2022-2023 Upper School Profile

ENROLLMENT:
- 2021-2022 Middle and Upper School Enrollment: 550
- Class of 2023: 99
- Average class size: 16
- Student-faculty ratio: 9:1
- 30% of students receive need-based financial aid

COLLEGE MATRICULATION:
- 100% of Academy of Notre Dame graduates attend a four-year institution

FACULTY:
- 76% of full- and part-time faculty hold advanced degrees

ACCREDITATION:
- Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

MEMBERSHIPS:
- National Association of Independent Schools
- International Coalition of Girls’ Schools
- National Catholic Educational Association
- One Schoolhouse
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- National and Pennsylvania Associations for College Admission Counseling

MISSION:
The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, an independent, college-preparatory, Catholic school, commits itself to the education of young women in grades 6 through 12 for responsible living in a global society. The Academy, rooted in the faith tradition of the Catholic Church, and the charism of Saint Julie Billiart, provides its students with a challenging academic curriculum within a rich spiritual community in order to:
- inspire them to live the prophetic nature of the gospel, with a passion for justice and love for the poor
- enable them to develop the skills and desire necessary for lifelong learning
- empower them to be honorable, compassionate leaders

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits in order to graduate, including successful completion of the following:
  - English - 4 credits
  - Math - 3 credits (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Trigonometry)
  - Science - 3 credits (including Physics, Chemistry, and Biology)
  - Social Studies - 3 credits (including World History I and US History)
  - World Languages - 3 credits
  - Religion - 4 credits
  - Electives - 4 credits (including 1 credit of Art)
- Six major subjects must be taken each year. Major subjects are considered English, Social Studies, Math, Science, World Language, and Religion.
- Physical Education and Health are required courses in ninth and tenth grades.
- All courses are considered college-preparatory.
- A minimum of 60 hours of community service is required.

GPA/Rank Policy
- The school year is divided into two semesters.
- A cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year beginning in ninth grade.
- Courses are weighted by adding .15 for Honors and .30 for AP to the regular grade. A full grading scale can be found on student transcript.
- Only final grades from Notre Dame or One Schoolhouse courses are calculated in the GPA.
- Honors are awarded to students with a combined average of 3.60-3.89. Distinguished Honors are awarded to students whose combined average of all major subjects is 3.90 and above.
- The Academy of Notre Dame does not rank its students.
CURRICULUM FEATURES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES
There is no limit to the number of AP courses a student may register for, but due to the rigorous nature of our curriculum, it is difficult for students to balance more than three AP courses junior or senior year.

21 Honors courses are also offered.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARS
This year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provided four Notre Dame seniors who excelled academically with the opportunity to take two college-level classes per semester at a nearby college or university at no cost for college credit.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN STEM AND SOCIAL STUDIES
Independent Research in STEM and Social Studies is an elective designed for students who wish to participate in long-term research. Students who successfully complete all requirements of the program receive a 1/4 credit on their transcripts.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT
All seniors participate in an independent capstone project that includes investigation, preparation, and presentation of an 18-25 page research paper at the conclusion of the academic year. The topic of the research paper is selected by each student and can cover any subject area.

HONOR CODE
Notre Dame's Honor Code fosters the development of each student's personal integrity, character, and respect for self, others, and school policies. Students are strongly encouraged to disclose any serious disciplinary infractions that may occur before, during, or after the college application process.

SAT TEST Scores (Classes of 2020-2022)

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CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
The Academy's Center for Global Leadership connects students to an international learning community through our network of seven sister schools to increase their competencies as global citizens. Various opportunities exist through the Center including the Global Classroom Program, Academic Exchange Program, service trips, cultural and language enrichment travel, hosting program and Global Citizen Scholar Program.

SCHOLAR PROGRAMS
Notre Dame offers students the opportunity to deepen their academic experience by curating a four-year program of study, involving curricular and extracurricular activities, in order to provide intentional focus on one of these areas: Arts, Global Citizenship, or STEM. Student transcripts will reflect successful completion of the program.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE
One Schoolhouse online learning programs provide additional educational options for students. One Schoolhouse courses are indicated by including “OS” in the course name on the Notre Dame transcript.

