACT

124 students, representing nearly 60% of the Class of 2024 took the ACT. The average score of the highest ACT for those students was 24.7, compared to the 2024 Minnesota average score of 20.8. The national average composite score is 19.9.

The average ACT score for the top 25 percent of BSM’s Class of 2024 was 29, while the top 10 percent averaged 34.6.

BSM is a college-preparatory school. Due to our high academic standards and individual student achievement, class ranking is not an accurate indicator of individual student progress and academic accomplishment.

### Advanced Placement

BSM offers **24** Advanced Placement courses. In 2024, there were **132** AP Scholars with an average score of **3.56**, **21** AP Scholars with Honors with an average score of **3.56** and **44** AP Scholars with Distinction with an average score of **4.08** and **12** AP Capstone Diplomas awarded with an average score of **3.45**.

### AP Five-Year Score Summary

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Students	252	269	294	353	423
Number of Exams	502	445	510	669	856
Percent with scores of 3+	82.1%	80.7%	78.9%	80.2%	71%

### Matriculation

BSM’s class of 2024 went on to post-secondary education at a rate of 96% (94% to four-year programs and 2% to two- year programs). The remaining 4% went on to a post-secondary athletic program, enlisted in military service, or took a gap year of service.

### Disciplinary Policies

It is the policy of BSM to not report disciplinary infractions to post-secondary institutions. However, it should be noted that serious infractions result in dismissal.

### Extracurricular Activities

BSM is committed to the development of a student’s highest potential in body, spirit and mind. Over 93% of our students choose to participate in at least one co-curricular program, as our athletics and activities are an integral part of our mission. BSM offers 31 varsity sports and 46 co-curricular clubs and activities. Aligned with our service-learning curriculum, over 400 students volunteered thousands of hours with the Red Knight Volunteer Corps (RKVC) in 2024.

# Senior High Curriculum Requirements

The following is a summary of the courses required for graduation by semester credit:

Fine Art	2	Religious Studies	8	Social Studies	7
English	8	College/Career	0.5	World Language	4
Health	1	Science	6	Electives	10
Physical Education	1	Mathematics	6	<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>53.5</b>

Juniors are required to take a career and college planning class, to explore their interests, abilities, values, and personality. This guides them in making well-informed decisions regarding their future education and career.

## FINE ART

Art and Design  
Ceramics  
Ceramic Studio  
3D Foundations  
3D Make-It Design  
Product Design  
Web Design  
Silkscreen  
Photography  
Photography Studio  
Drawing and Painting  
Drawing and Painting Studio  
Graphic Design  
Graphic Design Studio  
Band  
Choir  
Music Theory  
Orchestra  
World Drumming  
**AP Studio Art: 2D Design**  
**AP Studio Art: 3D Design**  
**AP Studio Art: Drawing**  
**Creative Problem Solving**  
(CIS - U of M; taught at BSM)

## ENGINEERING

Engineering Level 1  
Engineering Level 2  
Engineering Level 3  
Engineering Level 4

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

Acting  
Yearbook I, II, and III

## GUIDANCE

College/Career  
Learning Lab  
Teacher Assistant  
Think, Learn and Communicate

## HEALTH, WELLNESS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health  
Physical Education 9

## MATHEMATICS

Algebra Concepts  
Quadratic Algebra  
Geometry Concepts  
Geometry  
**Honors Geometry**  
Intermediate Algebra

Algebra II  
Algebra II Blended Online  
**Honors Algebra II**  
Functions & Trigonometry  
Statistics  
Precalculus  
Precalculus Blended Online  
**Honors Precalculus**  
**AP Algebra II Concepts**  
**AP Statistics**  
**AP Calculus AB**  
**AP Calculus BC**

## SCIENCE

Biology  
**Honors Biology**  
**AP Biology**  
General Chemistry  
Chemistry  
**Honors Chemistry**  
**AP Chemistry**  
Ecology  
**AP Environmental Science**  
Forensic Science  
General Physics  
Physics  
**AP Physics**  
Biomedical Science I  
**AP Seminar: Biomedical Science**  
**AP Research: Biomedical Science**

