

AQUINAS ACADEMY

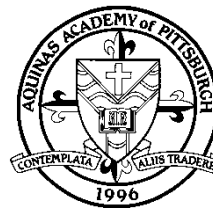
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PROFILE 2020-2021

School and Community: Aquinas Academy is an independent, private school in the Catholic tradition for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade twelve. The Academy was founded in 1996 for the purpose of offering a rigorous classical curriculum covering all the major areas of the liberal arts in an intensive college preparatory program. Aquinas Academy is accredited by Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools and holds membership in the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools and the Pittsburgh Consortium of Independent Schools. Aquinas Academy High School was twice ranked the #1 Catholic High School in Pennsylvania in 2015 and again in 2016 and the #1 Catholic High School in Pittsburgh six years in a row 2015 – 2020. The campus is located in a residential suburb of Pittsburgh, and is situated on 13 acres. In addition to a new 22,000 square foot high school with 11 classrooms, 2 science labs, and 3 rooms for the arts, the campus includes a lower school building, middle school building, gymnasium, chapel, and soccer field.

Enrollment: 469 total, 139 in the High School. The student body is largely Roman Catholic, but from economically diverse homes. 22% of students receive financial aid. Students commute to Aquinas Academy from 14 school districts.

Admission: Students are admitted to Aquinas Academy on the basis of their successful performance on an entrance examination. Given the nature of the curriculum, students are not usually admitted after the 10th grade; however exceptions are possible for those who demonstrate sufficient aptitude. The Academy welcomes qualified applicants of all religions, races, creeds, and national and ethnic origins.

Faculty: 40 Full Time/6 Part Time

Administration:

Mrs. Leslie Mitros, *Head of School*

Mr. Michael Burchill, *Assistant Head of School*

Mrs. Charlotte Bogdewic, *College Counselor*

Mr. Joseph Austin, *Director of Admissions*

Mr. James Richthammer, *Athletic Director*

Mrs. Michelle Repasky, *Lower School Director*

Mr. Nicholas Salinas, *Middle School Director*

Mr. Michael Flynn, *High School Co-Director*

Mr. Richard Meland, *High School Co-Director*

Mr. Tyler Deschamps, *Assistant Athletic Director*

High School Courses and Graduation

Requirements

English 4 years

Mathematics through Pre-Calculus (3 years; 4 strongly suggested)

History 4 years

Science 3 years (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

*Latin 2-3 years

*Spanish/French 2-3 years

Religion 4 years

Philosophy 1 year

Art/Chorus/Band

Physical Education

Electives

*Must take 3rd year of either Latin or Modern Language

AP Courses

Calculus AB/BC

Chemistry

European History

Latin Reading

Physics C Mechanics

Statistics

US Government and Politics

US History

World Literature

Honors Courses

Honors courses are offered for all four years in English, Latin, math, history, and science; the third and fourth years of modern languages; and both philosophy classes.

Grading Scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Non-Honors</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>AP</u>
A	93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	85-92	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	77-84	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	70-76	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	0-69	0.0	0.0	0.0

Class of 2021:

Class size: 18

Test Scores: Middle 50%

PSAT/NMSQT- ERW: 550-650
Average: 604Math: 490-590
Average: 555SAT- ERW: 580-680
Average: 634Math: 560-630
Average: 596

National Merit: Class of 2019 - Three Commended Students, One Semifinalist

Class of 2018 - Four Commended Students, One National Hispanic Program Scholar

Class of 2017 - Two Commended Students

2019-2020 Grade Distribution

A 67.3% B 24.9% C 6.4% D 1.1% F 0.2%

School Policy precludes computation of class rank.

Advanced Placement: In May, 2020, students took AP exams in English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, Micro Economics, Music Theory, and Statistics. The average score of the 48 students taking 65 AP exams was 3.1 with a pass rate of 68%.

College Acceptances: Aquinas Academy students have been offered admission to schools including:

Allegheny College	Kenyon College	Stanford University
Auburn University	LaRoche University	Syracuse University
Ave Maria University	Lehigh University	The New School
Boston College	Loyola College, Baltimore	Tulane University
Boston University	Marietta College	University of Alabama
Bucknell University	Marquette University	University of Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Dallas
Case Western Reserve University	Miami University of Ohio	University of Dayton
Catholic University, Honors College	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Findlay
Christendom College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Maryland
Cleveland Institute of Music	New York University	University of Navarre, Spain
Colorado College	Northeastern University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Colgate University	Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame
College of the Holy Cross	Peabody Institute (Johns Hopkins Music Conservatory)	University of Pittsburgh, Honors College
College of William and Mary	Penn State-Schreyers, Honors College	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	University of Texas at Austin
Davidson College	Providence College	University of Virginia
Denison University	Purdue University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
DeSales University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	United States Marine Corps
Dickinson College	Robert Morris University	United States Military Academy
Drexel University	Rochester Institute of Technology	United States Naval Academy
Duke University	Rosemont College	Vanderbilt University
Duquesne University	Seton Hall University	Villanova University
Emerson College	State University of New York	Virginia Military Institute
Fordham University	St. Bonaventure University	Virginia Tech University
Franciscan University	St. Francis University	Wake Forest University
Georgetown University	St. John University	Washington University, St. Louis
Georgia Institute of Technology	St. John Fisher College	Washington & Jefferson College
Gonzaga University	St. Mary's College Notre Dame	Washington & Lee University
Grove City College	St. Vincent College	Yale University
Hampden Sydney College		
Hendrix College		
Hillsdale College		
Hobart and William Smith Colleges		
John Carroll University		