



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

WEST HAVEN

IN THE HOLY CROSS TRADITION



Educating young men to their highest potential

The hallmarks of a Notre Dame education include innovative teaching methods and a focus on moral character development, offered in a setting where quality, consistency, and stability matter. In an environment attentive to the learning styles that best suit boys, the gifts and talents of each student have an opportunity to develop, mature, and shine.

Notre Dame recently earned prestigious confirmation that what we say is true. The school received the 2011 Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award, one of 12 high schools in the *nation* so honored and one of two in the category of Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction.

Our college-prep course offerings accommodate a wide range of intellectual ability, and include the Moreau Honors Program, Advanced Placement courses, college credit for high school courses, e-portfolios, group learning projects, and individual support services through our Skills Center. Notre Dame's academic distinctiveness — made personal with a 12:1 student-faculty ratio and enhanced by a spirit of community — is rooted in the Holy Cross tradition.





ACADEMIC INNOVATION

Trimester System

The academic calendar is based on a trimester system, with 58-minute classes that include time for hands-on activity. The trimester calendar also creates more options for electives.

Moreau Honors Program

Freshmen and sophomores selected to participate in the Moreau Honors Program learn in an interdisciplinary setting and read more challenging material. The program is team-taught and the technology-rich curriculum covers religion, English, and social studies.

UConn Early College Experience (ECE)

The ECE program provides the opportunity to take college courses while at Notre Dame, each taught by an N.D. faculty member who meets UConn's standards for adjunct professorship. College credit is currently available in English, Latin, Italian, Spanish, Music Theory and Chorus.

Virtual High School

Notre Dame belongs to a consortium that offers more than 200 online courses (including Advanced Placement) to students who want to go beyond what we offer, or need to resolve a scheduling conflict.

E-portfolio

Each Notre Dame student creates an electronic portfolio and uses it all four years to document his learning and showcase his accomplishments.

Graduation Requirements

Typically, 99 percent of students in Notre Dame graduating classes go on to college. To receive a Notre Dame diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 28.75 credits, as summarized below:

Religious Studies	4.0 credits
English	4.5 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Foreign Language	2.0 credits
Fine Arts	0.5 credits
Physical Education	1.0 credit
Electronic Portfolio	0.25 credits
Life Skills	0.5 credits
Electives	5.5 credits

Notre Dame creates each student's schedule based on current grades, course content, level of difficulty of texts, the nature and difficulty of assignments and projects, as well as pace of instruction. Initially, we place students in a given level based on their academic record and the results of the admissions test.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Guidance and College Counseling

Built into our college prep structure is the guarantee that each of our students has at least two professionals monitoring his progress and willing to lend an ear. Students work with the same guidance counselor for four years. Each student also belongs to a small Teacher Advisory group (18–20 students) that meets weekly with the same faculty member. The school's e-portfolio requirement creates a rich and realistic tool that complements a student's transcript. As a result, identifying colleges that match a student's skills, character and aspirations is one of Notre Dame's great strengths.

The Skills Center

A separate Skills Center reinforces students' academic foundation and builds toward educational success. Open to any student, the Center's full-time special education expert provides a range of services and workshops, seeking to help students become confident, independent learners. Students with documented learning disabilities may receive services during sessions scheduled during their study periods.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OFFERING ACCEPTANCE TO NOTRE DAME GRADUATES: ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY | ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE | ALFRED UNIVERSITY | AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE | BREVARD COLLEGE | BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE | BROWN UNIVERSITY | BRYANT UNIVERSITY | BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY | BURLINGTON COLLEGE | CABRINI COLLEGE | CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY | CANISAS COLLEGE | COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS | COLLEGE OF MISERICORDIA | COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE | COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY | COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY | COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY | CONNECTICUT COLLEGE | COOPER UNION | CORNELL UNIVERSITY | EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY | EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY | ECKERD COLLEGE | ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE | ELON COLLEGE | EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY | ENDICOTT COLLEGE | GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY | GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE | HAMILTON COLLEGE | HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE | HAMPTON UNIVERSITY | HARTWICK COLLEGE | HARVARD UNIVERSITY | HESSER COLLEGE | HOWARD UNIVERSITY | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND | LOYOLA UNIVERSITY | LYNDON STATE COLLEGE | LYNN UNIVERSITY | MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY | MANHATTAN COLLEGE | MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE | MARIST COLLEGE | MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE | MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY | MARY'S COLLEGE | NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE | NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE | NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE | NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY | NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY | NEW YORK UNIVERSITY | NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY | OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY | PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY | PLYMOUTH STATE COLLEGE | PROVIDENCE COLLEGE | PURDUE UNIVERSITY | QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY | REGIS UNIVERSITY | RENNSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE | RIDER UNIVERSITY | ST. ANSELMO'S COLLEGE | ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE | ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY | ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE | ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY/NEW YORK | ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE | ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY | ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY | SUNY BINGHAMTON | TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY | UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY | UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY | UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY | UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS | UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI | UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE | UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN | UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA/CHARLOTTE | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN | VIRGINIA | VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY | VASSAR COLLEGE | VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY | VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE | VIRGINIA TECH | VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY | WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY | WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY



SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

Detailed course descriptions can be found on the Notre Dame website at www.notredamehs.com.

Freshman Year

Religion or Moreau Honors Program
 English or Moreau Honors Program
 World Cultures or
 Moreau Honors Program
 Algebra 1** or Geometry**
 Foreign Language or
 Developmental Reading
 Earth Science
 Music Appreciation, Art, Band, or
 Chorus
 Physical Education

Sophomore Year

Religion or Moreau Honors Program
 English or Moreau Honors Program
 Geometry**
 Biology** and Ecology**
 Foreign Language
 Physical Education
 Guidance Seminar/Life Skills

Junior Year

Religion
 American Literature**
 U.S. History^^
 Algebra II** and Trigonometry**
 Chemistry**
 + Elective(s)

Senior Year

Religion
 World Literature or Advanced
 Placement English 4
 U. S. Government^^
 + Elective(s)

** Honors courses also offered
 ^^ Advanced Placement course option

Additional Advanced Placement Courses

Studio Art
 Calculus
 Spanish
 Physics
 Italian

*(and more, through the online
 Virtual High School)*

FINE ARTS

Studies show that in an all-male educational setting, young men are more likely than their counterparts in coed schools to engage in a creative outlet — be it art, drama or music. At Notre Dame, the arts are a vital part of the curriculum. Credit-bearing course options include art, studio art, photography, digital photography, music appreciation, and performance groups that tap into and develop the talents of our students.

To broaden the creative outlets available to students, Notre Dame also offers an array of arts-related co-curricular activities including student art exhibits, concerts, Jazz/Rock Ensemble, and annual stage plays. The following performance groups earn credit for participating, and their collective talent adds to the spirit of Notre Dame:

Introduction to Band
 Intermediate Band
 Concert Band
 Chorus
 String Ensemble

Notre Dame is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, rooted in the Roman Catholic faith, welcomes students of diverse religious traditions. We believe in the potential for mutual enrichment in the interweaving of prayer, study, and community service. All students complete a four-year religious studies curriculum, to which Campus Ministry offers a reflective dimension, so that students couple knowledge about God with a relationship to God.

Students participate in community service projects during each of their four years. Freshmen participate in a one-day service project organized by the Campus Ministry Department. Service venues range from Catholic elementary schools through a wide range of local social service agencies. Sophomores and juniors engage in projects that involve them with various needs in the greater community, while seniors (through the Social Studies Department) volunteer with a current political campaign. Complementing these activities is a reflective component expressed in writing.

ATHLETICS & STUDENT LIFE

Notre Dame takes great pride in its sports program, which is rich in tradition and known for success. The Notre Dame Green Knights play a competitive schedule in the Southern Connecticut Conference. More than half the student body compete in sports at either the freshman, junior varsity, or varsity level. Teams include:

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| Baseball | Lacrosse |
| Basketball | Soccer |
| Cross-country | Swimming |
| Football | Tennis |
| Golf | Track (indoor) |
| Hockey | Track (outdoor) |

Notre Dame believes strongly that a student's education does not end when he leaves the classroom. In fact, for many it is only the beginning. At Notre Dame, we provide students with a variety of outlets including:

- Art Club
- CAAP (Changing Attitudes About People)
- Chess Club
- CSMC (Christian Student Mission Club)
- DECA
- Drama Club