## BUSINESS

Introduction to Business  
Business and Personal Law  
Business Management  
Personal Financial Management  
Sports and Entertainment Marketing  
Accounting  
**Accounting Concepts (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**  
**Principles of Investing (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Human Geography  
**AP Human Geography**  
World History  
United States History  
**AP United States History**  
American Studies – History  
**AP African American Studies**  
US Government & Politics  
Economics  
Psychology

**AP United States and Comparative Government & Politics**  
**AP European History**  
**AP Microeconomics**

## ENGLISH

English 9  
**Honors English 9**  
English 10  
**Honors English 10**  
Advanced Composition  
American Literature  
American Studies – English  
**AP English Language & Composition**  
Great American Novels  
Immigrant Literature  
Journalistic Writing  
Mythology  
Non-Fiction Writing  
Science Fiction Literature  
Debate  
Creative Writing  
Film Studies  
Editorial Leadership  
**Intro to Literature: Poetry, Drama, Narrative**  
(CIS U of M; Taught at BSM)  
**AP English Literature & Composition**

## THEOLOGY

Theology 9  
Theology 10  
Discipleship  
Morality  
Christian Vocations  
Faith and Sports  
Foundations of Peer Ministry  
Women of the Church  
World Religions  
Introduction to Philosophy  
**Thinking Theologically – (PACC St. Mary's U of MN; Taught at BSM)**

## WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III, IV, V  
**AP French**  
Spanish I, II, III, IV, V  
**Honors Spanish II, III**  
**AP Spanish Language**  
**AP Spanish Literature**  
Espanol Para Hispanohablantes 1, 2, and 3  
Spanish Language Internship Program

# BSM Matriculation 2020-2024

Alabama A & M University, AL  
Alexandria Technical & Community College, MN  
American Musical and Dramatic Academy, NY  
American University, DC  
Arizona State University-Tempe, AZ  
Assumption University, MA  
Augsburg University, MN  
Augustana College, IL  
Augustana University, SD  
Babson College, MA  
Bates College, ME  
Baylor University, TX  
Belmont University, TN  
Bemidji State University, MN  
Berklee College of Music, MA  
Bethel University (MN), MN  
Boise State University, ID  
Boston College, MA  
Boston University, MA  
Bowling Green State University-Main Campus, OH  
Bradley University, IL  
Brown University, RI  
Bucknell University, PA  
Butler University, IN  
Cal Poly, CA  
California Baptist University, CA  
Carleton College, MN  
Carnegie Mellon University, PA  
Carthage College, WI  
Case Western Reserve University, OH  
Century College, MN  
Champlain College, VT  
Chapman University, CA  
Clarkson University, NY  
Clemson University, SC  
Cleveland State University, OH  
Colby College, ME  
Colgate University, NY  
College of Charleston, SC  
College of Saint Benedict (with Saint John's University), MN  
College of the Holy Cross, MA  
Colorado College, CO  
Colorado School of Mines, CO  
Colorado State University-Fort Collins, CO  
Columbia University in the City of New York, NY  
Concordia College at Moorhead, MN  
Concordia University, QC  
Concordia University-Saint Paul, MN  
Cornell University, NY  
Creighton University, NE  
Dartmouth College, NH  
Davidson College, NC  
DePaul University, IL  
DePauw University, IN  
Des Moines Area Community College, IA  
Dougherty Family College at University of St. Thomas, MN  
Drake University, IA  
Drexel University, PA  
Duke University, NC  
Dunwoody College of Technology, MN  
East Central College, MO  
Eastern Gateway Community College, OH  
Eckerd College, FL  
Elon University, NC  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach, FL  
Emory University-Oxford College, GA  
Fashion Institute of Technology, NY  
Fayetteville State University, NC  
Florida Southern College, FL  
Florida SouthWestern State College, FL  
Fordham University, NY  
Franklin Pierce University, NH  
George Mason University, VA  
Georgetown University, DC  
Gonzaga University, WA  
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus, AZ  
Gustavus Adolphus College, MN  
Hamline University, MN  
Hennepin Technical College, MN  
High Point University, NC  
Hillsborough Community College, FL  
Illinois Wesleyan University, IL  
Indiana University-Bloomington, IN

