



# SAINT IGNATIUS

COLLEGE PREP

*Founded in 1869 as Chicago's first Jesuit school.*

## 2011-2012 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  
AdvancEd  
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 or admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs. Saint Ignatius College Prep has a long tradition of providing substantial tuition assistance for those students and families with need.

For the Class of 2012, more than 819 candidates took the Saint Ignatius entrance exam (the HSPT) in January of 2007 for 345 places in the freshman class.

### ENROLLMENT/DIVERSITY

A total enrollment of 1383 students, with a current senior class size of 324 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. Geographically, students attend from over 295 different grammar schools and over 145 different zip codes. Over 32% of our students are of ethnicities other than Caucasian.

### FACULTY

Within the 143 administrators, professional staff, and faculty, 82% hold a master's degrees or higher. The student-to-administrator/professional staff/faculty ratio is 10:1 and the student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1.

### 2011-2012 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	3.5/4	3.5/4
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* (3 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 2011 who took the ACT and/or SAT in 2009-2010.

<b>ACT - Number tested: 306</b>		
	<b>Saint Ignatius</b>	<b>State</b>
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Mean</i>
<b>English</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>20.6</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>Sci. Reas.</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>
<b>Comp.</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>
<b>SAT - Number tested: 163</b>		
	<b>Saint Ignatius</b>	<b>State</b>
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Mean</i>
<b>CR</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>617</b>
<b>Writing</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>591</b>

**Class of 2011**

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS**

11 Finalists 1 Semi-Finalist and 13 Commended

**NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS**

2 Finalists and 7 Outstanding Participants

**NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

1 Honorable Mention Scholar

**ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS**

114

**TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

The Saint Ignatius College Prep academic year is divided into two semesters with official grades reported late January and early 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 .66 for all "AP" Advanced Placement courses. **The average GPA for the Class of 2012 after six semesters was 3.40.**

*Abbreviations used on Transcript*

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

Courses graded as *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**

**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 2012.

**DEPARTMENTAL GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS  
FOR CLASS OF 2012 - SIXTH SEMESTER**

		A	B	C	D
ENGLISH	(+)	6.96	14.05	6.16	1.19
	( )	14.88	19.55	6.43	0.93
	(-)	19.98	7.29	2.25	0.33
LANGUAGE	(+)	9.30	15.25	4.87	1.38
	( )	19.17	18.88	4.72	0.51
	(-)	14.81	8.42	2.54	0.07
MATH	(+)	6.50	12.51	7.99	1.63
	( )	13.85	19.65	9.68	1.13
	(-)	12.72	9.96	3.82	0.28
SOCIAL STUDIES	(+)	8.09	15.04	3.84	0.65
	( )	22.08	18.81	5.07	0.82
	(-)	16.76	7.52	0.80	0.16
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	(+)	7.08	13.04	9.94	0.60
	( )	12.42	22.93	10.37	0.43
	(-)	15.69	6.14	0.94	0.17
LAB SCIENCES	(+)	2.37	14.71	7.78	1.42
	( )	15.37	18.79	9.20	2.18
	(-)	13.28	10.06	3.61	0.85
FINE ARTS	(+)	18.53	11.73	0.47	0.16
	( )	35.03	8.99	0.39	0.00
	(-)	22.67	1.88	0.08	0.00
ALL NUMBERS LISTED ARE PERCENTAGES. I.E.: 8.22 = 8.22 %					

**OFFICIAL GRADE SCALE**

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Reg. Pts</i>
A+	98-100	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

**GPA RANGE SAMPLING – CLASS OF 2012–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:

- 10.5 % of the Class of 2011 ≥ 4.00 Cum. GPA**
- 15.7% = 3.75 – 3.99**
- 17.9% = 3.50 - 3.74**
- 20.7% = 3.20 – 3.49**
- 20.7% = 2.8 – 3.19**
- 10.2% = 2.4 - 2.79**
- 3.1% = 2.0 - 2.39**
- 1.2 % of the Class of 2011 < 2.0 Cum. GPA**

## 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 students are 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 2011, a total of 519 students completed 963 Advanced Placement examinations. Overall, 77% achieved scores of 3 or higher with 51% 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 Science (A level)  
Comparative Government  
Economics  
English  
European History  
Environmental Science  
French Language  
Latin – Vergil  
Music Theory and Ear Training  
Physics (B)  
Spanish Language  
Spanish Literature  
Statistics  
Studio Art  
U.S. History

### Honors Courses are offered in:

Advanced Photography 2,3,4  
Advanced Studio Art 2,3,4  
African American Literature  
Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
American Cultural Studies  
Astronomy  
Band  
Biographical History  
Chemistry of Life  
Chicago History and Politics  
College Writing  
Creative Writing 1,2  
Earth Science  
Economics  
English (senior year only)  
Evil in Literature  
Faith/Catholic Tradition  
Finite Mathematics  
French 3  
Genetics 1,2

### Honors Continued

Geometry  
Greek 2,3  
Independent Research  
Integrated Science 1,2  
History of Ancient Greece  
History of Ancient Rome  
Java (computer programming)  
Journalism  
Latin 3  
Music Theory  
Myth & Modern Literature  
Orchestra  
Pre-Calculus  
Political Theory  
Psychology  
Religion, Politics & Society  
Shakespeare  
Society and Technology  
Spanish 3  
U.S. Government

## 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 Formation and Ministry Department, Saint Ignatius also hosts several summer service projects and immersion programs in Appalachia, Guatemala, Mississippi, Louisiana, West Virginia, 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 Saint Ignatius.

## INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE EXPLANATION

All of our students take our Integrated Science courses. 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 fully prepares the students for college level (Advanced Placement) courses in biology, chemistry, physics and environmental science.

### 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 2007-2011 HAVE ENROLLED AT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Albion College	Fisk University	New England Conservatory of Music	The Universities of:
Allegheny College	Florida A & M University	New York University	Akron
American University	Florida State University	North Park University	Arizona
American Musical and Drama Academy	Fordham University	Northeastern University	California Los Angeles
Amherst College	Franciscan University Ohio	Northeastern Ill. University	Chicago
Appalachian State University	Georgetown University	Northern Illinois University	Cincinnati
Aquinas College	George Washington Univ	Northwestern University	Colorado /Boulder
Arizona State University	Georgia Southern University	Oakton Community College	Dayton
Auburn University	Gonzaga University	Oberlin College	Hawaii at Manoa
Ave Maria University	Grinnell College	Ohio State University	Illinois /Chicago
Ball State University	Guilford College	Oxford College of Emory University	Illinois /Springfield
Bates College	Hamilton College	Pace University	Illinois /Urbana Champaign
Belmont University	Hamline College	Parkland College	Iowa
Beloit College	Harvard University	Parsons School of Design	Kansas
Benedictine University	Hiram College	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	Kentucky
Bennington College	Hobart & Wm Smith Colleges	Penn State University	Maryland
Boston College	Hofstra University	Polytechnic Institute of NYU	Massachusetts /Amherst
Boston University	Holy Cross College (IN)	Pomona College	Miami
Bowdoin College	Hope College	Prairie View A&M Univ	Michigan /Ann Arbor
Bradley University	Howard University	Princeton University	Mississippi
Brown University	Humboldt State University	Providence College	Missouri /Columbia
Bucknell University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Purchase College /SUNY	Missouri/Kansas City
Butler University	Illinois State University	Purdue University	Montana
California Institute of Technology	Illinois Wesleyan University	Purdue Univ /Calumet	Nebraska /Lincoln
Carleton College	Indiana State University	Quincy University	New Orleans
Carnegie Mellon University	Indiana University	Reed College	Notre Dame
Carthage College	Indiana University Northwest	Regis University	Oklahoma
Case Western Reserve Univ	Iona College	Roosevelt University	Oregon
Catholic University of America	John Carroll University	Rose-Hulman Institute	Pennsylvania
Chapman University	Johns Hopkins University	Santa Clara University	Pittsburgh
City Colleges of Chicago	Johnson & Wales College	Sarah Lawrence College	Richmond
City Varsity School of Media and Creative Arts	Kalamazoo College	Savannah C. of Art & Des.	Rochester
Clarke University	Kansas State University	School of the Art Institute	San Diego
Coe College	Kendall College	Scripps College	South Carolina
Coker College	Kenyon College	Seattle University	Southern California
Colby College	Kirkwood College	Seton Hall University	St. Francis
Colgate University	Knox College	Shimer College	Tennessee
College of DuPage	Lake Forest College	Smith College	Texas /Austin
College of the Holy Cross	Lawrence University	South. Ill. Univ /Carbondale	Tulsa
College of William and Mary	Lehigh University	South Ill Univ/ Edwardsville	Utah
College of Wooster	Lewis University	Southern Methodist Univ	Vermont
Collin College Texas	Loras College	Spelman College	Virginia
Colorado College	Loyola University Maryland	Spring Hill College	Washington
Colorado State University	Loyola Marymount Univ	St. Ambrose University	Wisconsin /Madison
Columbia College /Chicago	Loyola University Chicago	St. Andrews Univ /Scotland	Wisconsin /Steven's Point
Columbia Univ /New York	Luther College	St. John's College /MD	Valparaiso University
Connecticut College	Lynn University	St. John's Univ /NY	Vanderbilt University
Cornell College	Macalester College	St. Joseph's College /IN	Vandercook Col of Music
Cornell University	Marquette University	St. Joseph's University /PA	Vassar College
Creighton University	Maryland Institute of Art	St. Louis University	Villanova University.
Dartmouth College	MIT	St. Mary's College /IN	Wake Forest University
Davidson College	McDaniel College	St. Mary's University /MN	Warren Wilson College
Denison University	Merrimack College	St. Norbert College	Washington and Lee University
DePaul University	Miami Univ /Ohio	St. Olaf College	Washington Univ /MO
DePauw University	Michigan State University	St. Xavier University	Wesleyan University
Dickinson College	Middlebury College	Stanford University	Western Ill. Univ.
Dominican University	Millikin University	Syracuse University	Western Michigan Univ
Drake University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Texas Christian University	Whittier College
Duke University	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Texas Tech University	Williams College
Earlham College	Moraine Valley Comm Coll	Tufts University	Willamette University
Eastern Illinois University	Morehouse College	Tulane University	Xavier Univ /OH
Elmhurst College	Morton College	Tusculum College	Xavier Univ / LA
Emerson College	Mount Holyoke College	U.S. Air Force Academy	Yale University
Fairfield University		U.S. Military Academy	
		U.S. Naval Academy	

**HIGHER EDUCATION ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 2011**

**Four year college/university: 99% Two year/International: 1% In-state: 31% Out-of-state: 69%**

**COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME** to visit our campus during the fall semester and meet with our students between 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM. Please call the College Counseling office to arrange a visit.