- Environmental Awareness Committee
- Filmmaking Club
- Gamers Club
- Guitar and Rhythm Club
- Haitian Club
- Intramural Sports
- Italian Club
- KNADA (Knights of Notre Dame Against Drugs and Alcohol)
- Latin Club
- Literary Magazine (*The Mind's Eye*)
- Math Club / Math Team
- Millard Fillmore Club (Political Science)
- Minority Student Union
- Model U.N.
- Outdoorsmen Club
- Pep Club
- SCC Dream Team
- School Newspaper (*Knight Errant*)
- Spanish Club
- Stage Crew Club
- Table Tennis Club
- Team ND (Student Ambassadors)
- Teddy Roosevelt Club
- Ultimate Frisbee Club
- Varsity Club
- Yearbook (*The Shield*)



THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

We at Notre Dame of West Haven encourage all qualified young men to apply for admission. Students may apply online or through a written application process. If at any time you have any questions feel free to contact the Director of Admissions. Students are admitted through the following process:

Online application:

Eighth grade students may create an online admissions account and submit an application at www.notredamehs.com/admissions. After you have successfully created an admissions account you will also have the ability to schedule a shadow day online, schedule an admissions test online, check the status of your application online, and receive information regarding news and events throughout the admissions process online. We also encourage students in 6th and 7th grade to submit an online inquiry to join our mailing list.

Written application:

1. Admissions Test

2. Application Packet

(submit all four sections):

- The application
- Recommendation form: from guidance counselor or principal
- Recommendation form: from English or math teacher
- A record release form

3. **Letters of notification** are mailed by Nov. 29 for early decision applicants and by Dec. 27 for regular applicants. In some cases, an interview is required.

Notre Dame High School admits students of any race, color, religion and national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally allowed or made available to the students at the School.

IMPORTANT DATES (2011–12)

- Open House – Sunday, October 16, 2011 1-3 p.m.
- Admissions Test – Saturday, October 22 or November 5, 2011 8–11 a.m.
- Make-up Admissions Test – Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 8–11 a.m.
- Financial Aid Deadline – Monday, November 7, 2011
- *Early Application Deadline – Monday, November 7, 2011

** Students choosing the Early Application option are required to take the first entrance exam on October 22, 2011.*

TUITION/FEES/AID

Tuition for the 2011–12 academic year is \$10,800, with books costing approximately \$500 more. The Board of Directors sets the tuition for the following year during the winter term.

Scholarships/Financial Aid

Notre Dame awards an academic scholarship to each of the top ten applicants (\$2,500 to the top two students, \$2,000 to the other eight). These awards are renewed annually provided the student maintains a healthy academic and disciplinary record.

Need-based financial aid is available through the Notre Dame Loyalty and Endowment Fund, the Brothers of Holy Cross, and other sources. Approximately 28% of Notre Dame students receive financial aid, awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Last year, total aid distributed came to \$600,000. Parents who submit a financial aid application are considered for financial assistance by our Financial Aid Committee. Awards are made based on funds available and the degree of family need, and parents are notified upon their son's acceptance to Notre Dame.

Payment Plans

We understand the financial difficulties placed on Notre Dame families today, and do everything we can to work with you. To reserve a place at Notre Dame, an initial **non-refundable** deposit of \$500 is required

at the time of registration. The balance can be paid in one of three ways:

1. A one-time, full-tuition payment by August 1.
2. Three installments, paid directly to Notre Dame, 50% on July 1, 30% on Oct. 1, and 20% on Feb. 1.
3. Ten installments, May 1 – February 1.

Contact Kristin Clark, Student Receivables Coordinator at (203) 933-1673 for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

Getting to Notre Dame High School is not as hard as it may seem, as reflected by the fact that our students come from more than 30 cities and towns. Many join carpools, and even more use the bus companies that service their home towns, as listed below.

- **West Haven:** free of charge through the city of West Haven.
- **Shelton, Derby, Seymour, Ansonia, Woodbridge, Milford, Oxford:** All Star Transportation
- **Madison, East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford:** School Transportation Services, Inc.*
- **Wallingford, North Haven, Hamden, Cheshire:** Winkle Bus Co.*

** The availability of bus transportation is made on a yearly basis depending on the number of interested students from these areas. For information on bus routes, fees and carpools, contact the Admissions Office.*

- Regular Application Deadline – Monday, November 28, 2011
- Early Application Notification – Monday, November 28, 2011
- Regular Application Notification – Monday, December 26, 2011
- Accepted Students Night – Wednesday, January 11, 2012 7 p.m.
- Registration – Monday, February 6, 2012, 4–7 p.m. OR
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 5–7 p.m.