Class of
2014 Profile

Notre Dame High School, San Jose, California

Mission Statement

Notre Dame High School, in the heart of downtown San Jose since 1851, provides young women an exemplary Catholic and college preparatory education. We do so in the spiritual legacy of Saint Julie Billiart, the foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, embracing the gift of God’s goodness to support the personal journey of each student. This journey occurs in a uniquely compassionate community with meaningful and integrated learning programs that foster intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, reflection, social awareness and responsibility, and the discovery of each young woman’s voice and leadership capabilities.

Academic Program/Curriculum

The Notre Dame student follows a rigorous college preparatory curriculum of six courses per semester (with many students taking seven courses per semester); students must complete the Senior Service Learning Project in order to graduate.

The challenging college preparatory curriculum includes: a 4-year community service learning program; a rotating block schedule; a first period instrumental band class; an after-school homework/tutoring center; an after-school program staffed by mathematics department faculty and advanced math students; and a summer school program.

The 14 Honors and 15 Advanced Placement courses offered attest to the rigorous nature of the curriculum.
Grade Distribution for Class of 2014

Grades earned in the junior year by members of the Class of 2014 (based on 139 students)

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<tr>
<th>NOTRE DAME’S GRADING SCALE</th>
<th>LETTER GRADE</th>
<th>6TH SEMESTER GPA CLASS OF 2014 (AS OF 6/2013)</th>
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<tr>
<td>4.00 or higher</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>3.00 - 3.99</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>2.00 - 2.99</td>
<td>C</td>
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<td>1.99 or lower</td>
<td>D</td>
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The grades indicated are for the sixth semester and include all academic and non-academic courses. The GPA is determined by using a 4.0 system with one bonus point given for Honors and Advanced Placement courses; it is cumulative beginning in 9th grade. Notre Dame High School does not rank students.

Grade Distribution for Class of 2014 by Course

Grades earned in the junior year by members of the Class of 2014 (based on 139 students)

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<tr>
<th>DEPARTMENT</th>
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<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Modern Language</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>&lt;1%</td>
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SAT Scores Class of 2013

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<th>SAT TESTS</th>
<th>NOTRE DAME STUDENTS MEAN</th>
<th>NATIONAL MEAN</th>
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<tr>
<td>Critical Reading</td>
<td>569</td>
<td>496</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>572</td>
<td>514</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
<td>590</td>
<td>488</td>
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<th>SAT SUBJECT TESTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Biology Ecological</td>
<td>635</td>
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<tr>
<td>Biology Molecular</td>
<td>694</td>
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<td>Chemistry</td>
<td>550</td>
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<tr>
<td>Literature</td>
<td>643</td>
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<td>Math Level 1</td>
<td>567</td>
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<td>Math Level 2</td>
<td>660</td>
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<td>US History</td>
<td>691</td>
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<tr>
<td>World History</td>
<td>700</td>
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Advanced Placement Program

May 2013: 270 students took a total of 517 tests with 78% scoring 3 or higher
May 2012: 253 students took a total of 500 tests with 85% scoring 3 or higher
May 2011: 222 students took a total of 416 tests with 82% scoring 3 or higher

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<th>NOTRE DAME’S ADVANCED PLACEMENT PASSING RATE FOR MAY 2013</th>
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<tr>
<td>English Language 94%</td>
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<td>Biology 74%</td>
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<td>Psychology 94%</td>
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<td>English Literature 94%</td>
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<td>Calculus AB 100%</td>
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<td>Spanish Literature 93%</td>
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<td>World History 97%</td>
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<td>Calculus BC 86%</td>
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Honors & AP Sections

The number of Honors and Advanced Placement courses offered attests to the rigorous nature of the curriculum. Notre Dame offers 14 Honors courses and 15 Advanced Placement courses.

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

**Math**
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus Honors
- Calculus AB AP
- Calculus BC AP
- Computer Science A: AP

**Modern Language**
- French II Honors
- French III Honors
- French Language & Culture AP
- Spanish Honors for Heritage Speakers
- Spanish II Honors
- Spanish III Honors
- Spanish Language & Culture AP
- Spanish Language & Culture for Heritage Speakers AP
- Spanish Literature & Culture AP

**Science**
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Physics Honors
- Biology AP
- Physics C: Mechanics AP
- Environmental Science AP

**Social Studies**
- Global Studies Honors
- World History AP
- US History AP
- Psychology AP
- US Government & Politics: US AP

**Independent Studies**
- Senior Honors Project
School Population
The class of 2014 comes from communities throughout the Santa Clara Valley. Admission is based on previous school records, recommendations, and high school entrance exam testing. The class of 2014 reflects Silicon Valley’s ethnic and socioeconomic diversity and has a 60% minority population.

