

School Profile 2026-2027



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MISSION

Sacred Heart Academy educates college-bound women by cultivating their self-confidence, guiding them to realize their personal and scholastic potential and their responsibility to others, and by preparing them to meet life's challenges — all within an academic and religiously diverse community that focuses on spiritual values and the individual student.

As a member of the International Network of Sacred Heart Schools, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr commits itself to educate to:

- A personal and active faith in God;
- A deep respect for intellectual values;
- A social awareness which impels to action;
- The building of community as a Christian value; and
- A personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Founded in 1865, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr is an independent Catholic school for girls, K-12. It is located on the Main Line approximately 12 miles from Center City Philadelphia.

For more than 150 years in Philadelphia, the goals of Sacred Heart's educational program have remained the same: to produce self-confident women, to provide a challenging intellectual education, to develop a love of God, and to create a desire to help others. The school provides an education that is rooted in critical thinking, creative and expository writing, mathematical and analytical reasoning, collaboration, world language, scientific analysis, and self-expression.

A holistic and progressive approach to learning seeks to respond to the academic, athletic, creative, spiritual, social and emotional needs of each student with a curriculum that is well-grounded in rigorous and innovative courses.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Guided by the *Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Education* and rooted in Catholic faith, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr commits to foster a community that acts in the interests of equity and justice for each student. We strive to form a welcoming environment that recognizes and affirms the individual experience of each student.

We support diversity at Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr through curricular and co-curricular opportunities. Our school believes that an inclusive learning community is integral to achieving academic success and individual growth. In our diverse world, Sacred Heart Academy prepares and inspires students to be active, informed, and responsible citizens at local, national, and global levels.

We aspire to nurture students to embrace their inherent value as a human being created in the image and likeness of God.

Sacred Heart Academy is designated a "No Place for Hate School." As an initiative of the Anti-Defamation League, this program aims to reduce bias and bullying, increase appreciation for diversity and build communities of respect.

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ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATIONS

Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS), International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS), and the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Theology	4 Years
English	4 Years
Social Studies	3 Years
Laboratory Science	3 Years
Mathematics	3 Years
World Language	3 Years
Arts	1 Semester
Academic Electives	6 Semesters
Non-Academic Semesters.....	2 Semesters
Wellness.....	1 Semester
9th Grade Seminar	1 Year

2026-2027 ENROLLMENT

Upper School	98
Class of 2027	28
Class of 2028	27
Class of 2029	20
Class of 2030	23

GPA/COURSE WEIGHT/RANK POLICY

The school year is divided into two semesters. A cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year.

Advanced Placement and Diocesan Scholar courses are weighted with 0.5 increase in GPA. Honors courses are weighted with 0.25 increase in GPA.

Sacred Heart Academy does not rank. Sacred Heart schools commit to educating the whole child in accordance with the *Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria*.

GRADING SCALE

A+	100.00-96.50	4.33
A	96.49-92.50	4.00
A-	92.49-89.50	3.67
B+	89.49-86.50	3.33
B	86.49-82.50	3.0
B-	82.49-79.50	2.67
C+	79.49-76.50	2.33
C	76.49-72.50	2.00
C-	72.49-69.50	1.67
D	69.49-64.50	1.0
F	64.49 and below.....	0.00

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES FOR 2026-2027

Students are admitted to Honors and AP courses through application and teacher approval. The total number of Honors and AP courses taken by a student may be restricted due to scheduling constraints. Sacred Heart Academy limits sophomores to one AP class, juniors to two AP classes, and seniors to three AP classes during their respective academic year.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Sacred Heart Academy offers two dual-enrollment opportunities for seniors through Villanova University. At Villanova, seniors in high academic standing may earn college credit in select courses. Also, SHA seniors may enroll in the University of Delaware's EntreX Lab course (an entrepreneurial course) at SHA and taught by a trained SHA teacher, and earn college credit.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Academy students are nominated for induction into the National Honor Society based on GPA, number of advanced and honors courses taken, and commitment to service. Students are elected based on the four pillars of NHS: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Faculty input is also taken into consideration. In the Class of 2027, 10 of 28 students are members of NHS.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARS

Diocesan Scholarships are awarded to select students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Three members of Sacred Heart Academy's Class of 2027 have been awarded a Diocesan Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. These recipients have the opportunity to enroll in one college class per semester during their senior year of high school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr students prioritize community service. Traditionally, each student completes a minimum of twenty-five hours of service a year. Students complete service through school programming and individual initiative.

