



THE HIGH SCHOOL

Description

The High School of the Academy accommodates grades nine through twelve and has an enrollment of about 150 students. Each class in the High School has faculty moderators who assist with class meetings, service projects, field trips, peer issues and special events.

The High School offers a challenging learning environment specifically designed for the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs of young women. The curriculum is college-preparatory and focuses on academic material that is required and recommended by top universities across the United States. During the High School years, girls continue to develop intellectual excellence, leadership skills, and the power of personal decision-making. The School Community Governance organizations give every student a voice in campus affairs and activities. Faculty members encourage students to develop their full academic potential and provide them with the tools needed to lead lives reflective of the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Education.

Accreditation and Membership

- The Academy is accredited by the following organizations:
- Network of Sacred Heart Schools
- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest
- Louisiana State Department of Education

Administration and Faculty

Ms. Mary Burns, Headmistress
 Mrs. Sheila Kurtz, Head of the High School
 Mrs. Shannon Aucoin, Dean of Students

Curriculum

High School students at the Academy select courses from among the following:

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| Religion I, II, III, IV | Art Survey |
| English I, II, III, IV | Chorus |
| Vocabulary/Creative Writing | Photography |
| English as a Second Language I, II, III | Stage Production |
| World History I, II | Studio Art |
| American History | Pottery |
| English as a Second Language American History | Dance |
| Government | Yearbook |
| American Women Studies | Honors courses: |
| Physical Education I, II | English |
| English Riding | Foreign Language |
| Pre-Calculus | Math |
| Calculus | Science |
| Algebra I, II | Adv. Placement Courses: |
| Geometry | English |
| Advanced Math | American History |
| Environmental Science | Government |
| Biology I, II | Calculus |
| Chemistry | Foreign Language |
| Physics | |
| Spanish I, II, III, IV | |
| French I, II, III, IV | |

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 28 credits to receive a diploma from the Academy. The following are required:

Religion	4 credits	Foreign Language	3 credits
English	4 credits	Fine Arts	2 credits
History	4 credits	P.E.	2 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	Electives	
Science	3 credits	Community Service	Each year

Co-Curricular Activities

- Liturgy

Catholic faith and practice are a rich, inherent part of the Academy. The entire school celebrates Mass together once a month. In addition, the High School celebrates the Liturgy in the chapel every other week. Students are encouraged to participate in the celebration by singing in the chorus, reading, bringing up gifts in the offertory procession, or playing a musical instrument.

- Spirit Week

Spirit Week has been a special part of the Academy's tradition for many years. Spirit Week is usually held the third week of school and is an exciting time for all students. Each class at the Academy is assigned a class color. The girls brainstorm about class mottoes and songs and plan skits that are performed at the end of the week for the entire school community to enjoy. Throughout the week, spirit activities include crazy sock day, crazy hat day, crazy tie day and goûters. Spirit Week helps bring the students together and promotes unity, cooperation and community in the individual classes and in the school as a whole.

- Class Retreats

Each grade level in the High School participates in a class retreat. Retreats are usually held off campus and provide important time away from day to day school activities. They give the students an opportunity to consider their relationships with God, themselves and one another. Class retreats are a vital part of school life as the students seek to build community and faith.

- Athletics

Organized athletic teams at the High School level include English riding, volleyball, basketball, track and field, cross-country, swimming, tennis and soccer. Supporting the athletic program, cheerleaders rouse enthusiasm and promote team spirit. The Academy is a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and our students compete with teams from local public and private schools in Division AA. The athletic program promotes cooperation among team members as well as sportsmanship and physical fitness.

- Community Service Program

The Community Service Program is an essential part of the Academy. It seeks to educate the students towards a social awareness that will compel them to assume an active role in their communities. Students in each grade level have a requirement to perform community service hours annually and to reflect on their service experiences. Part of the Junior religion course is a social justice class which includes both the study of church teachings on social justice and actual community service.

- Clubs and Organizations

The High school offers a variety of clubs and organizations to suit students' interests. The School Community Governance (SCG) program includes a diverse group of organizations open to all students. These groups work together for the common good of the high school community through planning and programming. SCG Committees include Social Justice, Campus Ministry, and Environmental Awareness. Meetings are held during weekly activity periods, and all girls are encouraged to become involved. The Academy also offers organizations such as the National Honor Society, French Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Speech Squad, Newspaper, Student Council, Math Club, and Computer Club.

- Network Exchange Program

The Exchange Program is an exciting opportunity available to tenth and eleventh grade students. Students who are in good academic standing and conduct may apply to spend a quarter of the academic year in another Sacred Heart school in the United States or abroad. This program offers our girls another opportunity to experience what Sacred Heart is all about. Recently, we have had students attend our schools in Omaha, Nebraska, Washington, D.C., Seattle, Washington and Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Academy has welcomed Sacred Heart students from Mexico, Canada, Australia, and California, as well as from other areas around the United States

- May Projects

As part of the Academy graduation requirements, each senior participates in a two-week experiential learning project. This gives her the opportunity to engage in an activity specifically designed to prepare her for a career, and to allow her to work with a service organization or to follow a special interest. With appropriate guidance, each student assumes responsibility for arranging her project and presents it to her class moderator for approval. Project requirements include oral and written reports, as well as a journal.

Entrance Testing

Testing for High School applicants is done on an individual basis. The testing process lasts approximately two and one half hours.

Appointments for testing may be scheduled through the Office of Admission.

Tours and Visitation Days

The Academy welcomes families who are interested in learning more about Sacred Heart education. Individual tours are available by appointment. Applicants are encouraged to spend a day with their prospective class; limited bus transportation is available for visiting applicants. Visitation days must be scheduled in advance through the Office of Admission.

**College
Acceptances for
the Past Four
Years**

Auburn University	Memphis State	University of Colorado
Baylor University	Millsaps College	University of Dallas
Birmingham-Southern	Mississippi State University	University of Denver
Boston College	Moorhead College	University of Florida
Boston University	New England Culinary Institute	University of Georgia
Centenary College	New York University	University of Idaho
Centre College	Northeastern	University of Michigan
Chatham College	Northwestern	University of Mississippi
Clemson University	Oglethorpe University	University of New Orleans
Colorado State	Our Lady of the Lake	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Columbia College	Pennsylvania State	University of Richmond
College of Charleston	Purdue	University of Rochester
Converse College	Randolph Macon College	University of South Carolina
Cumberland College	Rhodes University	University of Southern Mississippi
Davidson College	Rice University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Honors College)
Davis and Elkins College	Roanoke College	University of Texas at Austin
Duke University	Rochester University	University of Virginia
Eckerd	Savannah College of Art and Design	Vanderbilt
Emerson College	Schreiner University	Wake Forest University
Emory University	Seton Hill College	Wichita State University
Franciscan University	Smith College	William and Mary
Franklin Pierce	Southwestern University of Texas	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Georgetown	Spring Hill College	Xavier University
Georgia Tech	St. Andrews College	
Goucher College	Stanford University	
Grinnell College	Texas A&M	
Hendrix College	Trinity University	
Howard University	Tulane University	
Knox College	U.S. Air Force Academy	
Louisiana Scholars College	University of Alabama	
Louisiana State University (Honors College)	University of CA – Irvine	
Louisiana Tech University	University of CA – Riverside	
Loyola University	University of CA – Santa Barbara	
Loyola University-Chicago		
Maryville University		
Massachusetts Institute Of Technology		