Class of 2014
Caucasian 35%
Hispanic 26%
Filipino 11%
Asian Indian 12%
Chinese 4%
Vietnamese 7%
Japanese 2%
Pacific Islander <1%
Korean <1%
Native American <1%

Approximately 45% of students come from homes in which a language other than English is spoken. Slightly more than one-fifth (22%) of students receive financial assistance.

National Merit
Class of 2014: 10 Commended Scholars; 2 National Hispanic Scholars
Class of 2013: 2 Semi Finalists; 10 Commended Scholars; 1 National Hispanic Scholar
Class of 2012: 2 Finalists; 10 Commended Scholars; 2 National Hispanic Scholars

Co-Curricular Program
Notre Dame students have myriad activities from which to choose during their high school years. There are over 30 clubs and organizations where students can pursue their passions and develop their interests and talents. In addition, the Notre Dame Athletic Program, part of the West Bay Athletic League, fields 20 team sports including cross country, golf, tennis, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, and lacrosse.

Campus Ministry
Welcoming individuals of all faith backgrounds, Notre Dame’s campus ministry program provides faith-filled liturgies, communal prayer, retreats, ongoing spiritual development and peer ministry, allowing every student the chance to make her spiritual growth meaningful.

Internship & Shadow Program
Since Notre Dame is located in downtown San Jose, it is not surprising that a number of opportunities have arisen for our students in the following governmental agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations, where our students use their classroom learning in real-world situations.

Anderson/Brulé Architects
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
BAWSI (Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative)
The Breakthrough Foundation
Catholic Charities
City Lights Theater
Ellahie & Farooqui L.L.P.
Facebook
Galileo Summer Camp
History San José
Institute of Contemporary Art
San Jose State University
Santa Clara County Government
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
Silicon Valley Community Newspapers
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Sobrato House
Stanford Investment Group
The Fairmont Hotel
The Mercury News
Teen Board
The Tech Museum of Innovation

Travel & Immersion Opportunities
Notre Dame students are encouraged to experience the world beyond their classrooms and beyond San Jose; students travel to Europe and Japan for language and culture enhancement. They are also given opportunities to experience the lives of migrant farm workers, the Monterey Bay fishing industry, and the most impoverished residents of San Francisco’s Tenderloin through local justice immersion trips. Over spring break students restore homes in New Orleans and in the fall they can witness political progress in action in Washington D.C. In the summer, students participate in a social justice immersion trip to El Salvador and Mexico. Students can also take part in an ecology immersion trip to Costa Rica or study American Theater and Shakespeare in Ashland, Oregon, theater on Broadway, or art and theater in London.
Colleges Offering Admission for the Classes of 2005-2013

Academy of Art, San Francisco
Allegheny College
American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Los Angeles
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Bayler University
Beloit College
Bentley College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California Maritime Academy
California Lutheran University
Cal Poly, Pomona
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Canisius College
CSU, Channel Islands
CSU, Chico
CSU, Dominguez Hills
CSU, East Bay
CSU, Fresno
CSU, Humboldt
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Los Angeles
CSU, Monterey Bay
CSU, Northridge
CSU, Sacramento
CSU, San Bernardino
CSU, San Diego
CSU, San Francisco
CSU, San Jose
CSU, San Marcos
CSU, Sonoma
CSU, Stanislaus
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University
Claremont McKenna College
Chapman University
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University
Cornell University
Creighton University
DePaul University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Drew University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Eugene Lang College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Fordham University
Franciscan University
Franklin College, Switzerland
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
George Washington University
Georgetown
Georgia Tech
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Hamphire College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Johns Hopkins
Lafayette College
Laguna College of Art & Design
Lehigh University
Lewis and Clark College
Loyola College, Maryland
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, New Orleans
Macalester College
Marquette University
McGill University
Menlo College
Middlebury College
Mills College
MIT
Montana State University
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New England Conservatory of Music
New Mexico State University
New York University
Northern Kentucky University
Northwestern University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Philadelphia University
Pitzer College
Point Loma Nazarene
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Andrew's University (Scotland)
SOKA University of America
St. John's College
St. John's University (Queens)
St. Joseph's University
St. Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California
San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
School for Oriental and African Studies at University of London (SOAS)
Scripps College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
Stanford University
Suffolk University
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The George Washington University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Denver
University of Edinburg, Scotland
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Montana
University of Nevada, Reno
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of the Pacific
University of Pennsylvania
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Scranton
University of Southern California
University of Texas, Austin
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Oregon University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Williamette University
Worcester Polytechnic University
Xavier University
Yale University

Over the last five years 99 to 100% of graduates attended college with 85% attending a four-year college.

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

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