



# SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

A Jesuit school founded in 1869.

## 2008-2009 School Profile

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### MISSION

Saint Ignatius College Prep is a Jesuit college preparatory school that insists on academic creativity and innovation from both adults and students, supported by the framework of its strong educational tradition and measured against the highest national and international standards of excellence. It is the mission of Saint Ignatius College Prep to prepare students for a life characterized by integrity, lifelong learning, and compassionate service in society.

The school provides challenging and comprehensive programs that prepare young men and women for college admission and college success.

### ACCREDITATION/ASSOCIATIONS

Jesuit Secondary Education Association  
National Catholic Education Association  
North Central Association  
State of Illinois

MEMBER: NACAC, IACAC, and the JHSCCA  
(Jesuit High School College Counseling Association)

Saint Ignatius College Prep is a Jesuit, urban, coeducational high school, grades 9-12. Founded in 1869, the school uses its original building and modern facilities located 1.5 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop and adjacent to the University of Illinois at Chicago. A National Historic Landmark, our school building is located on a 24-acre campus and is one of only five existing Chicago buildings to predate the Great Fire of 1871.

### ADMISSION

Admission to the school is selective. Saint Ignatius does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. It is the policy of Saint Ignatius that no student will be unable to attend the school due to financial hardship. For this reason, we have a long tradition of providing substantial tuition assistance.

For the Class of 2009, more than 810 candidates took the Saint Ignatius entrance exam (the HSPT) in January of 2005 for 350 places in the freshman class.

### ENROLLMENT/DIVERSITY

A total enrollment of 1344 students, with a current senior class size of 333 students, represents a rich diversity of ethnic backgrounds from many of the private and public grammar schools in the urban and suburban Chicago metropolitan area. Over 32% of our students are of ethnicities other than Caucasian including a record 35% of our incoming freshman class.

### FACULTY

Of the 123 administrators, professional staff, and faculty, 84% hold master's degrees or beyond. The student to administrator/professional staff/faculty ratio is 11:1 and the student to faculty ratio is 16:1.

### 2008-2009 DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>For College Prep Diploma</u>	<u>For Honors Diploma</u>
English	4	4
Language	3 (in the same language)	4** (in the same language)
Mathematics	3	4**
Social Studies	3	3
Religious Studies	3.5	3.5
Lab Science	2	3**
Speech	.25	.25
Fine Arts	1	1
Technology	.25	.25
Physical Education	1	1
Electives	1.5	.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>24.5* (4 at Honors level) (1 at AP level)</b>

\* plus a minimum 3.0 GPA with no failing semester grade

\*\* A substitution of one credit within the department of Language, Math and Science may be made with approval from the Assistant Principal of Academic Programs.

**TESTING INFORMATION**

This summary of scores is for the Class of 2008 who took the ACT and/or SAT in 2006-2007.

**DEPARTMENTAL GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS  
FOR CLASS OF '09 - SIXTH SEMESTER**

<b>ACT - Number tested: 332</b>		
	<b>Saint Ignatius</b>	<b>State</b>
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Mean</i>
<b>English</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>20.4</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>20.6</b>
<b>Sci. Reas.</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>20.5</b>
<b>Comp.</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<b>SAT - Number tested: 256</b>		
	<b>Saint Ignatius</b>	<b>State</b>
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Mean</i>
<b>CR</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>583</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>601</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>578</b>

**2007-2008**

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS**  
11 Finalists and 22 Commended

**NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS**  
4 Finalists, 2 Semi-finalists and 1 Commended

**NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM**  
2 Scholars

**ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS**  
106

		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
ENGLISH	(+) +	7.49	12.28	4.49	1.20
	( )	20.36	16.17	6.59	2.40
	(-) -	18.26	6.59	2.69	0.90
LANGUAGE	(+) +	5.17	12.53	7.63	0.54
	( )	14.71	21.80	7.36	0.00
	(-) -	14.71	11.44	1.91	0.00
MATH	(+) +	6.02	12.05	7.23	2.11
	( )	20.48	21.69	5.72	0.90
	(-) -	12.35	7.53	3.61	0.00
SOCIAL STUDIES	(+) +	10.90	17.13	2.80	0.62
	( )	21.81	16.51	2.80	0.93
	(-) -	17.76	5.30	2.80	0.62
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	(+) +	8.11	15.02	3.90	0.60
	( )	23.42	19.82	3.00	0.90
	(-) -	17.42	5.71	2.10	0.00
LAB SCIENCES	(+) +	3.05	13.11	8.23	2.74
	( )	10.98	22.56	13.41	2.44
	(-) -	9.15	9.45	3.96	0.61
FINE ARTS	(+) +	23.53	5.88	1.96	0.00
	( )	39.22	2.94	0.00	0.00
	(-) -	24.51	1.96	0.00	0.00
ALL NUMBERS LISTED ARE PERCENTAGES. I.E.: 8.22 = 8.22 %					

