Holy Names Academy: SCHOOL PROFILE

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Our Mission

Holy Names Academy inspires young women of diverse beliefs and backgrounds to excel in life with confidence and courage, to think critically, act with purpose, advocate for justice, serve with compassion, and lead with integrity.

The Academy

Holy Names Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school founded in 1880 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The school offers excellent academic, arts, athletic, spiritual, and leadership programs that promote the development of the whole person in an environment of inclusion, collaboration, and community.

The Numbers

Total Enrollment 2026-2027	490
Student / Teacher Ratio	12:1
Average Class Size	19
Ethnicity	
Students of Color	41.1%
Asian	10.8%
Black / African American	7.6%
Hispanic / Latina of any race(s)	4.7%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	1.0%
Multiracial	17.0%
White	54.6%
Information Not Shared	4.5%
Religion	
Catholic	55%
Non-Catholic	45%
Faculty	46
BA or BS Degrees	100%
MA or MS Degrees	90%
PhD or EdD Degrees	9%

Grading

- Two 18-week semesters.
- A-F, including pluses and minuses.
- GPA is computed as: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
- Advanced Placement grades are weighted as: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0.

Profile 2026-2027

CEEB Code 481100

Head of School & President: Kim Dawson
Principal: Marianne McGah
Vice Principal of Academics: Meg Anderson-Johnston
Vice Principal of Student Life: Allison Reddy
Admissions Director: Christen Lambert
College Counselor: Megan Diefenbach
College Counselor: Anjelica Johnson

Accreditation

Northwest Association of Independent Schools
Cognia

College Admission/Enrollment

Class of 2026

- **82%** of the Class of 2026 reported academic scholarship and award offers from colleges and other organizations. Collective value: **$48.1 million**
- Enrolled at 82 colleges/universities in 24 states, the District of Columbia, and three international countries (Canada, Ireland, Spain)
- 57% of students attending 50 private institutions
- 42% of students attending 32 public institutions
- 6% of students attending 7 international institutions
- 23% of students attending 14 Catholic institutions

Tuition and Fees

Tuition (2026-27): $26,520
Fees: $650 registration; $40 application;
$275 activity fee (Grade 12: $490);
$275–$725 textbooks (digital & print) and class fees

Financial Aid

Available in 2026-27: $2.74 million
Percentage of students on financial aid: 35.3%

Grade Distribution

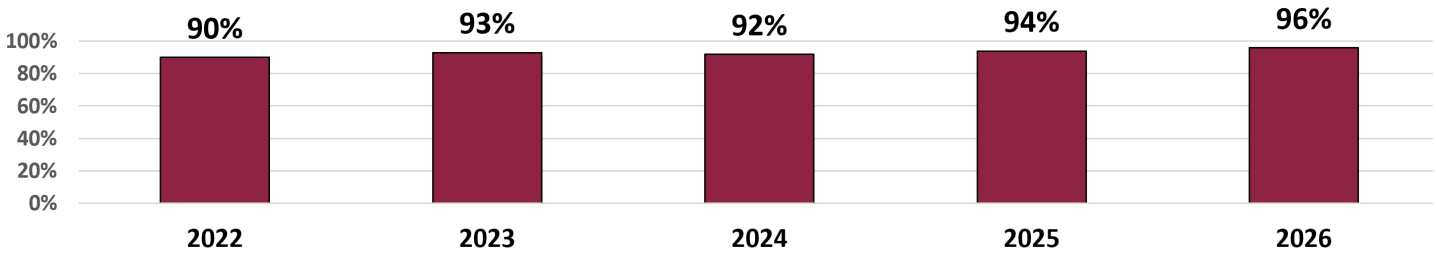
Class of 2027, as of end of 11th grade

- Average Cumulative Unweighted GPA: 3.838
- Average Cumulative Weighted GPA: 3.991
- Middle 50% Unweighted GPA: 3.718-4.000
- Middle 50% Weighted GPA: 3.889-4.194

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Holy Names Academy is strongly committed to offering its students broad access to Advanced Placement courses and national testing in a wide range of subjects. All students enrolled in an AP class are required to take the corresponding AP exam.

