ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-26

CEEB Code: 431740

ST. CECILIA ACADEMY is a private all-girls Catholic school owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation and is the oldest continually operating high school in Nashville. The Academy carries out its mission in keeping with the unique charism of the Dominican Order and the St. Cecilia Congregation, fostering the Gospel spirit of truth and charity while seeking to relate all human culture to the news of salvation. St. Cecilia Academy offers young women an intellectual foundation in the liberal arts that encourages them to love knowledge for its own sake and to excel in scholastic and extracurricular pursuits within the context of a joyful, Christ-centered community.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

225 TOTAL 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

58 CLASS OF 2026
48 CLASS OF 2027
57 CLASS OF 2028
62 CLASS OF 2029

25% of the school population are U.S. ethnic minorities. **42%** of students receive need-based tuition assistance. **100%** of graduates are accepted in four-year colleges or universities.

10:1 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: **13**

FACULTY

71%
HOLD MASTER'S DEGREES

10%
HOLD DOCTORATES



ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance is based on a combination of previous school performance, entrance examination scores, interview, personal characteristics, and qualities of the applicant. St. Cecilia Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students are required to take a minimum of 7 courses within an 8-course schedule. Each class is 85 minutes. All academic courses are rigorous, college-preparatory within a liberal arts curriculum. Education serves the whole person and inculcates God's truth through faith and reason. SCA also offers Advanced Placement and honors classes, as well as classes through approved online programs, including One Schoolhouse's online all-girls courses.

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA

RELIGION	4 CREDITS
ENGLISH	4 CREDITS
MATH	4 CREDITS
SCIENCE	3 CREDITS
SOCIAL SCIENCES	3 CREDITS
WORLD LANGUAGES	2 CREDITS
FINE ARTS	2 CREDITS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	0.5 CREDIT

*28 credits required for graduation

ACCREDITATION

St. Cecilia Academy is accredited by Cognia and holds membership in The College Board, Independent Schools of the Nashville Area, National Catholic Education Association, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools, and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. St. Cecilia is also a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

SCA COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH

English I
English I (H)
American Literature
American Literature (H)
English Rhetoric & Composition
AP English Language & Composition
British Literature
AP English Literature Composition
Multimedia Journalism I & II
Yearbook I & II

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Algebra I (H)
Geometry
Geometry (H)
Algebra II & Trigonometry
Algebra II & Trigonometry (H)
College Algebra
College Algebra (H)
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Statistics
AP Statistics
Multivariable Calculus & Differential Equations (online)
Neural Networks and Computational Programming

RELIGION

Religion 9 (Christ & Scripture)
Religion 10 (Redemption & the Sacraments)
Religion 11 (Encountering Christ in the Church)
Religion 12 (Moral & Spiritual Theology)

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II
French Pre-AP (H)
French Culture & Conversation
AP French Language
Spanish I, II
Spanish Pre-AP (H)
Spanish Culture & Conversation
AP Spanish Language
Latin I, II, III, IV
AP Latin

SCIENCE

Physics
Physics (H)
Chemistry (H)
Biology
Biology (H)
Engineering & Coding
Anatomy & Physiology I & II (Semester Classes)
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics C
Scientific Research (H)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Western Civilization I (World History)
Western Civilization II (European History)
Western Civilization II (H)
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
U.S. Government (Semester Class)
AP U.S. Government & Politics (Semester Class)
Psychology (Semester Class)
AP Art History

FINE ARTS

VAP (Visual & Performing Arts)
Foundations in Art/ Intermediate Art
Drawing & Painting
Advanced Drawing & Painting
Digital Photography
Darkroom Photography
Ceramics
Printmaking
Advanced 2D Design/ Portfolio Art
AP 2D Art and Design
AP Drawing
AP Art History
Intermediate/Advanced Drama
Theatre Tech and Design
Introduction to Choral Music
Advanced Chorus
Chamber Ensemble
Intermediate/Advanced Dance
Master Dance

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Wellness
Strength & Conditioning

*Honors and AP courses are in bold.

GRADING SCALE

SCA does not use letter grades. Instead, exact number grades are used throughout. The school's passing mark is 70.

A = 92-100 **C = 75-83**
B = 84-91 **D = 70-74**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Sixteen (16) AP courses and 14 honors-level courses are available, with additional advanced online courses offered according to student interest. All students enrolled in AP courses must sit for the exam.

In 2025, 81 SCA students took 198 AP examinations in 14 different subjects, with an overall pass rate of 88%.

AP SCHOLAR STATS 2021-2025

AP Scholars: 86
AP Scholars with Honors: 42
AP Scholars with Distinction: 69