Notre Dame College Prep

COMMITTED TO FORMING MEN OF FAITH, SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE

School

Notre Dame College Prep is a Roman Catholic college preparatory school and has educated more than 12,000 young men since its founding in 1954. Standing as the largest all boys high school in the state of Illinois, Notre Dame currently enrolls approximately 809 students from Chicago and 29 different suburbs. Notre Dame's approach to education is holistic. One of 17 Holy Cross high schools in the United States, we educate the mind, but never at the expense of the heart.

The instructional programs at Notre Dame have distinct levels of challenge: Advanced Placement, Honors, College Prep Core, and the Andre Program. Each level is geared to prepare our students for college admission. Rigorous courses of study are designed to meet the educational needs of our diverse student body and are tailored to provide challenging educational experiences for our students.

Mission

Under the patronage of Mary, Notre Dame College Prep is a secondary school committed to educating young men to be gentlemen of faith, scholarship, and service in an inclusive, family-oriented community. Faithful to the Roman Catholic tradition and inspired by Gospel values, we prepare students to be lifelong learners and to lead lives of integrity.

Hesburgh Scholar Program

Named in honor of the late University of Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, this selective enrollment program is designed to challenge the most gifted and motivated student with a demanding course of studies. It not only requires the development of the student's abilities in all areas of the academic curriculum, but also seeks to further his overall development through involvement in various service-oriented and extracurricular activities. Successful completion of the Hesburgh Scholar Program results in a special diploma of distinction.

College Prep Core Program

Students in the Notre Dame College Prep Core program are challenged with a curriculum designed to meet criteria for admission to any state college/university. These students might also take some honor courses and are pushed to meet high academic expectations. Graduates from the College Prep Core program have gone to numerous selective colleges and universities.

Saint Andre Scholar Program

Named in honor of Saint Andre Bessette, CSC, this college preparatory program is for students with learning differences who require assistance in achieving academic success at Notre Dame. Andre Scholars must exhibit consistent effort and a willing commitment in time and energy to academic excellence. Typically, participants in the Andre Scholar Program are placed in the Reading/Writing Workshop course in lieu of a foreign language in the first year, and benefit from on-site tutoring during their study period. All other coursework is done on the college prep level.

Burke Scholars Program

Named in honor of Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke and her husband, Chicago Alderman Edward Burke, this program offers a curriculum for students with mild cognitive disabilities including those with Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, or other learning differences. Notre Dame is the first Catholic school in the state and one of the first in the country to offer such a program. At the end of their course of study, the students in this program will receive a certificate of completion, signifying their accomplishments here at Notre Dame College Prep. Families that wish to seek a diploma at graduation have that option as well. The decision to pursue a diploma and a course of study plan must be made prior to a student's sophomore year with the guidance of the Burke team and administration.

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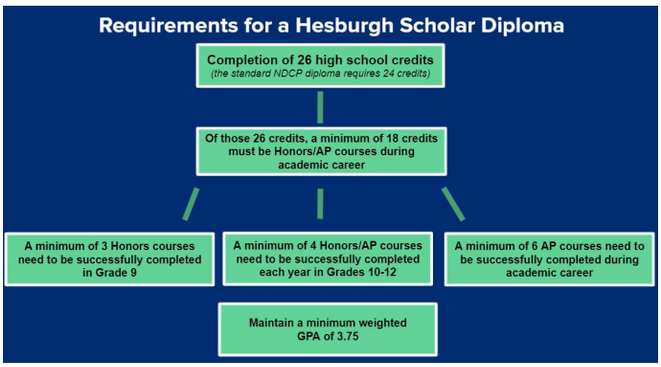
Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minium of 24.00 credits and successfully meet the following requirements:

DISCIPLINE	REQUIRED CREDITS
Religion	4
English	4
Mathematics	3
Lab Sciences, including	3
○ Biology	
○ Chemistry or Physics	
○ Science Elective	
Foreign Language – Same Language	2
Social Studies, including	3
○ World History	
○ United States History	
○ Civics	0.5
○ Social Studies Elective	0.5
Fine Arts	1
Technology-Digital Literacy	0.5
Physical/Health Education	2
Students must pass the following exams by the end of Senior year:	
○ English Composition Proficiency Exam	
○ United States Constitution Exam	



SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- ○ 1 retreat per academic year is required

Service Hour Requirements Per Year By Grade:

- ○ Freshmen: 15 hours
- ○ Sophomores: 15 hours
- ○ Juniors: 15 hours (All Social Justice hours in the community)
- ○ Seniors: 15 hours

Grade Point Average

A student's GPA is determined by multiplying the credit earned by the quality points for that course. Semester-long courses, for example, are worth 0.5 credits. The 0.5 credits are then multiplied by the quality points for the letter grade that was earned. These quality points are then totaled and divided by the credits attempted.