CLASS OF 2027 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION



CLASS OF 2027 JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	+	A	-	+	B	-	+	C	-	+	D	-	F
THEOLOGY														
	Morality World Religions	9	5	2										
		11		3	3	1	1							
ENGLISH														
	AP English Language		5	1	5	1	3							
	American Literature		1	2	3	6	2	3	1					
SOCIAL STUDIES														
	AP US History	2	7	2	3									
	American History	2	5	4	0	4	12		1	1				
	World History II						1							
LABORATORY SCIENCE														
	Honors Physics	1	5	2	1	4	1	1			1			
	Physics			4	2	4	2	2			1			
	Chemistry			1										
MATHEMATICS														
	Honors Pre Calculus	4	3	1	1	2	1	1						
	Pre Calculus		1			2								
	Honors Analytical Geometry	5	3											
	Analytical Geometry	1	3	1	2			1						
	Honors Algebra					1								
WORLD LANGUAGE														
	Honors French IV		1											
	Honors French III	1	2	3		1								
	French III				1	2								
	Honors Spanish III	1	5	1	1	1								
	Spanish III		1	1	2	1	1		1					
	Spanish II					1								
ELECTIVES														
	Computer Science & Coding II	2												
	Visual Arts III	17	6											
	Visual Arts IV	4												
	Music Theory & Appreciation	1												

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
THEOLOGY	Foundations of Faith* Hebrew Scripture*	Christian Scripture* Church History*	Morality* World Religions*	Catholic Social Justice* Discovering Women of Faith*
ENGLISH	Honors Literary Genres Literary Genres	World Literature Honors World Literature	AP English Language and Composition American Literature	AP English Literature and Composition Creative Writing* Literature and Film* Modern Mystery* Dystopian Literature*
SOCIAL STUDIES	Honors World History World History	AP Modern World History World History II	AP United States History American History	AP Comparative Government U.S. Civics and Politics* American Women's History*
LABORATORY SCIENCE	Honors Biology Biology	Honors Chemistry Chemistry	Honors Physics Physics	AP Biology Honors Green Chemistry Earth and Space Science
MATHEMATICS	Algebra I Honors Algebra I Algebra II Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry	Honors Analytical Geometry, Probability, and Statistics Algebra II/ Trigonometry Honors Algebra II	Honors Pre Calculus Honors Analytical Geometry, Probability, and Statistics Analytical Geometry, Probability, and Statistics	AP Calculus AB Honors Calculus Honors Pre Calculus Pre Calculus Intro to Statistics* Probability and Applications*
WORLD LANGUAGE	French I & II Honors French II Spanish I	Honors French III French II Spanish II	Honors French IV Honors French III French III Honors Spanish III Spanish III	Honors French IV Honors Spanish IV
ELECTIVES	Grade 9 Seminar	Wellness* 1 Elective (optional)	Psychology Visual Arts I-V Yearbook Design & Video Game Design Early Childhood Education Nutrition Publication I & II 2 Electives* (optional)	Same Electives as Grade 11 3 or more Electives* (optional)

Since 2021, students of Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr, have submitted applications to 311 colleges and universities both within the United States and internationally. The following is a five-year overview of the institutions to which our graduates ultimately matriculated.

Assumption University	Penn State University- Brandywine
Auburn University	Penn State University- University Park (15)
Ave Maria University	Pepperdine University
Belmont University	Saint Elizabeth University
Boston College	Saint Joseph's University (11)
Bowie State University	Saint Louis University
Bucknell University	Salve Regina University (2)
Catholic University of America (2)	Savannah College of Art and Design
Claremont McKenna College	Seton Hall University
Clark University	Stanford University
Clemson University (2)	Stetson University
Cleveland Institute of Art	Stevenson University
Coastal Carolina University	Suffolk University
College of Charleston	Syracuse University (2)
College of the Holy Cross	Temple University (7)
Columbia University (2)	The University of Alabama
Cornell University	The University of Arizona
Delaware Valley University	The University of Tampa (2)
DeSales University	The University of Tennessee
Dickinson College	Thomas Jefferson University (4)
Drexel University (6)	University of Albany
Duquesne University	University of Colorado Boulder (2)
Elon University (5)	University of Connecticut
Fairfield University (2)	University of Delaware (4)
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	University of Denver
Florida Gulf Coast University	University of Florida
Fordham University (3)	University of Kentucky (2)
Gettysburg College	University of Miami
George Washington University	University of Mississippi
Georgia State University	University of Notre Dame (3)
Hampton University	University of Pennsylvania
Howard University (2)	University of Pittsburgh (8)
Immaculata University (2)	University of Richmond
James Madison University (2)	University of Scranton (3)
John Cabot University- Rome, Italy	University of South Carolina (4)
La Salle University (2)	University of Tennessee (3)
Lafayette College (2)	University of Vermont
Louisiana State University	University of Virginia
Loyola University Chicago	Ursinus College (2)
Loyola University Maryland (2)	Villanova University (4)
Manhattan University (2)	Washington State University
Miami University- Oxford	West Chester University (4)
Misericordia University	Widener University
Muhlenburg College	
Neumann University (2)	
Palm Beach Atlantic University	