



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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## 2023-2024 PROFILE

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### FACTS AT A GLANCE

95 Students in Grades  
9-12

24 Seniors

Grades are weighted

70 is passing

Students are not ranked

Classes are taught on a  
modified block schedule

The school is on a two  
semester calendar year

22% of the student body  
received financial aid

Grade Scale:

A: 90 or higher,  
B: 80-89, C: 70-79,  
F: 69 and below,  
I: Incomplete,  
W: Withdrew, P: Pass

### SCHOOL FACULTY

30 Master's degrees

### NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Founded in 2005, Notre Dame Academy is a private day school for students in grades K through 12 that is rooted in the Marist Catholic tradition. Notre Dame Academy is an International Baccalaureate community that fosters individual growth, moral responsibility, and global-mindedness.

Our students are exposed to a service learning curriculum that instructs students in both information and values.

Notre Dame Academy fosters a culture of inclusivity, where diversity is celebrated. Teachers and students share a bond that is deeply rooted in student-driven and independent learning, especially in our IB program.

Being in a suburb of Atlanta, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States, Notre Dame Academy provides opportunities for our students to be exposed to experts in business, the arts, science, and sports. Our students are well-rounded and have a devotion to community service. Students will graduate ready for college, career, and life with a commitment to our mission to be morally responsible and willing to be a force for good in our world.

### ACCREDITATION

Notre Dame Academy holds dual-accreditation from SAIS/AdvancED. Notre Dame Academy is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

AP coursework is typically limited to 9th and 10th grades capped at one per year with few exceptions. Students enrolled in AP classes are expected to take the exam. There are 2 AP course offerings: Human Geography and Government.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Notre Dame Academy is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and IB continuum school offering the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) from Kindergarten to 5th grade, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from 6th grade to 10th grade, and the Diploma Programme (DP) in 11th and 12th grade.

Students in 11th and 12th grade have the option to attempt the two-year IB Diploma, consisting of six subjects, three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL), a 4000 word Extended Essay, the Theory of Knowledge course, and maintain an ongoing CAS (creativity, action, service) portfolio. Courses include both internal assessments completed over the course of the programme and moderated by the IB and external assessments marked directly by IB examiners, typically in May of 12th grade, though up to two SL courses may be completed in May of 11th grade. Each subject receives an overall mark of 1-7 and students must receive at least 24 marks in total across their coursework to receive an IB Diploma.

Students may also attempt one or more IB certificate courses of the same rigor without attempting the full IB Diploma.

### Class of 2019-2023 Testing data: IB Exam Performance / SAT, ACT

	Average IB/ highest total score	% of IB candidates who earned a Diploma	SAT Range	ACT Range
2019	31/37	75%	1330-1000	35-18
2020	30/38	100%	1450-810	34-20
2021	30/37	100%	(No 2021 data due to COVID)	
2022	31/39	80%	Highest 1480	Highest 35
2023	32/39	70% (grading returned to pre-COVID standards)	Highest 1510	Highest 34

### Range of IB scores class of 2019-2023 (highest 7; lowest 1)

ENGLISH A: Literature HL: 7-4	WORLD RELIG. SL: 7-4
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 5-3	PHYSICS SL/HL: 5-2, 6-3
SPANISH HL/SL: 7-4	MATHEMATICS SL: 6-2 ; A&A HL/SL (new title as of 2021), 6-4
FRENCH SL/HL (2020-21): 5-4	VISUAL ARTS HL/SL: 6-3
HISTORY AMERICAS HL: 6-4	BIOLOGY SL: 4-3

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

### Service Learning

Notre Dame Academy provides structured opportunities for students to participate in service learning both within the Notre Dame Academy community and in the metropolitan area. Each year, students partner with local non-profit organizations to perform age-appropriate service learning projects. Participation in a minimum of four of these service learning projects per year is mandatory for enrolled Upper School students: one service learning project that benefits the our community and three service learning projects that benefit communities outside of Notre Dame Academy.

11th and 12th grade students pursuing the IB diploma are required to complete the CAS programme. CAS begins at the start of the Diploma Programme and continues regularly with a minimum requirement of 1-2 quality CAS experiences per month for a minimum of 18 months with a reasonable balance between creativity, activity, and service. Students must also undertake a CAS project of a least one month's duration.

### Theory of Knowledge

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) aims to make students aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases – whether these biases are retained, revised or rejected. It offers students and their teachers the opportunity to reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing and to consider the role and nature of knowledge in their own culture, in the cultures of others, and in the wider world. TOK prompts students to be aware of themselves as thinkers, encouraging them to become more acquainted with the complexity of knowledge. The final project is an oral presentation and a 1600 word essay.

### Research Opportunities

As a part of the IB requirements, all 10th grade students must complete a fully annotated research project called “The Personal Project.”