Summer School grades and credits are added to a student's academic record at the conclusion of summer school.

The GPA of a transfer student is based only on grades earned at Notre Dame College Prep.

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll is determined on the basis of the semester GPA. There are three classifications:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: GPA of 3.80 or higher
MAGNA CUM LAUDE: GPA of 3.50 through 3.79
CUM LAUDE: GPA of 3.20 through 3.49

Any grade lower than a "C-" disqualifies a student from honor roll status.

GRADING SCALE		
GRADE	RANGE	COMMENT
A+	98-100	Superior
A	95-97	
A-	92-94	
B+	89-91	
B	86-88	Above Average
B-	83-85	
C+	80-82	
C	77-79	Average
C-	74-76	
D+	71-73	
D	68-70	Unsatisfactory, but passing
D-	65-67	
F	Below 65	Failure, no credit
P		Passing in a Pass/Fail course, no credit
X		Failure, no credit Violation of Academic Integrity Policy
W		Withdrawal from course
I		Incomplete
ICV		Incomplete due to COVID-19

Notre Dame College Prep Quality Point Values			
	Andre & College Prep classes	Honors adds 1.00	AP adds 1.50
A+	4.33	5.33	5.83
A	4.00	5.00	5.50
A-	3.67	4.67	5.17
B+	3.33	4.33	4.83
B	3.00	4.00	4.50
B-	2.67	3.67	4.17
C+	2.33	3.33	3.83
C	2.00	3.00	3.50
C-	1.67	2.67	3.17
D+	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	0.67	0.67	0.67
F	0.00	0.00	0.00

Course Offerings

ENGLISH

111 Reading and Writing Workshop I
112/113 Composition and Literature I
118 Honors Composition and Literature I
121 Reading and Writing Workshop II
122/123 World Literature/Composition II and Speech
128 Honors World Literature/Composition II and Speech
130 Publications
133 American Literature and Composition III
134 Creative Writing
135 The Rhetoric of Cinema
136 Speech
138 Honors American Literature and Composition III
140 Exploring the Graphic Novel
143/144 British Literature and Composition IV
148 Honors British Literature and Composition IV
178 AP English Language
179 AP English Literature

TECHNOLOGY

030 Accounting
204 Digital Literacy
227 Web Page Design
231 Media Production 1
235 iOS Application Development
238 Intro to Programming
239 Robotics
250 Student Technology Integration Specialist
277 AP Computer Science Principles

FINE ARTS

603 Debate I
605 Technical Theater
609 Introduction to Music
610 Guitar
613 Symphonic Band
616 Introduction to Art
618 Honors Symphonic Band
619 Music Technology/Digital Audio
620 Percussion Ensemble
623 Jazz Ensemble
624 Fine Arts Appreciation
626 Art I
627 Drama I
628 Camera Acting Techniques
634 Drama II: Analysis and Performance
636 2-Dimensional Studio Art
639 Music Technology 2
643 Intro to Digital Photography & Photoshop
644 Digital Photography & Photoshop 2
651 Independent Study in Fine Arts
679 AP Drawing
689 AP 2D Studio Art
699 AP 3D Studio Art

WORLD LANGUAGE

413 Italian I
423 Italian II
427 Honors Italian II
433 Italian III
437 Honors Italian III
447 Honors Italian IV
477 AP Italian
415 Spanish I
419- Honors Spanish I
425 Spanish II
429 Honors Spanish II
435 Spanish III
439 Honors Spanish III
445 Spanish IV
479 AP Spanish
455 Independent Study in Language

MATHEMATICS

510 Pre-Algebra
512 Basic Algebra 1
513 Algebra 1
517 Honors Algebra I
521 Basic Geometry
524 Geometry
528 Honors Algebra II
529 Honors Geometry and Trigonometry
531 Basic Algebra II
534 Algebra II
541 Basic Precalculus
542 Basic Statistics & Data Analysis
543 Statistics & Data Analysis
546 Precalculus
547 Honors Precalculus
578 AP Calculus AB
579 AP Calculus BC

