



Sacred Heart Catholic High School

2019-2020 Scholastic Profile

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Founded in 1900, Sacred Heart Catholic School enjoys a long history steeped in tradition, service and scholarship. It is the only Catholic school in the Pine Belt area and is located in historic downtown Hattiesburg. Sacred Heart Catholic High School is a co-educational, college preparatory high school, with an enrollment of more than 200 students in grades nine through twelve. Its student body is diverse, representing various racial, ethnic, economic and religious groups.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is accredited regionally, nationally and internationally adhering to all regulations of the Department of Education of the State of Mississippi, AdvancED's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), the National Catholic Education Association and the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

Mission Statement

"Sacred Heart School, a ministry of Sacred Heart Parish, anchored in the Christian faith, focuses on individual growth, academic excellence and service in a safe and nurturing environment." Sacred Heart Catholic School is an outstanding educational ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, that provides students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grades with a holistic educational experience rooted in Catholic tradition, faith and values. Sacred Heart's long standing tradition of academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment encourages all students to excel. Students and faculty, as well as parents, are led to faith in action in service to family, school and community.

Grading Scale

Beginning August 1, 2019, Sacred Heart Catholic School will use the grading scale listed below. It is not retroactive.

Transcripts containing grades earned using the previous grading scale will reflect all grading scales applicable to a student, and GPAs will be calculated using the appropriate grading scale for each year.

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| 93-100 | A | 4.0 |
| 90-92 | A- | 3.5 |
| 85-89 | B | 3.0 |
| 80-84 | B- | 2.5 |
| 75-79 | C | 2.0 |
| 70-74 | D | 1.0 |
| 0-69 | F | 0 |

Grading Scale prior to August 1, 2019:

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| A | 93-100 | 4.0 |
| B | 85-92 | 3.0 |
| C | 75-84 | 2.0 |
| D | 70-74 | 1.0 |
| F | 69 or below | 0 |

Grade Point Average

Sacred Heart reports both numerical grades and grades based on a four-point scale. The cumulative GPA is based on final grades earned in all Carnegie unit courses. Individual subject averages shown on the transcripts are not weighted.

Class Rank

Because of the school's selective admissions policy and the strong competitive performance of its students, Sacred Heart Catholic High School does not rank students, except for designation of valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation.

ACT Scores

All Sacred Heart graduates take the ACT. The school's average ACT scores for the past five years are listed below:

| Class | Sacred Heart | State |
|-------|--------------|-------|
| 2019 | 24.6 | TBD |
| 2018 | 24.4 | 18.6 |
| 2017 | 24.5 | 18.6 |
| 2016 | 25.1 | 18.4 |
| 2015 | 25.1 | 19.0 |

National Merit Scholarship Program

Statistics for the past five years are shown below:

| Class | Size | National Merit Semifinalists | National Merit Finalists | National Merit Commended Students |
|-------|------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2019 | 46 | | | |
| 2018 | 44 | 1 | 1 | |
| 2017 | 49 | | | 1 |
| 2016 | 41 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 2015 | 41 | 2 | 1 | |

Scholarships & Awards

The class of 2019 earned many scholarships and awards and numerous academic and leadership awards from individuals, colleges and universities. With 46 graduates, the Class of 2019 was offered \$2,847,145.00 in college scholarships.

Faculty

The Sacred Heart High School faculty and staff is comprised of 40 dedicated and experienced professionals, many of whom have earned post-graduate degrees.

Curriculum Profile

Sacred Heart Catholic High School's primary mission is to prepare students for college. Therefore, the curriculum is challenging. The school year is divided into four nine-week reporting periods. Classes meet on a traditional seven-period schedule. The number of Carnegie units required for graduation is 28, within the following subjects as listed: English – 4, Mathematics – 5, Science – 4, Social Studies – 4, Religion – 4, Foreign Languages – 2, Health and Physical Education – 1, Computer Applications – 1, Fine Arts Elective – 1, Other Electives – 2.

Course Offerings

English & Literature

AP English Literature & Composition
English 12
AP English Language & Composition
English 11
Accelerated English 10
English 10
Accelerated English 9
English 9

Mathematics

AP Calculus
Advanced Mathematics Plus
Algebra III
Algebra II
Geometry
Algebra I
Pre-Algebra

Science

Physics
Microbiology (*Beginning 2019-2020*)
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Earth & Space Science
Environmental Science
AP Chemistry (*Beginning 2019-2020*)
Chemistry I
Biology I
Contemporary Health

Social Studies

AP U.S. Government
U.S. Government
Economics
AP U. S. History
U. S. History
AP World History
World History
World Geography
Mississippi Studies

Foreign Languages

Latin I, II
Spanish I, II

Fine Arts

Theatre I, II
Choral Music
Percussion Ensemble (*Musical Performance*)
Strings (*Musical Performance*)
Visual Arts I

Computer/Business

Technology Foundations

Religion

Religion 12
Religion 11
Religion 10
Religion 9

Electives

ACT Prep
Creative Writing (*Beginning 2014-2015*)
Debate I, II, II
Dual Credit College Algebra
Dual Credit World Civilization (*2018-2019*)
Dual Credit Zoology (*2017-2018*)
Introduction to Journalism
Humanities I, II
Journalism Lab I, II
MS Writers (*2018-2019*)
Physical Education
Physical Education/Weightlifting
Problems in American Democracy
(*Beginning 2019-2020*)
Psychology
Sociology

Student Life

Sacred Heart Catholic High School students have many opportunities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally through participation in a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Campus Ministry, student government, speech and debate team, mock trial team, student publications, service groups, academic honor societies, choir, cheerleading, drama and special interest clubs are representative examples of the more than 15 co-curricular activities available to students.

Sacred Heart enjoys statewide and regional recognition for its competitive athletic programs. Varsity teams compete in the 1A classification of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) in swimming, cross country, volleyball, football, soccer, basketball, archery, bowling, powerlifting, softball, tennis, golf, track and baseball.