**RANK/GRADE DETERMINATION EXPLANATION**

As a matter of policy, Saint Ignatius College Prep **does not rank** its students. In an effort to assist admission officers, we have provided a grade distribution for every department, the school wide grading scale and a grade range sampling for the Class of 2009.

**GPA RANGE SAMPLING - CLASS OF 2009 – SIXTH SEMESTER**

These are not deciles, but specific ranges chosen to allow admission officers to understand the rigor of our curriculum and better evaluate our transcripts. Based on a 4.0 scale:

**11.1 % of the Class of '09 ≥ 4.0 Cum. GPA**

**9.3% = 3.8 – 3.99**

**19.5% = 3.5 - 3.79**

**20.2% = 3.2 – 3.49**

**16.5% = 2.8 – 3.19**

**11.4% = 2.5 - 2.79**

**9.6 % = 2.0 - 2.49**

**2.4 % of the Class of '07 < 2.0 Cum. GPA**

**OFFICIAL GRADE SCALE**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Reg.Pts</i>
A+	98-99	4.33
A	95-97	4.00
A-	93-94	3.67
B+	91-92	3.33
B	87-90	3.00
B-	85-86	2.67
C+	83-84	2.33
C	79-82	2.00
C-	77-78	1.67
D+	75-76	1.33
D	72-74	1.00
D-	70-71	0.67
F	0-69	0.00

**TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

Saint Ignatius' academic year is divided into two semesters with official grades reported late January and mid-June. Official transcripts are released directly to an accredited educational institution only. Official test scores will be sent directly from the testing agency.

GPA's are weighted with an extra .33 for all "H" Honors courses and an extra .67 for all "AP" Advanced Placement courses. **The average GPA for the Class of '09 after six semesters was 3.37.**

*Abbreviations used on Transcript*

- H Honors Course
- AP Advanced Placement
- PBE Passed-by-Exam
- SUM Summer School course
- SST Self-study course
- TRF Course transferred from another school

Self-study grades and courses passed-by-exam are not averaged into the GPA. Summer school grades are averaged into the GPA.

**HONOR ROLL**

**3.83 and above = First Honors with Distinction**

**3.33 to 3.829 = First Honors**

**2.83 to 3.329 = Second Honors**

## SPECIAL CURRICULUM FEATURES

Saint Ignatius College Prep offers a rigorous academic curriculum in the classical, Jesuit tradition. The students follow a strict liberal arts program to develop skills in critical thinking, communication and learning. We are also committed to using the most recent technology available to enhance our educational programs. The student is encouraged to be curious, thus discovering and exploring new ideas and issues.

All students at Saint Ignatius are expected to carry a minimum of five courses in every semester of attendance. Generally, this means six courses per semester in freshman/sophomore year and five courses per semester in junior/senior year.

## HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

In May of 2008, a total of 499 students completed 961 Advanced Placement examinations. 75% achieved scores of 3 or higher with 48% achieving scores of 4 or 5. A sampling of our 79 Honors courses and AP courses:

### AP Courses are offered in:

Biology  
Calculus (AB/BC)  
Chemistry  
Computer Programming  
Comparative Government  
Economics  
English  
European History  
French  
French Literature  
Greek  
Java (computer programming)  
Latin  
Physics  
Spanish  
Spanish Literature  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
U.S. History

### Honors Courses are offered in:

Adv. Comp. & Literature  
Adv. Photography II, III, IV  
Adv. Studio Art II, III, IV  
Africa, Asia, Mid-East History  
African American History I, II  
African American Literature  
Algebra II/Trig  
American Studies  
Astronomy  
Biographical History  
Chemistry of Life  
Chicago Authors  
College Writing  
Creative Writing I, II  
Earth Science  
English (senior year only)  
Evil in Literature  
Finite Mathematics  
French III

