

AQUINAS ACADEMY

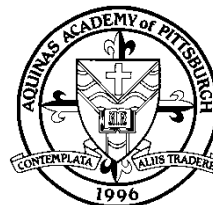
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PROFILE 2018-2019

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 ranked the #1 Catholic High School in Pennsylvania in 2015 and 2016 and the #1 Catholic High School in Pittsburgh in 2015 – 2018. 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: 416 total, 105 in the High School. The student body is largely Roman Catholic, but from economically diverse homes. 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: 34 Full Time/11 Part Time

Administration:

Mrs. Leslie Mitros, *Head of School*

Mr. Michael Burchill, *Assistant Head of School*

Mrs. Wendy Maglio, *Academic Dean*

Mr. Joseph Austin, *Director of Enrollment and Communications*

Mr. Juan Mata, *Director of Admissions*

Mrs. Melaine Kachmar, *Lower School Director*

Mr. Nicholas Salinas, *Middle School Director*

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

Mr. Richard Meland, *High School Co-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 2019:

Class size: 25

Test Scores: Middle 50%

PSAT/NMSQT- ERW: 620-690
Average: 654Math: 560-660
Average: 599SAT- ERW: 640-720
Average: 676Math: 590-710
Average: 637ACT - Composite: 25-34
Average: 29

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

2017-2018 Grade Distribution

A 58% B 32% C 9% D 1% F 0%

School Policy precludes computation of class rank.

Advanced Placement: In May, 2018, students took AP exams English Literature and Composition, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, Physics C: Mechanics, and Statistics. The average score of the 40 students taking 81 AP exams was 3.27 with a pass rate of 76.5%.

College Acceptances: In the recent past, Aquinas Academy students have been offered admission to schools including:

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