

AQUINAS ACADEMY

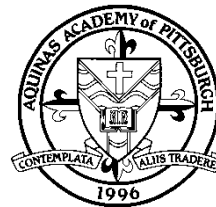
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PROFILE 2025-2026

School and Community: Aquinas Academy is an independent, private school in the Catholic tradition for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade twelve. The Academy was founded in 1996 for the purpose of offering a rigorous classical curriculum covering all the major areas of the liberal arts in an intensive college preparatory program. Aquinas Academy is accredited by Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools and holds membership in the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and the Pittsburgh Consortium of Independent Schools. Aquinas has a Middle States objective of forming students who are servant-leaders and facilitates this goal through the Service Prefect, Faculty Advisory, and Virtue of the Month programs. Aquinas Academy High School was twice ranked the #1 Catholic High School in Pennsylvania in 2015 and again in 2016 and the #1 Catholic High School in Pittsburgh eight years in a row 2015 – 2022. The campus is located in a residential suburb of Pittsburgh and is situated on 13 acres. In addition to a 22,000 square foot high school with 11 classrooms, 3 science labs, and a robotics room, the campus includes a new lower/middle school building, gymnasium, chapel with a renovated arts wing, and soccer field. The school hopes to complete a chapel renovation and expansion project, along with three additional classrooms, within the next two years.

Enrollment: 525 total, 153 in the High School. The student body is largely Roman Catholic, but from economically diverse homes. 24% of students receive financial aid. Students commute to Aquinas Academy from 14 school districts.

Admission: Students are admitted to Aquinas Academy based on their successful performance on an entrance examination. Given the nature of the curriculum, students are not usually admitted after the 10th grade; however, exceptions are possible for those who demonstrate sufficient aptitude. The Academy welcomes qualified applicants of all religions, races, creeds, and national and ethnic origins.

Faculty: 49 Full Time/7 Part Time

Administration:

Mr. Tyler Deschamps, *Head of School*

Mr. Michael Burchill, *Assistant Head of School*

Mrs. Sara Whetzel, *Assistant Head of School*

Mrs. Gina Martyak, *Director of College Counseling*

Mr. Joseph Austin, *Director of Admissions*

Mr. Peter Blume, *President*

Mr. Thomas Kayda, *Athletic Director*

Mr. Nicholas Salinas, *High School Director*

Mr. Joseph Murray, *Middle School Director*

Mrs. Michelle Repasky, *Lower School Director*

Mr. Richard Meland, *Director of Sacred Liturgy*

High School Courses and Graduation

Requirements

English 4 years

Mathematics through Pre-Calculus (3 years; 4 strongly suggested)

History 4 years

Science 3 years (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

*Latin 2-3 years

*Spanish/French 2-3 years

Theology 4 years

Philosophy 1 year

Art/Chorus/Band

Physical Education

Electives

*Must take 3rd year of either Latin or Modern Language

Grading Scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A	93-100
B+	90-92
B	85-89
C+	82-84
C	77-81
D+	74-76
D	70-73
F	0-69

College Level Courses

AP Calculus AB/BC

AP Chemistry

AP European History

AP Latin Reading

AP Physics C Mechanics

AP Statistics

AP US Government and Politics

AP US History

AP World Literature

CHS JAVA Programming

Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered for all four years in English, Latin, math, history, and science; the third and fourth years of modern languages; and both philosophy classes.

<u>Non-Honors</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>AP</u>
4.0	4.5	5.0
3.5	4.0	4.5
3.0	3.5	4.0
2.5	3.0	3.5
2.0	2.5	3.0
1.5	2.0	2.5
1.0	1.5	2.0
0.0	0.0	0.0

Class of 2026:

Class size: 37

Test Scores: Middle 50%

PSAT/NMSQT- ERW: 560-690

Math: 520-650

Average: 618

Average: 592

SAT-

ERW: 590-710

Math: 530-670

Average: 651

Average: 613

National Merit: Class of 2024 – Three Commended Students

Class of 2023 – Three Commended Students

Class of 2022 – Seven Commended Students

2024-2025 Grade Distribution

A 58.5% B+ 15.0% B 16.3% C+ 3.9% C 4.4% D+ 1.1% D 0.5% F 0.2%

School Policy precludes computation of class rank.

Advanced Placement: In May, 2025, students took AP exams in 2-D Art & Design, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, English Literature and Composition, European History, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Statistics, Psychology, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, and World History Modern. The average score of the 82 students taking 161 AP exams was 3.54 with a pass rate of 80.0%.

College Acceptances: 100% of graduates who applied to a 4-year college or university received an acceptance. Aquinas Academy students have been offered admission to many schools including:

Allegheny College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	St. Mary's College Notre Dame
Auburn University	John Carroll University	St. Vincent College
Ave Maria University	LaRoche University	Stanford University
Boston College	Lehigh University	Syracuse University
Boston University	Loyola College, Baltimore	The New School
Bucknell University	Marietta College	Tulane University
Carnegie Mellon University	Marquette University	University of Alabama
Case Western Reserve University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Chicago
Catholic University, Honors College	Miami University of Ohio	University of Dallas
Christendom College	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Dayton
Cleveland Institute of Music	Mount Holyoke College	University of Miami
Colorado College	New York University	University of Maryland
Colgate University	Northeastern University	University of Navarre, Spain
College of the Holy Cross	Northwestern University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
College of William and Mary	Peabody Institute (Johns Hopkins Music Conservatory)	University of Notre Dame
Cornell University	Penn State-Schreyers, Honors College	University of Pittsburgh, Honors College
Dartmouth College	Pepperdine University	University of Richmond
Davidson College	Providence College	University of Texas at Austin
Denison University	Purdue University	University of Virginia
DeSales University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Dickinson College	Robert Morris University	United States Marine Corps
Drexel University	Rochester Institute of Technology	United States Military Academy
Duke University	Rosemont College	United States Naval Academy
Duquesne University	Seton Hall University	Vanderbilt University
Elon University	Sewanee	Villanova University
Emerson College	State University of New York	Virginia Military Institute
Fordham University	St. Bonaventure University	Virginia Tech University
Franciscan University	St. Francis University	Wake Forest University
Georgetown University	St. John University	Washington University, St. Louis
Georgia Institute of Technology	St. John Fisher College	Washington & Jefferson College
Gonzaga University		Washington & Lee University
Grove City College		Yale University
Hampden Sydney College		
Hendrix College		
Hillsdale College		