### (Honors Continued)

Genetics  
Geometry  
Greek II, III  
Integrated Science I, II  
Irish Literature  
Hero in Literature  
History of Ancient Greece  
History of Ancient Rome  
Java (computer programming)  
Journalism  
Modern Hist. of Europe/Americas  
Myth/Amer. Melting Pot  
Myth & Modern Literature  
Pre-Calculus  
Political Theory  
Religion, Politics & Society  
Shakespeare  
Spanish III  
Urban Studies  
Women's Literature

## SERVICE

Our motto, "Men and Women for Others," is exemplified by the great amount of service that is completed by our students annually. Community service is an integral part of Jesuit education and all students are expected to perform service as part of their graduation requirements. While many opportunities are available throughout the year under the sponsorship of the Community Service Department, Saint Ignatius also hosts several summer service projects and immersion programs in Appalachia, Guatemala, Mississippi, Southern Illinois, and the city of Chicago.

## ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the academic diploma requirements described within this Profile, students must also complete a set number of community service hours their freshman and sophomore years. Further, they must participate in a sophomore service seminar as well as at least one of our junior retreat programs. While not a requirement, we also strongly encourage our students to be active outside of the classroom in one or more of the nearly 60 co-curricular activities offered at Ignatius.

## INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE EXPLANATION

All of our students take our Integrated Science course. Integrated Science is a two-year laboratory course which coalesces the traditional college preparatory courses of biology, chemistry and physics. We consider this course to cover three years of scientific study in two, and we instruct our students to note this in any application requiring them to list the number of years they have studied particular subjects. Successful completion of the Integrated Science program prepares the student for college level (advanced placement) courses in biology, chemistry and physics.

### *First Year*

- Nature of science, scientific method, measurement and metric system
- Kinematics -- velocity and acceleration
- Dynamics -- force, Newton's Laws of motion and gravitation
- Matter and energy
- Atomic structure and nuclear science
- The nature of waves (sound & light), electrons & the Periodic Table
- The chemical bond
- Nomenclature and formula writing
- Chemical equations -- meaning of and balance
- Stoichiometry
- Biochemistry as an introduction to biology
- Diversity and classification of living things
- The cell

### *Second Year*

- Newton's Laws -- vector treatments
- Equilibrium -- motions and vectors
- Optics
- Kinetic theory and behavior of gases
- PV work, heat and thermodynamics
- Electricity -- fields, currents, circuits and magnetism
- Solution chemistry and ionization
- Acid-base theory and neutralization reactions
- Photosynthesis and respiration
- Plant maintenance -- nutrition and structure
- Genetics
- Ecology
- Animal maintenance -- nutrition, transport, respiratory system, etc.