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

315 Physical Education I
325 Physical Education II
327 Health Education
328 Weight Training and Conditioning
331 Burke Scholar PE Leader
333 Junior Leaders Program in Physical Education
335 Physical Wellness and Advanced Weight Training
343 Senior Leaders Program in Physical Education

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

712/715 Introduction to Catholicism
718 Honors Introduction to Catholicism
702/725 Old and New Testaments
728 Honors Old and New Testaments
736 Morality and Social Justice
738 Honors Ethics and Morality
746 World Religions
747 Introduction to Philosophy
753 Roman Catholic Identity
749 Honors World Religions
750 Honors Catholicism in Literature

SCIENCE

822/824 Biology
829 Honors Biology
838 Honors Chemistry
842/834 Chemistry
844 Physics
846 Human Anatomy & Physiology
847 Forensic Science
849 Intro to Engineering
853 Earth & Environmental Science
876 AP Physics 1
877 AP Physics 2
878 AP Chemistry
879 AP Biology

SOCIAL STUDIES

919/920 World History
921- Honors World History
933 United States History
935 Sociology
936 Chicago Studies
941 Civics
943 Contemporary United States History
944 Economics
945 Psychology
970 AP Macroeconomics
976 AP World History
977 AP United States History
978 AP Government

2025 POST-GRADUATION PLANS

89% of Students Attending College

- 78% Attending 4-year College
  - 51% Attending Public College
  - 49% Attending 4-year Private College
  - 23% In-State
  - 77% Out-of-State
- 11% Attending 2-year College

11% - Other plans
(work, missionary, international, military, etc)

College Acceptances Class of 2025 matriculation indicated in bold

Past Three Years

Abilene Christian University
Adelphi University
Alma College
American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Aquinas College
Arizona State University (Tempe)
Auburn University
Augustana College
Aurora University
Austin Community College District
Ave Maria University
Baldwin Wallace University
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Beloit College
Benedictine University
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brown University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)
Canisius University
Carroll University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
Catholic University of America
Central Michigan University
Chicago State University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
Coe College
College of Charleston
College of DuPage
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Columbia College
Columbia College (Chicago)
Concordia College at Moorhead
Concordia University (Chicago)
Concordia University (Wisconsin)
Creighton University
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Dominican University
Dominican University New York
Drake University
Drexel University
Eastern Illinois University
Eastern Michigan University
Edgewood University
Elmhurst University
Emerson College
Emory University
Endicott College
Ferris State University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fontbonne University
Fordham University
Franklin College
George Mason University
Governors State University
Grand Canyon University
Grand Valley State University
Gustavus Adolphus College
Harold Washington College
Hawai'i Pacific University
Hendrix College
Hillsdale College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Illinois College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana State University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Iona University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
John Carroll University
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kennedy-King College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lasell University
Lawrence Technological University
Lawrence University
Lewis University
Lindenwood University
Loras College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Maine Maritime Academy
Marian University
Marquette University
Methodist University
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee Area Technical College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mississippi State University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Monmouth College
Mount St Mary's University
Murray State University
Nazareth University
Nebraska Wesleyan University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Central College
North Dakota State University
North Park University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Oakton College
Occidental College
Oglethorpe University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Parkland College
Penn State University (University Park)
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Quincy University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ripon College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockford University
Roosevelt University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Sacred Heart University
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Ambrose University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Saint Xavier University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)
Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)
Southern Methodist University
St. Bonaventure University
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Norbert College
St. Olaf College
Stetson University
SUNY Buffalo State University
SUNY University at Buffalo
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of Texas at Arlington
Thiel College
Tiffin University
Trine University
Triton College
United States Air Force Academy
University College Dublin
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Dubuque
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri (Columbia)
University of Mount Union
University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
University of Nebraska at Omaha
University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of New England
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne)
University of San Diego
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of St Thomas
University of the Virgin Islands
University of Toledo
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
University of Wisconsin (Oshkosh)
University of Wisconsin (Platteville)
University of Wisconsin (River Falls)
University of Wisconsin (Stevens Point)
University of Wisconsin (Whitewater)
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia State University
Wake Forest University
Walsh University
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
Weber State University
Webster University
West Virginia University
Western Illinois University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
Wilbur Wright College
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Xavier University