Holy Names Academy
Percentage of Total AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

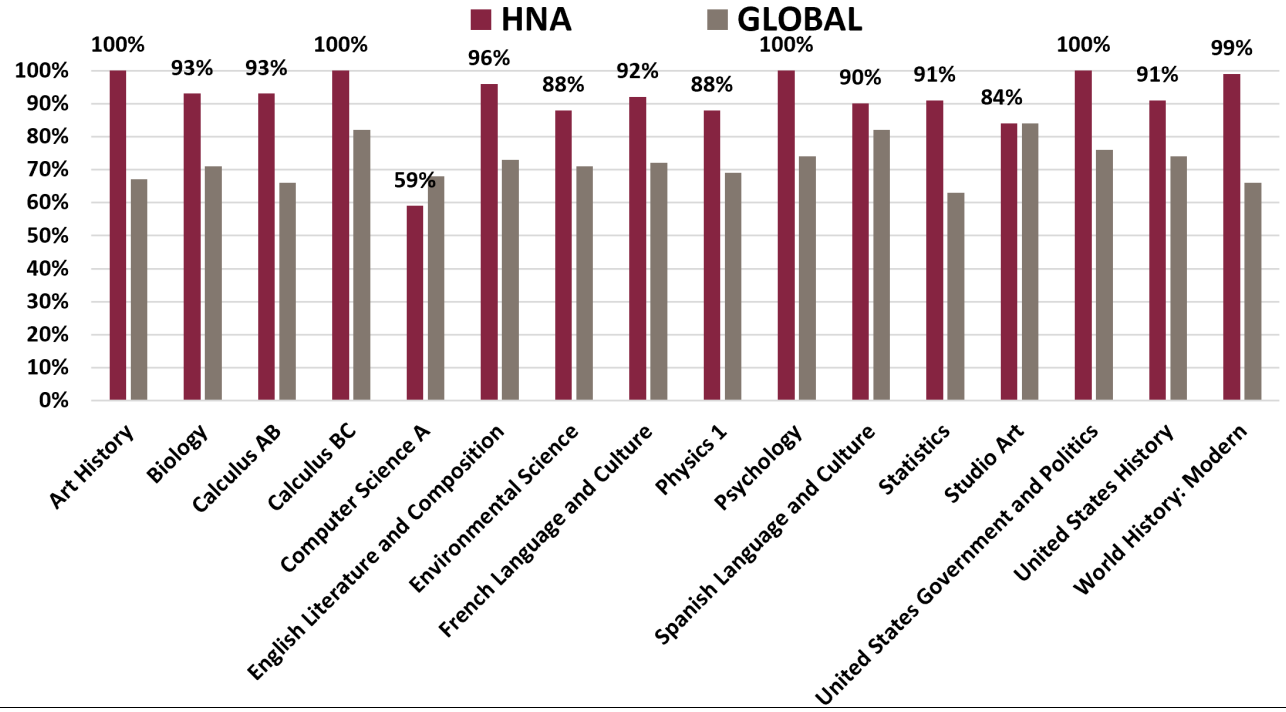


In 2026, the College Board awarded 210 AP Scholar designations to Holy Names Academy students:
112 AP Scholars with Distinction | 43 AP Scholars with Honor | 55 AP Scholars

More AP 2026 Facts:

- **96%** of the 368 HNA students tested in 2026 earned a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam.
- **368** students completed **877** AP exams.
- **79%** of the Class of 2026 earned AP Scholar recognition and **50%** achieved the highest level of AP Scholar with Distinction.

AP Subject Exam Scores 2026: Scores of 3 or Higher



AP Courses Offered at Holy Names Academy

Computer Science	English	Fine Arts	Language	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Computer Science A	English Literature & Composition	Art History	French Language & Culture	Calculus AB	Biology	Psychology
		Studio Art		Calculus BC	Chemistry*	U.S. Government & Politics
			Spanish Language & Culture	Statistics	Environmental Science	U.S. History
*New courses in the 2026-2027 school year					Physics C: Mechanics*	World History: Modern

Honors Courses

English: English 9; English 10; English 11

Language: French III; Spanish III

Mathematics: Algebra II/Trigonometry; Geometry; Precalculus

Science: Chemistry

Graduation Requirements

English	4 years	Fine Arts	1 year	International Language	2 years
Laboratory Science	3 years	Mathematics	3 years	Physical Education / Health	1½ years
Social Studies	2 years	Theology	4 years	Electives	3½ years

Student Leadership

More than 80% of students hold leadership positions during their four years:

Associated Student Body (ASB) • Campus Ministry & Community (CMC) • Multicultural Student Union (MSU) Sport & Spirit (SNS) • Class Officers & Representatives • Affinity Group Leaders • MSU Student Review Board Club Leaders • Athletic Team Captains • Student Ambassadors

Athletics

Holy Names Academy Cougars compete in the Seattle Metropolitan High School League (3A classification).

16 SPORTS OFFERED: Basketball, Bowling, Cheer, Crew, Cross Country, Fastpitch Softball, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swim & Dive, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee (most offer Varsity, JV, and JVC-level teams)

15 Metro League All-Sports Trophies (2000, 2005, 2008 through 2019, 2022)
Awarded to the Metro League school with the highest average finish in all league girls sports for the entire school year.

Championships since 1996:

- 18 Washington **State** 3A team championships
- 34 **District** team championships
- 79 **Metro League** championships
- 34 Washington State 3A team **Academic** championships

Championship Crew: Holy Names Academy is one of a few high schools in the Pacific Northwest states to offer crew (rowing) as a full-fledged, interscholastic sport. For 21 consecutive years, HNA crew has qualified boats to compete at the USRowing Youth National Championships—winning gold medals in 2015 and 2017, silver and bronze medals in 2019, a silver medal in 2021, and a bronze medal in 2024. HNA crew has qualified to compete for 34 consecutive years at Boston's Head of the Charles Regatta. HNA has hosted and run the Tail of the Lake Regatta for 32 consecutive years.

Clubs and Activities

Holy Names Academy offers more than 30 student-led clubs that reflect individual interests, school values, and a commitment to community. Examples of established clubs include Future Business Leaders of America, Robotics, Dessert Club, Student Review Board, and National Honor Society. The Multicultural Student Union offers nine affinity groups to cultivate a sense of belonging.

Music

Concert Choir, Advanced Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Bell Choir, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Instrumental Groups (e.g., Rock Band, String Quartet, Guitar Orchestra), Eclectic Strings, Private and Group Lessons

Theatre and Film

International Thespian Society, Fall Play, Spring Musical, New Works Festival (plays, films, musicals, and songwriting)

College Matriculation for the Holy Names Academy Classes of 2023–2026

American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
The American University of Paris (France)
Arizona State University
ArtCenter College of Design
Barnard College
Baylor University*
Bellevue College
Boston College**
Boston University**
Bowdoin College*
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**
California State University, Northridge
Carleton College
Central Washington University
Chapman University**
Claremont McKenna College*
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University*
Clemson University**
College of Charleston
Colorado College*
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University (New York) - Sciences Po (France)
Columbia University*
Connecticut College
Cornell University**
Creighton University**
Davidson College
DePaul University*
Drexel University
Duke University*
Eastern Washington University
Eindhoven University of Technology (Netherlands)
Everett Community College
Fordham University*
The George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University**
Goucher College
Green River College*
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Highline College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University Bloomington*
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lafayette College*
Loughborough University (England)
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University**
Loyola University Chicago**
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marian University Wisconsin
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University (Canada)*
Michigan State University*
Middlebury College*
Montana State University**
Montclair State University
New York University*
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
The Ohio State University
Oregon State University**
Pacific University
Pepperdine University
Pitzer College*
Point Loma Nazarene University
Pomona College**
Portland State University
Purdue University
Queen's University (Canada)*
Reed College*
Renton Technical College
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology*
Roosevelt University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California*
San Diego Mesa College*
San Diego State University**
Santa Clara University**
Sarah Lawrence College*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College*
Seattle Central College
Seattle Maritime Academy*
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University*
Shoreline Community College
Skidmore College*
Smith College
Sonoma State University
Spelman College
St. John's University (New York)
St. Olaf College
Stanford University*
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University, College Station
Texas Christian University*
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) - Columbia University (NY)
Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)**
Tufts University*
Tulane University**
United States Air Force Academy*
United States Naval Academy*
Universidad de Navarra (Spain)*
University at Albany*
The University of Alabama**
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
The University of Arizona
University of British Columbia (Canada)*
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Berkeley - Sciences Po (France)
University of California, Davis**
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego*
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder**
University of Dallas
University of Denver**
University of Florida
University of Kansas
University of Liverpool (England)
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor*
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
University of North Dakota*
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon*
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland*
University of Puget Sound*
University of Redlands*
University of Rochester*
University of San Diego**
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California**
University of St Andrews (Scotland)
The University of Texas, Austin
University of Toronto (Canada)*
The University of Utah**
University of Victoria (Canada)*
University of Washington Bothell
University of Washington Seattle**
University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Villanova University*
Washington State University**
Washington University in St. Louis*
Webster University**
Wellesley College**
West Texas A&M University
Western Washington University**
Whitman College*
Willamette University*
Williams College
Woodbury University*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

**** Indicates schools where 2026 graduates will matriculate.***
***** Indicates schools where more than one 2026 graduate will matriculate.***