

Class of 2026 Snapshot

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National Merit Finalist

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National Merit Commended
Scholars

41%

of the 2026 IP Diploma Students
Started in College Prep

100%

reported acceptance to a four-year
college or university

The path to college starts right away with our College Preparatory Program.

This curriculum is designed to introduce students to the essential content and skill development needed to succeed on their individual higher education journeys.

Do I have to fill out a separate application to enroll in College Preparatory classes?

No. Once admitted to Good Counsel, students are eligible to register for College Preparatory courses.

What skills do College Preparatory classes emphasize?

College Preparatory classes are rigorous courses that teach students to think critically and to work collaboratively — two skills cited by colleges and employers as essential for success beyond high school. Additionally, teachers emphasize writing skill development across the curriculum in College Preparatory classes.

Do all of my classes need to be in the College Preparatory Program?

No. With administrative approval, students may take some Xaverian Honors, AP, STEM, Ryken or IB Programs classes while taking others in the College Preparatory Program. Counselors help students build schedules that are balanced and appropriately challenging for them.

Can I transition from a College Preparatory class to an AP or Xaverian Honors class the next year?

Yes. Students enrolled in College Preparatory classes are eligible to transition to higher level classes in subsequent years with teacher recommendation and administrative approval.



1450

Average SAT score for the top
25% of students



In addition to our College Preparatory curriculum, every student — regardless of their academic program — receives personalized attention and guidance on a path to college from the moment their Good Counsel journey begins. This approach leads to our current **100% acceptance rate reported into a four-year college or university**, at some of the top schools in the country.

- **Freshman year:** You'll have a relationship with your counselor, teachers and advisor from day one, and you'll set up a Scoir account, a college planning software that helps organize your search process.
- **Sophomore year:** You'll participate in extracurriculars that truly enhance your life; complete a learning styles assessment in Scoir; attend the college fair; take the PSAT; and meet with your counselor to plan.
- **Junior year:** You'll take the PSAT and decide if you're taking the ACT or SAT; meet with your counselor, along with your parents or guardians; attend the January Junior College Night; and use Scoir to organize your college search.
- **Senior year:** You'll meet early and often with your college counselor to help guide you through the application process; you'll apply; you'll look into financial aid; and you'll tie up all the odds and ends you need to attend the school of your choice.