

AQUINAS ACADEMY

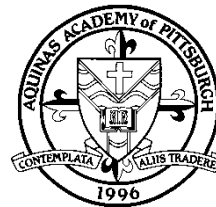
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PROFILE 2026-2027

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. Niche currently ranks Aquinas as the #1 Co-ed Catholic High School in PA, the #1 Co-ed K-12 Catholic School in PA, and the #26 Co-ed K-12 Catholic School in the USA. 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 chapel renovation and expansion project, which includes an expansion of the arts wing and will double the size of the weight room, will be completed by the fall of 2027.

Enrollment: 539 total, 168 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: 54 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. Nicholas Salinas, *High School Director*

Mr. Joseph Murray, *Middle School Director*

Mrs. Michelle Repasky, *Lower School Director*

Mr. Thomas Kayda, *Athletic 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 2027:

Class size: 39

Test Scores: Middle 50%

PSAT/NMSQT- ERW: 620-690

Math: 550-660

Average: 654

Average: 611

SAT-

ERW: 610-680

Math: 550-630

Average: 644

Average: 589

National Merit: Class of 2026 – Four Commended Students

Class of 2025 – One Scholar and Two Commended Students

Class of 2024 – Three Commended Students

2025-2026 Grade Distribution

A 58.1% B+ 15.5% B 15.4% C+ 5.5% C 3.1% D+ 0.7% D 1.3% F 0.3%

School Policy precludes computation of class rank.

Advanced Placement: In May, 2026, students took AP exams in Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Literature and Composition, European History, Human Geography, Latin, Music Theory, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, and U.S. History. The average score of the 88 students taking 155 AP exams was 3.81 with a pass rate of 90.3%.

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