

Profile of

2026-2027



Cretin-Derham Hall

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Mission & Background

Cretin-Derham Hall is a Catholic co-educational high school committed to Christian values and academic excellence in grades 9-12. CDH educates young men and women of diverse abilities, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds for opportunities in post-secondary education.

Cretin-Derham Hall offers a challenging college preparatory academic environment and is committed to the values of Catholic, academics, leadership, community, service, diversity, and equity. CDH enrolls 780 students from 125 grade schools in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and Wisconsin. Students of color make up 24 percent of the student body. The average class size is 20 and the student-teacher ratio is 11:1.

Academic Requirements & Calendar

Cretin-Derham Hall's school year consists of three trimesters, each approximately thirteen weeks long. One credit equals one trimester unit. Seventy-five credits are required for graduation, including a minimum of the following:

English	12	Religion	12	Social Studies	11
Science	9	Language	6	Mathematics	9
Fine Arts	3	Physical Ed	4	Health	1

GPA Distributions & Test Scores

The Cretin-Derham Hall Class of 2027 has 236 students with cumulative grade point averages at the end of the junior year based on the grade point values above as follows:

1st Quartile	4.306 – 4.029
2nd Quartile	4.027 – 3.764
3rd Quartile	3.763 – 3.309
4th Quartile	3.307 – 1.791

In the Class of 2026, 94% of Cretin-Derham Hall students took the ACT with a middle 50 percent composite score of 17-25 and a mean composite score of 22.2.

Grading System

Cretin-Derham Hall offers coursework at the college prep, advanced, and honors levels in a curriculum of over 160 courses. Letter grades are converted to numeric values according to the chart below and grade point averages are reported on a 4.0 weighted scale.

CDH does not rank students.

LETTER GRADE	HONORS	ADVANCED	COLLEGE PREP
A/A+	4.50	4.25	4.00
A-	4.17	3.92	3.67
B+	3.83	3.58	3.33
B	3.50	3.25	3.00
B-	3.17	2.92	2.67
C+	2.83	2.58	2.33
C	2.50	2.25	2.00
C-	2.17	1.92	1.67
D+	1.83	1.58	1.33
D	1.50	1.25	1.00
D-	1.17	.92	0.67
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

Advanced Placement & Honors Courses

CDH offers 18 Advanced Placement courses: African American Studies, Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Language & Composition, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Mandarin, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, US Government & US History. Motivated students can register for any number of AP classes.

Additionally, CDH offers 31 Honors level courses and 24 Advanced level courses.

In 2026, 380 students took 660 AP exams and 74% of the exams taken earned scores in the 3-5 range, making those students eligible for college credit. CDH offers honors courses in all core disciplines and many elective subject areas.

Full course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.cretin-derhamhall.org/academics-at-cdh/curriculum>

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Special Programs & Course Descriptions

Spectrum

Spectrum incorporates high academic requirements with an interdisciplinary approach, integrating materials and perspectives from **English, Religion, and Social Studies**. This class also requires a year of service at a designated community site. Students receive one credit in each of the three subject areas for each trimester.

Values Symposium

This ninth grade interdisciplinary course provides a common academic and affective experience for all entering students based on the seven values of CDH. It is team taught and designed to develop critical thinking and technology skills, encourage informed citizenship and provide opportunities for service. Students receive one credit and a separate grade in **English, Religion, and Social Studies** for each trimester of this class.

Amerigo

CDH partners with this selective program for international students who want to study at and graduate from a rigorous American high school. After earning a CDH diploma, Amerigo students are fully acculturated to US pedagogy and ready to participate in any US higher educational setting. 12 Amerigo students are enrolled at CDH for the 2026-2027 school year. More information is available at www.amerigoeducation.com.

PACC

Program for Advanced College Credit offers three courses taught at Cretin-Derham Hall and gives college credit through St. Mary's University of Minnesota.

CIS Program

The College In the Schools Program offered by the University of Minnesota Twin Cities allows CDH students to take Human Anatomy & Physiology Honors, Physics by Inquiry, and/or Physics Honors for college credit while in high school.

JROTC

The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program is offered as an elective to young men and women to study and develop leadership and citizenship skills. Cretin-Derham Hall's program has 97 consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction.

Common Ground

Launched in the fall of 2024, the Common Ground program allows students with intellectual disabilities the ability to attend Cretin-Derham Hall full time for all four years of high school. In 2024, CDH had two 9th grade students join us. Junior and Senior students have an opportunity to apply and participate as peer mentors to these students as we welcome them to our community.

College Matriculation 2026

In the Class of 2026, 88% are continuing their education at four-year colleges and universities and an additional 6% are attending community colleges & technical schools. 36% will attend Minnesota schools and 64% out of state institutions. Listed below are the four-year colleges attended by 2026 graduates:

Arizona State University - Tempe	Saint John's University MN
Auburn University	Saint Mary's University MN
Augsburg University	Santa Clara University
Augustana University	South Dakota State University
Bethel University	Southern Methodist University
California Lutheran University	St. Catherine University
California State University - Fullerton	St. Olaf College
Central College	The College of St. Scholastica
Clemson University	Texas Christian University
College of Charleston	University of California - Davis
College of Saint Benedict	University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado School of Mines	University of Denver
Concordia University - St. Paul	University of Illinois - Chicago
Creighton University	University of Iowa
DePaul University	University of Kansas
Drake University	University of Michigan
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Minnesota - Duluth
Florida State University	University of Minnesota - Rochester
The George Washington University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Mississippi
Indiana University - Bloomington	University of Missouri
Iowa State University	University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Loyola University Chicago	University of San Diego
Macalester College	University of San Francisco
Marian University	University of Sioux Falls
Marquette University	University of St. Thomas
Miami University - Oxford	University of Tampa
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design	University of Washington
Minnesota State University - Mankato	University of WI - Eau Claire
Montana State University	University of WI - La Crosse
New York University	University of WI - Madison
North Dakota State University	University of WI - River Falls
Northeastern University	University of WI - Stevens Point
The Ohio State University at Columbus	University of WI - Stout
Oregon State University	Villanova University
Palm Beach Atlantic University	Washington University - St. Louis
Penn State University - University Park	William & Mary
Rasmussen College	Winona State University
Rhodes College	Winston-Salem State University

Discipline: It is the policy of Cretin-Derham Hall not to report a student's disciplinary record to colleges and universities. CDH does, however, advise students to self-disclose disciplinary matters when required to do so in the college admissions process.