

# Catholic high schools are faith-based communities grounded in academic excellence.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is blessed with 33 excellent Catholic high schools that nurture discipleship in our students, leading them to personal and collective transformation. As a result of the Catholic high school experience, our students...

- Graduate at a rate of more than 98 percent, with 95 percent of graduates going on to college
- Earn millions of dollars in college scholarships each year
- Continue to be committed to helping others through community service
- Become civically engaged and can be found in leadership positions in business, government and non-profit organizations

These are very formative years in a student's life and the decision of where they attend high school can have lasting effects on college acceptance, scholarship potential and their success. Their experiences in high school give them a chance to understand the beliefs, purposes, issues and practices of Catholic faith without prejudice or pre-conceived notions. With a firm sense of their values and faith, students can boldly go out in to a world in need of help and make a difference.

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## ABOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools serve more than 75,000 students in 214 schools in Cook and Lake Counties. It is one of the largest private school systems in the United States and the recipient of the greatest number of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards of any school system – public or private. In July 2015, all Archdiocesan elementary and high schools were accredited by AdvancED, the largest community of educational professionals in the world.

## LEARN MORE

Our Catholic high schools host a variety of recruiting events, onsite visits, shadow days and open houses throughout the year. For more information on Catholic education, upcoming events and a list of Catholic high schools, please visit [schools.archchicago.org](http://schools.archchicago.org), or contact your local Catholic school office or contact:

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## CORE VALUES

Each of our Catholic high schools focus on the following core values:

### FAITH FORMATION

High school students gain four years of faith and moral instruction through their required theology classes. They participate in the sacraments, including regularly scheduled Masses, as well as prayer that marks the significant moments of the day. Students have the opportunity to participate in retreats and different service opportunities. Religious images are present throughout our schools reminding us of the Gospel call to live a holy life.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our high schools aim to provide an excellent Christ-centered education to enable each child to reach his or her greatest potential. Our Catholic high schools offer a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, as well as advanced placement and dual college credit courses to maximize college acceptance. We strive to educate the whole child – academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally – offering the arts, humanities and physical education.

### COMMITMENT TO ALL STUDENTS

An important part of our mission is our commitment to serve all families. Our Catholic high schools welcome families from all racial, economic and religious backgrounds.

### PARENT PARTNERS

Parents are the primary educators of their children, and we are committed to working with them to raise children who are faithful, focused and achieve the best of their abilities. We work with parents in our Catholic schools to find a meaningful way to be involved, share talents and engage in the journey and joy of their children's education.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to providing a faith-based, academically rigorous curriculum, our Catholic high schools also offer a variety of extracurricular activities for students, including athletics, fine arts, performing arts, student government, as well as various clubs and organizations. Contact your local Catholic high school for more information.

## MATCH AND FIT PHILOSOPHY

The diversity of educational programs available throughout our Catholic high schools enables us to provide the best *match* and *fit* between potential students and our school programs. The term *match* refers to the alignment between a student's elementary credentials such as grades: standardized test scores, strength of curriculum and the high school's academic program. The term *fit* is more broadly defined and refers to the other factors that would promote a successful high school experience such as: size of the

school, location to home, level of inclusivity/diversity, extracurricular activities offered, and the cost of tuition. It is important to visit the schools and become familiar with the programs to ensure a good match and fit.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

The annual Catholic High School Entrance Exam will take place the first Saturday of December and all high schools that administer an entrance exam will use the closed version of the High School Placement Test (HSPT) by Scholastic Testing Services, Inc.

For questions and more information about the Catholic High School Entrance Exam, please contact your local elementary school principal and/or Catholic high school. A complete list of Catholic high schools can be found on our website: [schools.archchicago.org](http://schools.archchicago.org).

Please note, high schools do not only rely on the entrance exam for acceptance. Official standardized test scores, as well as report cards and teacher recommendations, are used to paint a picture of the whole student.