Iowa State University, IA  
James Madison University, VA  
Kirkwood Community College, IA  
La Salle University, PA  
Lake Forest College, IL  
Lake Region State College, ND  
Lake Superior College, MN  
Lewis & Clark College, OR  
Liberty University, VA  
Lindenwood University, MO  
Loyola Marymount University, CA  
Loyola University Chicago, IL  
Loyola University Maryland, MD  
Luther College, IA  
Lynn University, FL  
Macalester College, MN  
Marquette University, WI  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA  
Mayville State University, ND  
McGill University, QC  
Merrimack College, MA  
Miami University-Oxford, OH  
Michigan Technological University, MI  
MidAmerica Nazarene University, KS  
Midland University, NE  
Milwaukee School of Engineering, WI  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College, MN  
Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN  
Montana State University, MT  
New York University, NY  
Normandale Community College, MN  
North Carolina A & T State University, NC  
North Dakota State University, ND  
North Hennepin Community College, MN  
North Iowa Area Community College, IA  
Northeastern University, MA  
Northern Illinois University, IL  
Northern State University, SD  
Northwestern University, IL  
Ohio State University-Main Campus, OH  
Oregon State University, OR  
Pennsylvania Western University, PA  
Point Loma Nazarene University, CA  
Providence College, RI  
Purdue University-Main Campus, IN  
Queens University of Charlotte, NC  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY  
Rockhurst University, MO  
Sacred Heart University, CT  
Saint John's University (with College of Saint Benedict), MN  
Saint Louis University, MO  
Saint Mary's College, IN  
Saint Mary's College of California, CA  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, MN  
Saint Paul College, MN  
San Diego State University, CA  
Santa Clara University, CA  
Savannah College of Art and Design, GA  
Seattle University, WA  
South Dakota State University, SD  
Southern Methodist University, TX  
Spelman College, GA  
St Catherine University, MN  
St Olaf College, MN  
St. Lawrence University, NY  
Syracuse University, NY  
Taft School, CT  
Temple University, PA  
Texas Christian University, TX  
The Catholic University of America, DC  
The College of Saint Scholastica, MN  
The George Washington University, DC  
The University of Alabama, AL  
The University of British Columbia, BC  
The University of Tampa, FL  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, TN  
The University of Texas at Austin, TX  
The University of Winnipeg, MB  
Tufts University, MA  
Tulane University of Louisiana, LA  
Union College (NY), NY  
United States Air Force Academy, CO  
United States Military Academy, NY

United States Naval Academy, MD  
University of Arizona, AZ  
University of California-Davis, CA  
University of California-Los Angeles, CA  
University of California-San Diego, CA  
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus, OH  
University of Colorado Boulder, CO  
University of Denver, CO  
University of Detroit Mercy, MI  
University of Georgia, GA  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL  
University of Iowa, IA  
University of Jamestown, ND  
University of Kansas, KS  
University of Kentucky, KY  
University of Mary, ND  
University of Maryland-College Park, MD  
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, MA  
University of Miami, FL  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI  
University of Minnesota-Duluth, MN  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN  
University of Mississippi, MS  
University of Missouri-Columbia, MO  
University of Mount Olive, NC  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE  
University of New England, ME  
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus, NH  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC  
University of North Dakota, ND  
University of Northern Iowa, IA  
University of Notre Dame, IN  
University of Oregon, OR  
University of Pennsylvania, PA  
University of Portland, OR  
University of Richmond, VA  
University of Rochester, NY  
University of San Diego, CA  
University of Sioux Falls, SD  
University of South Carolina-Columbia, SC  
University of Southern California, CA  
University of St Andrews, FIF  
University of St Thomas, MN  
University of the Pacific, CA  
University of Utah, UT  
University of Vermont, VT  
University of Washington-Seattle Campus, WA  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, WI  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Superior, WI  
University of Wyoming, WY  
Vanderbilt University, TN  
Vassar College, NY  
Villanova University, PA  
Viterbo University, WI  
Wabash College, IN  
Wake Forest University, NC  
Waseda University, JP  
Washington University in St Louis, MO  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, MA  
Wheaton College, IL  
Xavier University, OH  
York College of Pennsylvania, PA  
Youngstown State University, OH