To graduate as a full DP student, seniors must complete a 4,000 word research project or extended essay. The extended essay provides practical preparation for undergraduate research with an opportunity for students to investigate a topic of special interest to them, which is also related to one of the student's six DP subjects.

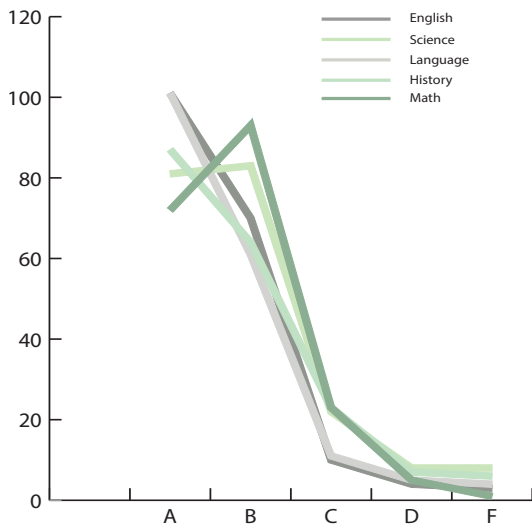
## GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

English (4) | Mathematics (4) | Sciences (4, including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics all lab sciences) | Social Studies (4, with 1 World Studies and 1 US History) | Language (2 years of the same foreign language) | Physical Education (.5) | Health (.5) | Theology (4) | Electives (2 in 9th/10th grade and 3 in 11th/12th grade) | IB Research Project and Extended Essay (in 10th/12th grade)

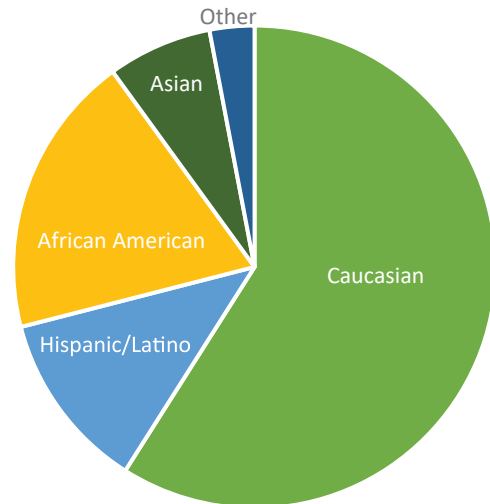
## IB COURSES OFFERED

IB Biology | IB English Literature HL | IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL | IB Physics HL | IB Environmental Science SL | IB History of the Americas HL | IB French HL I. IB Spanish HL | IB Full DP Course Requirements: IB Theory of Knowledge, IB Visual Arts HL or IB World Religions SL

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION



### DIVERSITY



## Class of 2019-2023 College Acceptances

University of Alabama, University of Alabama/Birmingham, Albany State University, American University, Appalachian State University, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Auburn University, Augusta University, University of Barcelona, Bates College, Baylor University, Belmont Abbey, Belmont University, Berry College, Birmingham Southern College, Boston University, University of Buffalo, University of California at Davis/Irvine/ Los Angeles/Merced/Santa Barbara/Santa Cruz, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Catholic University of America, University of Central Florida, Champaign College, University of Cincinnati, Clayton State University, Clemson University, Columbia University (NY), Columbus State University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, CUNY-John Jay College Of Criminal Justice, University of Dayton, Davidson College, DePaul University, Drexel University, Duke University, Eckerd College, Elon University, Emerson College, Emory University, Flagler College, University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University/Wilkes Honors College, Florida International University, Florida International University, Florida Southern, Florida State University, Fordham University, Furman University, Georgetown University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, University of Georgia, George Washington University, High Point University, Hofstra University, University of Illinois /Urbana-Champaign, University of Indiana, University of Iowa, Jefferson University, Johns Hopkins University, Kennesaw State University, Kentucky Christian College, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University Maryland, Loyola University of New Orleans, Marquette University, University of Maryland, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Mercer University, Miami University of Ohio, Michigan State University, Middle Georgia State University, University of Minnesota, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, Montana State University/Bozeman, Morehouse College, Mt. Holyoke College, New York University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/Greensboro/Pembroke/Wilmington, University of North Georgia, University of Notre Dame, Oberlin College, Oglethorpe University, University of Oregon, Otterbein College, Oxford College at Emory University, Pace University-New York City, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, Presbyterian College, Purdue University, Queens University, Rhodes College, Rollins College, University of Rochester, St. John's University, St. Leo University, Sacred Heart University, Samford University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah State University, Seton Hall University, Sewanee: University of the South, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, University of South Florida, Stetson University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, University of Tampa, Technical University of Denmark, University of Tennessee, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Texas State University, Tufts University, Tulane University, Union College NY, University of Utah, Valdosta State University, Vanderbilt University, Villanova University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Virginia, Wake Forest University, University of West Florida, University of West Georgia, West Point/United States Military Academy, William and Mary, Wofford College, University of Wyoming, Xavier University, Young Harris College