TECHNOLOGY
Notre Dame is a 1:1 MacBook institution, creating more personalized learning opportunities for our students and faculty to develop student-centered teaching and learning strategies. Notre Dame has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2021-2024 for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment. More than 75% of ND faculty members are Apple Teachers, demonstrating their knowledge of innovative pedagogical practices with MacBooks.
## Upper School Curriculum Chart

### Arts

**Grade 9**
- Intro to Visual/Performing Arts
- Dance Company
- Women's Chorale
- Upper School Ensemble
- Art

**Grade 10**
- Art II
- Ceramic Design I
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Intro to Dance
- Dance Appreciation
- Dance Company
- Upper School Ensemble
- Nightingale's Chorus
- Women's Chorale
- Music Theory
- Intro to Technical Theatre
- Beginning Ukulele

**Grade 11**
- Art II, III
- Ceramic Design I, II
- Advanced Ceramic Design
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- AP Art History
- Intro to Dance
- Dance Appreciation
- Tap Dance
- Musical Theatre Dance
- Dance Company
- Upper School Ensemble
- Nightingale's Chorus
- Women's Chorale
- Music Theory
- AP Music Theory
- Intro to Technical Theatre
- Beginning Ukulele

**Grade 12**
- Art II, III
- Ceramic Design I, II, Advanced
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- AP Art History
- Intro to Dance
- Dance Appreciation
- Tap Dance
- Musical Theatre Dance
- Tap Dance
- Senior Dance Project
- Dance Company
- Upper School Ensemble
- Nightingale's Chorus
- Women's Chorale
- Music Theory
- AP Music Theory
- Intro to Technical Theatre
- Beginning Ukulele

### English

**Foundation of Writing & Literature**
- British Literature
- Creative Writing
- Fairy Tales
- Shakespeare's Sister

**Grade 9**
- Seminar 9
- PE 9
- Health 9

**Grade 10**
- Seminar 10
- PE/Health 10

**Grade 11**
- Seminar 11

**Grade 12**
- Seminar 12

### Health/PE

**Grade 9**
- Expanded Algebra I
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- H Geometry/Alg II/Trig
- Algebra II/Trig
- Pre-Calculus
- Design Thinking
- Entrepreneurship
- Intro to Finance

**Grade 10**
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Pre-Calculus
- Advanced Math Concepts
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Design Thinking
- Entrepreneurship
- Intro to Finance
- Trig & Logic
- Statistics .5 or 1 credit
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC

### Science

**Physics**
- Independent Research

**Chemistry**
- Environmental Science
- Independent Research

**Biology**
- College Physics
- Neuroscience
- Anatomy/Biomedical Engineering
- Environmental Science
- AP Environmental Science
- Inorganic Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- Independent Research

**Grade 9**
- World History I
- Independent Research

**Grade 10**
- World History II
- American Government
- AP US Government
- AP Human Geography
- Independent Research

**Grade 11**
- World History II
- U.S. History
- AP U.S. History
- AP Human Geography
- Global Studies
- Macroconomics
- Independent Research

**Grade 12**
- World History II
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Human Geography
- Global Studies
- Macroconomics
- Independent Research

### Social Studies

**Religion**
- Intro to Catholicism
- Scripture
- Catholic Morality
- World Religion
- Social Justice Themes in Film & Contemporary Society

### Technology

**Integrated into the curriculum**
- Computer Programming
- Robotics & Coding

**Grade 9**
- Computer Programming
- Robotics & Coding

**Grade 10**
- AP Computer Science (OSG)

**Grade 11**
- AP Computer Science (OSG)

**Grade 12**
- AP Computer Science (OSG)

### World Languages

**French I**
- French II
- Spanish I

**French II**
- French II, III
- Spanish II

**Latin I**
- Mandarin I
- Spanish I

**Latin II**
- Mandarin II, III
- Latin II

**Mandarin II**
- Mandarin II, III
- Latin II

**Spanish II**
- Mandarin II, III
- Latin II

### CO-Curricular Programs

- Athletics - 16 Varsity Sports, Performing and Visual Arts, Campus Ministry, Student Council, National Honor Society, Robotics, Literary Publications, Clubs, Service Learning, Mock Trial, Mathletes, Model UN

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*offered as a semester course    **offered at honors level    ***offered to 9th grade if accepted by audition or portfolio
100% of Notre Dame graduates attend a four-year institution. Graduates from 2020-2022 matriculated to the following colleges and universities. Institutions shown in bold have enrolled multiple Notre Dame students.

American University
Auburn University
Boston College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Cornell University
Davidson College
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hamphire College
Harvard University
High Point University
Howard University
Indiana University Bloomington
James Madison University
Jefferson University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Marist College
Marquette University
Miami University, Oxford
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rollins College
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph’s University
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University, Madrid
Samford University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southern Methodist University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Delaware
University of Edinburgh
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Surrey
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Virginia State University
Wagner College
Wake Forest University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania