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School Profile 2023-2024

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MISSION STATEMENT: Notre Dame High School, in the heart of downtown San Jose since 1851, provides young women an exemplary Catholic, college-preparatory education to become life-long learners, spiritual seekers, justice advocates and community leaders. We are inspired by Saint Julie Billiart and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. We empower young women and “teach them what they need to know for life.”

ACADEMIC PROGRAM/CURRICULUM: Since 1851, Notre Dame has been the premier educator of young women of Silicon Valley. Building on a strong tradition of teaching students “what they need to know for life,” Notre Dame educates today’s young women for leadership, global citizenship and socially-responsible entrepreneurship. Our rich urban landscape and innovative programs cultivate young women with strong voices who will bring intelligent compassion to their world — young women who become active leaders in our local, national and global communities.

- Due to scheduling conflicts during their junior year, not all students in the Class of 2024 could take AP Physics that wanted to do so.
- Students were not allowed to double up on AP courses in the sciences during their junior year.
- Notre Dame students are required to take 7 semesters of religious studies courses.
- Students are required to have one block free of the 8 total blocks in their schedule.
- 12th Grade students are required to complete 25 hours of community service and a Senior Service Learning Project.
- Notre Dame made no significant changes to our calendar, grading system, instruction time or academic requirements during remote learning.

ACCREDITATION: Notre Dame High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

ASSOCIATIONS: Notre Dame High School is a member of WACAC, NACAC, and The College Board.

SCHOOL POPULATION: The Class of 2024 comes from communities throughout the Santa Clara Valley. Admission for this class was based on previous school records, recommendations, and high school entrance exam testing. The Class of 2024 reflects Silicon Valley’s ethnic and socioeconomic diversity.

- The total number of students at Notre Dame High School is 686.
- There are 161 students in the Class of 2024.

Approximately 22% of the students in the Class of 2024 come from homes in which a second language is spoken

Approximately 25% of the student body receive financial aid.

CLASS OF 2024 DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian	39.13%
Black/African American	3.11%
Hispanic	26.09%
International	0.00%
Multiracial	7.45%
Native American	0.62%
Pacific Islander	0.00%
White/non hispanic	26.09%

CLASS OF 2023 TEST SCORES

SAT EVIDENCE BASED READING & WRITING
ND Upper Quartile: 700
ND Mean: 637

SAT IN MATH
ND Upper Quartile: 670
ND Mean: 594

ACT COMPOSITE
Notre Dame Mean: 28.3
California Mean: 26.5
National Mean: 19.8

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2023: 1 National Merit Scholar; 4 National Merit Competition Finalists
Class of 2022: 4 National Merit Competition Semi Finalists
Class of 2022: Due to COVID-19, the PSAT/NMSQT test was not offered on campus for the Class of 2022
Class of 2021: 4 Merit Scholars; 5 Semi Finalists; 11 Commended Scholars
Class of 2020: 2 Merit Scholars; 5 Semi Finalists; 19 Commended Scholars

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Grades earned in the junior year by members of the class of 2024 (based on 161 students).

NOTRE DAME'S GRADING SCALE	LETTER GRADE	6TH SEMESTER GPA (AS OF 6/2023)	
4.00 or higher	A	112	69.6%
3.0 - 3.99	B	41	25.5%
2.0 - 2.99	C	8	5.0%
1.99 or lower	D	0	0.0%

- The grades indicated are for the sixth semester and include all academic and non-academic courses.
- The GPA is cumulative beginning in 9th grade and is calculated based on a 4.0 system with one bonus point given for Honors and Advanced Placement courses.
- Notre Dame High School does not rank students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS:

90.5% of our students take one or more of the 32 Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors courses offered. In May of 2023, 366 students took 841 AP exams. Of those students 81% had a passing score of 3 or higher and 26.75% earned a top score of 5. The average AP Test Score for Notre Dame students was 3.7 out of 5.

TEST PASS RATE

Biology	87%	English Language	80%
Spanish Literature	73%	English Literature	95%
Spanish Language	87%	World History	86%
Calculus BC	80%	US Gov & Pol	72%
Computer Science A	95%	Chemistry	86%
Computer Science Principles	92%	Psychology	90%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & HONORS COURSES OFFERED

ENGLISH

English I Honors
English II Honors
English Language & Composition AP
English Literature & Composition AP

MATHEMATICS

Geometry Honors
Algebra II Honors
Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus Honors
Statistics Honors- Year
Statistics Honors- Semester
Calculus AB AP
Calculus BC AP

Computer Science A AP

MODERN LANGUAGE

Chinese Language & Culture AP
French II Honors
French III Honors
French Language & Culture AP
Spanish II Honors
Spanish III Honors
Spanish Language & Culture AP
Spanish Literature & Culture AP

SCIENCE

Biology Honors

Biology AP

Chemistry Honors
Chemistry AP
Physics I AP
Environmental Science AP
Computer Science Principles AP

SOCIAL STUDIES

Ethnic Studies I- Global Perspective Honors
World History AP
US History AP
US Government & Politics AP
Psychology AP

Notre Dame's faculty includes 2 Advanced Placement Test readers in 2 academic areas.

MOVING ON AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: 99.38% of the students in the Class of 2023 matriculated straight into a two or four-year college or university. 22% of graduates from the Class of 2023 matriculated to highly selective colleges.

CLASS OF 2023

34.38% - 4 year In-state Public Institution	26.25% - 4 year In-state Private Institution
19.4% - University of California	15% - California State University
10.63% - 4 year Out-of-State Public Institution	21.25% - 4 year Out-of-State Private Institution
3.75% - Gap Year or 2 Year Community College	3.75% - International

87% of the Class of 2023 Matriculated to a 1st Choice or High Interest College

Most Popular Majors

Business/Business Admin/
Marketing
Biology/Biological Sciences
Engineering
Psychology & Neuroscience
Political Science

THE CLASS OF 2023 IS ATTENDING: Schools with a * have more than one Notre Dame student attending.

Ashland University	Dominican University of California	Saint Mary's College of California*	University of California-Berkeley*	University of San Diego
Barnard College	Emerson College	Salve Regina University	University of California-Davis*	University of San Francisco*
Boston College	Fordham University	San Diego State University*	University of California-Irvine	University of Southern California*
Bowdoin College	George Washington University*	San Francisco State University*	University of California-Los Angeles*	University of St Andrews
Bucknell University	Humboldt State University	San Jose City College	University of California-Merced*	University of the Pacific*
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo*	Keio University	San Jose State University*	University of California-Riverside	University of Toronto
California State University-Chico	Loyola Marymount University*	Santa Clara University*	University of California-San Diego*	University of Washington-Seattle Campus*
California State University-Long Beach	McGill University	School of Visual Arts	University of California-Santa Barbara*	West Valley College
California State University-Monterey Bay*	Mount Holyoke College	Seattle University*	University of California-Santa Cruz*	Yale University*
Chapman University*	New York University	Stanford University*	University of Chicago	
Claremont McKenna College	Northeastern University*	Suffolk University	University of Colorado Boulder*	
Colorado State University-Fort Collins*	Occidental College	The College of Wooster	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	
Cornell University*	Purdue University-Main Campus*	The University of British Columbia	University of Notre Dame	
Dartmouth College	Ringling College of Art and Design	The University of Texas At Austin	University of Oregon*	
	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Tufts University	University of Portland	