**GRADUATES FROM THE CLASSES OF 2003-2008 HAVE ENROLLED AT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Amer Acad of Dramatic Arts	Fort Lewis College	Oakton Comm. Coll.	The Universities of:
American University	French Culinary Institute	Oberlin College	Arizona
American University/Paris	Georgetown University	Occidental College	California/Santa Cruz
Amherst College	George Washington Univ.	Ohio State University	Central Florida
Antioch College	Gordon College	Ohio University	Chicago
Aquinas College	Grand Valley State University	Ohio Wesleyan University	Cincinnati
Arizona State University	Grinnell College	Oral Roberts University	Colorado/Boulder
Assumption College	Guilford College	Point Park University	Dallas
Aurora University	Hamilton College	Pomona College	Dayton
Ball State University	Hampton College	Prairie View A&M Univ.	Delaware
Bard College	Harvard College	Princeton University	Denver
Barry University	Herefordshire College (UK)	Providence College	Illinois/Chicago
Belmont University	Holy Cross College (IN)	Purchase College/SUNY	Illinois/Springfield
Beloit College	Hobart & Wm Smith Colleges	Purdue University	Illinois/Urbana Champaign
Benedictine University	Hope College	Purdue Univ/Calumet	Iowa
Bennington College	Howard University	Quincy University	Kansas
Berry College	Humboldt State University	Regis University	Kentucky
Boston College	Illinois Institute of Art	Rhode Isl. School of Design	Maryland
Boston University	Illinois Inst. of Tech	Rollins College	Massachusetts/Amherst
Bowdoin College	Illinois State University	Roosevelt University	Michigan/Ann Arbor
Bowling Green State Univ.	Illinois Wesleyan University	Salve Regina College	Mississippi
Bradley University	Indiana Univ./Bloomington	Santa Clara University	Missouri/Columbia
Brown University	Iona College	Sarah Lawrence College	Montana
Butler University	Iowa State University	Savannah C. of Art & Des.	Nebraska/Lincoln
Calvin College	Ithaca College	School of the Art Inst./Chi.	New Orleans
Carleton College	Ivy Tech University	Seattle University	Notre Dame
Carnegie Mellon University	John Carroll University	Seton Hall University	Oklahoma
Carthage College	Johns Hopkins University	Shimer College	Oregon
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Johnson & Wales College.	Smith College	Pennsylvania
Catholic University	Kansas State University	South. Ill. Univ. /Carbondale	Puget Sound
Chapman University	Kenyon College	Southern Methodist Univ	Redlands
City Colleges of Chicago	King College	Spelman College	Rochester
Clark Atlanta University	Knox College	Spring Hill College	San Diego
Clarke College	Lake Forest College	St. Ambrose University	San Francisco
Coe College	Lake Superior State Univ.	St. Andrews Univ. /Scotland	South Carolina
Coker College	Lawrence Univ./WI	St. Anselm College	Southern California
Colgate University	Lewis University	St. John's College/MD	St. Thomas
College of Charleston	Lewis and Clark College	St. John's College /NM	Tennessee
College of the Holy Cross	Liberty University	St. John's Univ./NY	Texas/Austin
College of William and Mary	Lindenwood College	St. Joseph's College/IN	Vermont
College of Wooster	Loras College	St. Joseph's College/ME	Virginia
Colorado College	Louisiana State University	St. Joseph's University/PA	Washington
Colorado State University	Loyola College/Maryland	St. Louis University	Wisconsin/Madison
Columbia College/Chicago	Loyola Marymount Univ. /CA	St. Mary's College/CA	Wisconsin/Steven's Point
Columbia Univ. /New York	Loyola Univ. /Chicago	St. Mary's College/IN	Wyoming
Cornell College/Iowa	Loyola Univ. /New Orleans	St. Mary's College/MD	Valparaiso University
Cornell Univ. /New York	Lynn University	St. Mary's University/MN	Vanderbilt University
Creighton University	Macalester College	St. Norbert College	Vandercook Col of Music
Dartmouth College	Marquette University	St. Olaf College	Vassar College
Davidson College	Maryland Institute of Art	St. Xavier University	Villanova University.
Denison University	MIT	Stanford University	Wake Forest University
DePaul University	McGill Univ. /Canada	Swarthmore College	Warren Wilson College
DePauw University	Miami Univ. /Ohio	Syracuse University	Washington and Lee
Drake University	Michigan State University	Temple University	University
Dominican University	Middlebury College	Texas A&M University	Washington Univ. /MO
Duke University	Milwaukee School of Engin.	Texas Tech University	Wesleyan University
Earlham College	Montana State University	Trinity College/CT	Western Ill. Univ.
Eastern Ill. University	Moraine Valley Comm Coll	Trinity College/Dublin	Western Michigan Univ
Eckerd College	Morehouse College	Triton College	Wheaton College
Elmhurst College	Mount Holyoke College	Truman State University	Whitman College
Embry Riddle Aeronautical	New England Con of Music	Tufts University	Whittier College
Emory University	New York University	Tulane University	Willamette University
Eugene Lang College	Northeastern University	Tusculum College	Williams College
Fairfield University	Northeastern Ill. University	U.S. Air Force Academy	Winona State
Fisk University	Northern Illinois University	U.S. Military Academy	Xavier Univ. /OH
Florida A and M University	Northern Michigan University	U.S. Naval Academy	Xavier Univ. /LA
Fordham University	Northwestern University		Yale Univ.



**HIGHER EDUCATION ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2008**

**Four year college/university: 99% Two year: 1% In-state: 28% Out-of-state: 72%**

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME** to visit our campus during the fall semester and meet with our juniors and seniors during their free period (11:56 AM – 12:37 PM). Call the College Counseling office to arrange a visit.