Marian Catholic High School

COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE 2025-2026

Teaching Scholars with a Soul

MISSION STATEMENT

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

- Cognia
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois Council of Private Schools (ICOPS)
- Dominican Educators Learning Community (DELC)
- National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)

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 675 students representing 69 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 83%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

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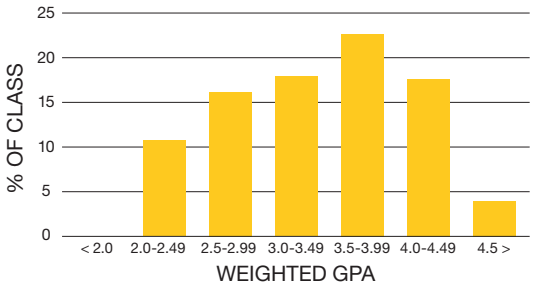
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Marian Catholic discontinued the practice of class rank. The GPA grade distribution chart below provides a better understanding of the competitiveness of Marian Catholic.

GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

175 students through 6 semesters of study



CLASS OF 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Graduating Seniors - 199

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY 89%
TWO-YEAR COLLEGE 6%
CAREER EDUCATION / TRADE SCHOOL 2%
OTHER 3%

Members of the Class of 2025 are attending classes on 90 different campuses in 24 states and the District of Columbia.

45% In-State
41% Out-of-State
18% Private
22% Catholic
23% State
12% HBCU

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

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

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), World Religions, Interreligious Dialogue and Ecumenism

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 30 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 junior or senior Kairos experience.

Highlights: 44 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; 34 Individual IHSA Sectional Champions; 72 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 Baseball
Men's Basketball
Men's Cross Country
Men's Fencing
Men's Golf
Men's Soccer
Men's Tennis
Men's Track & Field
Men's Volleyball
Wrestling
Bowling
Cheerleading
Women's Softball
Women's Basketball
Women's Cross Country
Women's Fencing
Women's Golf
Women's Soccer
Women's Tennis
Women's Track & Field
Women's Volleyball

8 of Marian Catholic's 20 Varsity Athletic teams earned an average 3.5 or better GPA during the 2024-2025 school year.

2024-2025 Highlights: Women's Basketball IHSA Elite Eight; One IHSA Regional title (Women's Volleyball); 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.*

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