

AQUINAS ACADEMY

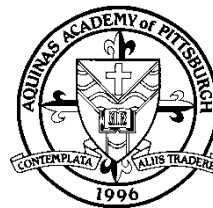
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PROFILE 2021-2022

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 seven years in a row 2015 – 2021. 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: 486 total, 158 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, *HS Athletic Director*

Mrs. Jennifer DeWitt, *LS/MS Athletic Director*

Mrs. Michelle Repasky, *Lower School Director*

Mr. Nicholas Salinas, *Middle School Director*

Mr. Tyler Deschamps, *High School Co-Director*

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

Mr. Richard Meland, *Director of Sacred Liturgy*

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 2022:

Class size: 51

Test Scores: Middle 50%

PSAT/NMSQT- ERW: 580-680

Math: 520-630

Average: 630

Average: 577

SAT-

ERW: 610-700

Math: 560-690

Average: 652

Average: 630

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

2020-2021 Grade Distribution

A 62.2%

B 26.3%

C 7.1%

D 4.0%

F 0.4%

School Policy precludes computation of class rank.

Advanced Placement: In May, 2021, students took AP exams in English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, French Language and Culture, Physics C Mechanics, and Statistics. The average score of the 64 students taking 95 AP exams was 3.4 with a pass rate of 75%.

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

Allegheny College

Auburn University

Ave Maria University

Boston College

Boston University

Bucknell University

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Catholic University, Honors College

Christendom College

Cleveland Institute of Music

Colorado College

Colgate University

College of the Holy Cross

College of William and Mary

Cornell University

Davidson College

Denison University

DeSales University

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University

Duquesne University

Elon University

Emerson College

Fordham University

Franciscan University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gonzaga University

Grove City College

Hampden Sydney College

Hendrix College

Hillsdale College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

John Carroll University

Kenyon College

LaRoche University

Lehigh University

Loyola College, Baltimore

Marietta College

Marquette University

Massachusetts Institute of

Technology

Miami University of Ohio

Mount St. Mary's University

Mount Holyoke College

New York University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Peabody Institute (Johns

Hopkins Music Conservatory)

Penn State-Schreyers, Honors

College

Pepperdine University

Providence College

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute

Robert Morris University

Rochester Institute of

Technology

Rosemont College

Seton Hall University

Sewanee

State University of New York

St. Bonaventure University

St. Francis University

St. John University

St. John Fisher College

St. Mary's College Notre Dame

St. Vincent College

Stanford University

Syracuse University

The New School

Tulane University

University of Alabama

University of Chicago

University of Dallas

University of Dayton

University of Findlay

University of Maryland

University of Navarre, Spain

University of North Carolina,

Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame

University of Pittsburgh, Honors

College

University of Richmond

University of Texas at Austin

University of Virginia

United States Merchant Marine

Academy

United States Marine Corps

United States Military Academy

United States Naval Academy

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

Virginia Military Institute

Virginia Tech University

Wake Forest University

Washington University, St. Louis

Washington & Jefferson College

Washington & Lee University

Yale University