Notre Dame High School- Belmont
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SCHOOL

Notre Dame High School, Belmont is an independent Catholic college preparatory school dedicated to the educational mission of St. Julie Billiart and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Notre Dame High School was established by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1851 and moved to the historic William Ralston Estate in 1923. The school is located on 10.6 acres in Belmont, California, a professional suburban community located midway between San Francisco and San Jose.

MISSION

We are a caring and compassionate community committed to promoting justice and peace while developing responsible young women of active faith, strong intellect, and Christian leadership. We develop the gifts and talents of each student and foster Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence and mutual respect.

COMMUNITY

The school draws its student body principally from San Mateo County. Families of the school reflect middle to upper middle class economic background. Of the 470 students, 6.8% are international students. The student/teaching faculty ratio is 11.7:1, and the student/teaching faculty and professional staff ratio is 9.7:1. The average class size is 18.2. 96% of students from the class of 2018 enrolled into a 4-year college while 4% went to community college.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Notre Dame High School offers a strong interscholastic sports program including cross-country, tennis, golf, volleyball, water polo, basketball, soccer, swimming, softball, and track and field. Cheerleading is part of the program as it competes in regional and national competitions each year. Other activities include associated student body, student council, California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, two school

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FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION: 48.02 FTE
90% hold one or more Advanced degrees

ACCREDITATION:
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

CEEB: #050275
publications (The Catalyst, and yearbook), and clubs and organizations.

TRI-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Notre Dame High School- Belmont, Mercy High School-Burlingame, and Junipero Serra High School participate in a Tri-School program that provides co-educational experiences in the areas of academics, campus ministry, performing arts, and student activities.

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Students are capped at 3 Honors/AP Courses per year.

HONORS COURSES (14)
- Anatomy & Physiology (tri-school)
- English I
- English II
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Pre-calculus
- Biology
- Chemistry
- World History
- Modern World History
- Photography III
- Sculpture III
- French III
- Spanish III

Advanced Placement Courses (19)
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science (Tri-School)
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- French Language and Culture
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Spanish Literature and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art: 2-D Design, 3-D Design, Drawing
- United States Government and Politics
- United States History

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

May of 2018, 129 students took 229 examinations in 17 subject areas. Of this total of Advanced Placement students, 70% earned scores of 3 or higher.

Graduation Requirements

The minimum course load for a student is 30 credits per semester for all grade levels. Most students take 35 credits per semester. 240 credits with the following distribution are required for graduation:

- English 40 credits
- Mathematics 30 credits
- Physical Education 10 credits
- Religious Studies 40 credits
- Science 30 credits
- Social Sciences 30 credits
- Visual/Performing Arts 10 credits
- World Languages 20 credits
- Electives 30 credits
- Plus 80 Hours of Community Service.

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

The marking system uses percentages that are converted to a grade equivalency. The calculation of a student’s academic standing is based on a weighted grade point average. Grade reporting is two (2) times per year. We no longer rank students beginning with the class of 2017.

A 94-100 C+ 77-79
A- 90-93 C 73-76
B+ 87-89 C- 70-72
B 83-86 D+ 67-69
B- 80-82 D 63-66
B 83-86 D- 60-62
F 59 and below
Top 5% of Students at Notre Dame- Belmont scored a 1500 or better on the New SAT scale of 1600.

Students on average scored a 613 on Evidenced Based Reading and Writing and 590 on Math, exceeding benchmark levels.

Top 5% of students at Notre Dame scored a composite of 30 or higher on the ACT.

Average individual English score was 26.3, average math was 24, average reading was 27.5 and average science was 24.9, exceeding all benchmark levels.

National Merit Scholarships
Every year the PSAT/NMSQT exams are offered to Sophomores and Juniors on campus. Students have been recognized for the following years.
Class of 2017: 3 Commended Students
Class of 2018: 2 Commended Students
Class of 2019: 3 Commended Students and 1 Semi-Finalist
Class of 2018

College Matriculation

- California Colleges 51%
- Out of State Colleges 48%

Class of 2018

48% Matriculated at Out-of-State Colleges

- Public Colleges 22%
- Private Colleges 26%

Class of 2018

51% Matriculated at California Colleges

- University of California 9%
- California State University 11%
- Community Colleges 4%
- Private Colleges 28%

Class of 2015-2018 College Acceptances Partial List

American Musical and Dramatic Academy - AMDA
American University
American Jewish University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Cal Tech
California College of the Arts
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll College (MT)
Case Western Reserve University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
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