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# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2018-2019 PROFILE

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

145 Students in Grades 9-12

20 Seniors

Grades are weighted

70 is passing

Students are not ranked

Classes are taught on a modified  
 block schedule

The school is on a two-semester  
 calendar year

29% of the student body received  
 financial aid

## SCHOOL FACULTY

46 Master's degrees

4 Ph.D. degrees

1 M.D. degree

## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Founded in 2005, Notre Dame Academy is a private day school for students in grades Pre-K through 12 that is rooted in the Marist Catholic tradition. Notre Dame Academy is an International Baccalaureate community that fosters individual growth, moral responsibility, and global mindedness.

Notre Dame students are exposed to a service learning curriculum that instructs students in both information and values.

Notre Dame Academy fosters a culture of inclusivity, where diversity is celebrated. Teachers and students share a bond that is deeply rooted in student-driven and independent learning, especially in our IB program.

Being a suburb of Atlanta, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States, provides opportunities for our students to be exposed to experts in business, the arts, science, and sports. Notre Dame students are well rounded and have a devotion to community service. Students will graduate ready for college, career, and life with a commitment to our mission to be morally responsible and willing to be a force for good in our world.

## ACCREDITATION

Notre Dame Academy holds dual-accreditation from SAIS/AdvancED. Notre Dame Academy is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme, the Middle Years Programme, and the Diploma Programme.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

AP coursework is typically limited to 9th and 10th grades capped at one per year with few exceptions. Students enrolled in AP classes are expected to take the exam. There are 3 AP course offerings: Human Geography, World History, and Government.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Notre Dame Academy is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and IB continuum school offering the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) from Early Years to 5th grade, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from 6th grade to 10th grade, and the Diploma Programme (DP) in 11th and 12th grade.

Students in 11th and 12th grade have the option to attempt the two-year IB Diploma, consisting of six subjects, three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL), a 4000-word Extended Essay, the Theory of Knowledge course, and maintain an ongoing CAS (creativity, action, service) portfolio. Courses include both internal assessments completed over the course of the programme and moderated by the IB and external assessments marked directly by IB examiners, typically in May of 12th grade, though up to two SL courses may be completed in May of 11th grade. Each subject receives an overall mark of 1-7 and students must receive at least 24 marks in total across their coursework to receive an IB Diploma.

Students may also attempt one or more IB certificate course of the same rigor without attempting the full IB Diploma.

*As this is the school's first graduating class, Notre Dame Academy only has World Religions SL results.*

## IB Exam Performance

Class of 2019 Average	World Average	Class of 2019 % scoring 6 or higher	Class of 2019 % scoring 5 or higher
5.33	4.7	33%	83%

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

### Service Learning

Notre Dame Academy provides structured opportunities for students to participate in service learning both within the ND Academy community and in the metropolitan area. Each year, students partner with local non-profit organizations to perform age-appropriate service learning projects. Participation in a minimum of four of these service learning projects is mandatory of all enrolled Upper School students: one service learning project that benefits the ND Academy community and three service learning projects that benefit communities outside of ND Academy.

11th and 12th grade students pursuing the IB diploma are required to complete the CAS programme. CAS begins at the start of the Diploma Programme and continues regularly with a minimum requirement of 1-2 quality CAS experiences per month for at least 18 months with a reasonable balance between creativity, activity, and service. Students must also undertake a CAS project of a least one month's duration.

### Theory of Knowledge

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) aims to make students aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases – whether these biases are retained, revised or rejected. It offers students and their teachers the opportunity to reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing, consider the role and nature of knowledge in their own culture, in the cultures of others, and in the wider world. In addition, TOK prompts students to be aware of themselves as thinkers, encouraging them to become more acquainted with the complexity of knowledge. The final project is an oral presentation and a 1600 word essay.

### Research Opportunities

As a part of the IB requirements, all 10th grade students must complete a fully annotated research project called “The Personal Project.”

To graduate as a full DP student, seniors must complete a research project or extended essay. The extended essay provides practical preparation for undergraduate research with an opportunity for students to investigate a topic of special interest to them, which is also related to one of the student's six DP subjects.

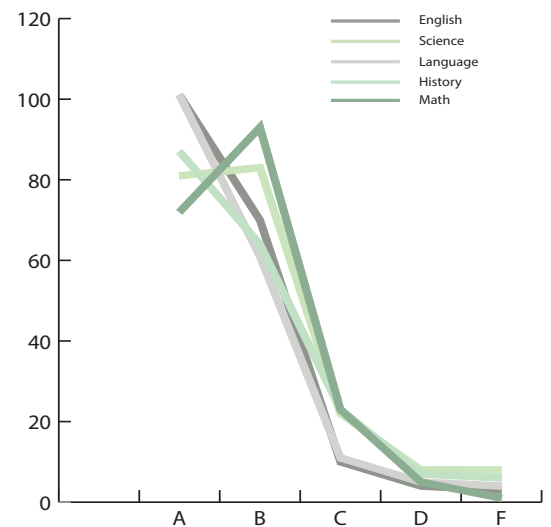
## GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

**English (4) | Mathematics (4) | Sciences (4, with 3 lab courses) | Social Studies (3, with 1 World Studies) | Language (2 years of the same foreign language) | Physical Education (5) | Theology (4) | Health (5) | Electives (2 in 9th/10th grade and 3 in 11th/12th grade) | IB Research Project (in 10th/12th grade)**

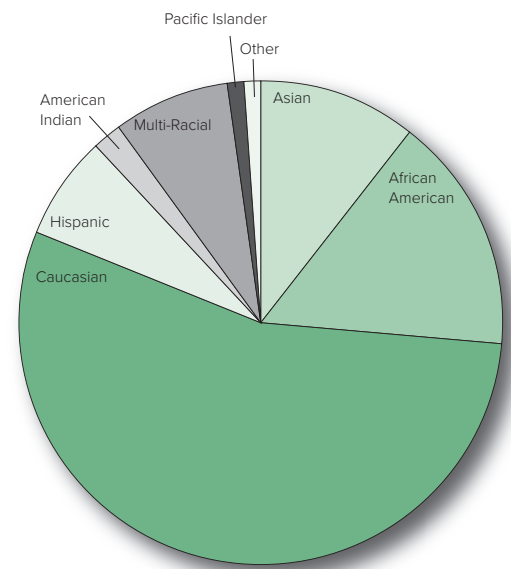
## HIGHEST LEVEL OF COURSES OFFERED

**English:** IB English: Literature HL | **Math:** IB Mathematics SL | **Science:** IB Physics SL | **Social Studies:** IB History of the Americas HL | **Foreign Language:** IB Spanish HL | **IB Full DP Core Requirements - IB Theory of Knowledge: IB Visual Arts HL year 2 or IB World Religions**

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION



## DIVERSITY



*The class of 2019 is Notre Dame Academy's first graduating class. There is no information presently regarding 11th and 12th grade standardized test scores or college matriculations. That information will be added to the profile for 2020.*