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**Founded:** 1877

**Description:** Catholic, College Preparatory, Non-profit

**Student Body:** Coeducational, 9-12

**Senior Class:** 164

**Enrollment:** 620

**Religious Affiliation:**

Roman Catholic

**2023-24 Tuition:** \$16,995

Academy of Holy Angels (AHA) is a coeducational Catholic high school located in Richfield, MN. Richfield is an inner-ring suburb of Minneapolis with a population of approximately 37,000 people. Holy Angels draws students from 101 parochial and public grade schools and junior high schools across the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Holy Angels serves 620 students from diverse ethnic backgrounds. In 2022-23, our student body included:

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| African American: | 5%  |
| Asian:            | 5%  |
| Caucasian:        | 71% |
| Hispanic:         | 12% |
| Multiracial:      | 7%  |

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established Holy Angels as a girls school in 1877. It became a coeducational high school in 1972.

**Mission Statement**

Academy of Holy Angels (AHA) mission is to educate and nurture a diverse student population so that each student, as a whole person, may achieve full potential to excel intellectually, to live spiritually, to lead responsibly, to act justly, and to serve selflessly.

**Discipline**

It is the practice of Academy of Holy Angels not to report a student's disciplinary record to colleges and universities without the specific written permission of the parent or the adult student.



**Accreditation:**

Academy of Holy Angels is accredited by Cognia and in 2021, was named a Cognia School of Distinction. AHA has also been named a Star Tribune Top Workplace 2017-2023.



## A Note About our Programs

### AHA COVID RESPONSE

The 2020-21 school year was in-person all year with a variety of learning plans. The school year began with a hybrid, block plan and moved to a hybrid, 7 period day plan in early February.

Trimester three began with two weeks of in-school hybrid learning before moving to full in-person attendance with a 7 period day through the rest of the school year. Some students chose to be fully on-line for a portion or all the 2020-21 school year due to personal or family health concerns and students were able to be in class via online instruction. There was scattered asynchronous instruction for independent work and tutorials throughout the year on Wednesdays.

There was no reduction in grading standards or expectations. AHA was open for fully in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

### Writing Across the Curriculum

AHA's Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) program ensures that students develop many kinds of writing skills, and every class at AHA has a writing component. Each student maintains a writing portfolio for four years, and a complete writing portfolio is a graduation requirement.

### STARS Service Requirement

All students must complete 75 hours of service to graduate: 15 hours for ninth graders and 20 hours per year for tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders. AHA students completed 23,067 hours of service during the 2022-23 school year.

### STEM Diploma

AHA students can earn a STEM Diploma by enrolling in rigorous science and math courses, participating in related co-curriculars, and engaging in job shadow and internship experiences. Thirty-seven members of the class of 2023 earned STEM diplomas.

### Theater School

AHA's Theater School is a four-year academic program embedded in the general curriculum. It is designed so that students can fulfill their graduation requirements while focusing their elective credits in the theater curriculum. AHA's theater curriculum includes both technical and acting program tracks. Four members of the Class of 2023 earned Theater diplomas.

### World Language Seal

AHA and the MN Department of Education recognize the superior efforts of students who achieve bilingual or multilingual proficiency before graduation. These students have demonstrated language abilities in a second language according to national language standards and state approved testing protocols. They can earn a special designation on their diploma based on their level of achievement: Platinum, Gold or Proficiency. Sixteen members of the Class of 2023 were recognized with this achievement.



Admission to AP classes is not restricted. In the 2022-23 school year, 17 AP classes were offered and 282 students completed 570 Advanced Placement Examinations. Of the 570 exams taken, 66% received scores of 3 or higher. 78 were AP Scholars of some level and the average score was 3.59.

## Grade Distribution and Test Profile

### Grading system

Academy of Holy Angels weights grades for advanced and college credit classes.

| Letter Grade | Regular | Advanced |
|--------------|---------|----------|
| A            | 4.0000  | 4.5000   |
| A-           | 3.6667  | 4.1250   |
| B+           | 3.3333  | 3.7500   |
| B            | 3.0000  | 3.3750   |
| B-           | 2.6667  | 3.0000   |
| C+           | 2.3333  | 2.6250   |
| C            | 2.0000  | 2.2500   |
| C-           | 1.6667  | 1.8750   |
| D+           | 1.3333  | 1.5000   |
| D            | 1.0000  | 1.1250   |
| D-           | 0.6667  | 0.7500   |
| F            | 0       | 0        |

### Class Rank

Academy of Holy Angels elects to report class rank in the following manner: we report a specific rank for the top 10 students only; we will indicate a quartile rank for each student; rank is determined by overall cumulative GPA.

### Grade Point Average

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Highest GPA:   | 4.2427       |
| Middle GPA     | 3.5439       |
| Lowest GPA     | 2.0893       |
| Class of 2024: | 164 students |

### 2024 Class Quartile Distribution

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Quartile 1 | 3.8891-4.2427 |
| Quartile 2 | 3.5439-3.8890 |
| Quartile 3 | 3.1109-3.5438 |
| Quartile 4 | 2.0893-3.1108 |

### Test Scores: Class of 2023

#### Composite ACT

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Average score:   | 25.2  |
| Sample:  | 123   |
| Middle 50%:  | 22-28 |
| <i>AHA's test scores include all students, domestic and international.</i> |       |

#### SAT

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Average score:                      | 1305      |
| Math:                               | 640       |
| Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: | 665       |
| Sample:                             | 2         |
| Middle 50%:                         | 1210-1400 |

### Student Achievement Notes

In 2022-23, three AHA Seniors were named National Merit Finalists, one was named a National Merit Commended Scholar and one was named a National Hispanic Scholar.



## Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

Academy of Holy Angels offers a curriculum that prepares students for post-secondary education and life in the real world. Holy Angels is committed to providing rigorous learning opportunities that challenge learners to grow and explore. **Holy Angels students are not limited in the number of AP or Advanced classes they may choose.**

**English** (12 credits required)  
 English 9 or **Advanced English 9**  
 English 10 or **Advanced English 10**  
 English 11 or *AP Language and Composition*,  
 English 12 or *AP Literature and Composition*

**Fine Arts** (3 credits required)  
**Visual Arts**  
 Intro to Ceramics, Intro to Drawing, Intro to Painting, Intro to Digital Photography, Studio Art, Computer Art, Studio Ceramics, **AP Studio Art** (AP Studio Art offerings include 2D, 3D, and drawing)

**Music**  
 Concert Band and Concert Choir

**Theater/Communications**  
 Intro to Theatrical Arts, Acting I, Acting II, Acting III, Audition Techniques, Media Studies, Public Speaking & Presentation Styles, and Stagecraft Production

**Mathematics** (9 credits required)  
 Intermediate Algebra, **Advanced Intermediate Algebra** or Intermediate Algebra Concepts  
 Geometry, **Advanced Geometry** or Geometry Concepts  
**Advanced Accelerated Geometry/ Algebra II\***  
 Algebra II, **Advanced Algebra II**, or Algebra II Concepts  
 Problem Solving & Statistics  
 Survey of Mathematics  
 Pre-Calculus or **Advanced Pre-Calculus**  
 Intro to Calculus  
*AP Statistics*  
*AP Calculus AB*  
*AP Calculus BC*

**Physical Education**  
 (3 credits required)

**Science** (9 credits required) All science classes include labs.  
 Biology, **Pre-AP Biology**, *AP Biology*  
 General Chemistry, Chemistry,  
**Pre-AP Chemistry**, *AP Chemistry*  
*Anatomy & Physiology*  
 Physics, **AP Physics I & II**  
 Conceptual Physics  
 Engineering Science

**Social Studies** (9 credits required)  
 World History  
 Twentieth Century World Studies  
 U. S. History or **AP U. S. History**  
 U. S. Government or  
**AP U. S. Government & Politics**  
**AP Psychology**  
 Sociology  
 Contemporary World Affairs  
 Economics

**Practical Arts/Technology**  
 (8 courses offered as electives)  
**AP Computer Science**

**Theology** (12 credits required)  
 Jesus and the Christian Community  
 The Bible I, II  
 Sacraments  
 The Church and The Paschal Mystery  
 Prayer and Spirituality  
 Church History  
 Catholic Social Action  
 Campus Ministry Team\*\*  
 Moral Philosophy  
 Comparative Religions  
 Senior Theology Seminar

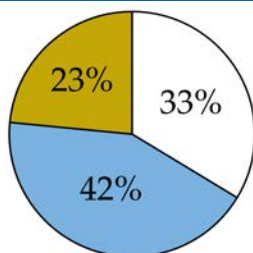
**World Language**  
 French I, II, III, IV  
 German I, II, III, IV  
 Spanish I, II, III, **AP Spanish IV, V**  
 Chinese I, II, III, IV



### Some important things the numbers tell you

- ★ 51% of our students receive financial aid. We're economically diverse.
- ★ 100% of our students are equipped with computers. Technology is thoroughly integrated into our curriculum.
- ★ 96% of our students participate in co-curricular. Co-curricular participation is an essential part of the high school experience.
- ★ Our average class size is 20 students.
- ★ The class of 2023 received \$16.3 million in scholarships and accepted \$4.5 million in college scholarships.

### 2023 College Matriculation Plans



- Out of State (Nationally)
- Surrounding States
- In State (MN)

\*Advanced Accelerated Geometry/Algebra II combines concepts from both subjects at a very fast pace and prepares students for Advanced Pre-Calculus.

\*\*Campus Ministry Team empowers students in leadership for ministry in the spiritual life of AHA. Students apply and are selected by faculty.

**Bolded** classes are weighted when calculating GPA.

**Bolded Italicized** classes indicate students can receive college credit through St. Mary's University of Minnesota PACC program.

# College Placement

All students in the class of 2023 earned diplomas; 97 percent are enrolled in college. This list includes post-secondary schools where AHA graduates are enrolled or have been accepted in the years from 2019-2023. (Colleges in bold type are schools where AHA graduates are currently enrolled.)

Adelphi University  
 Agnes Scott College  
**Allegheny College**  
 American University  
 American University of Paris  
 Anoka Technical College  
 Aquinas College  
**Arizona State University**  
 Assumption University  
 Auburn University  
**Augsburg University**  
 Augustana College  
 Augustana University (South Dakota)  
**Baldwin Wallace University**  
**Barnard College**  
 Barry University  
**Baylor University**  
 Belmont University  
**Beloit College**  
**Bemidji State University**  
**Benedictine College**  
**Benedictine University**  
 Bethany Lutheran College  
 Bethel University-MN  
 Bethune-Cookman University  
**Binghamton University**  
 Biola University  
 Bloomfield College of Montclair State University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bowling Green State University  
**Bradley University**  
 Brandeis University  
 Brown University  
 Bucknell University  
 Buena Vista University  
**Butler University**  
 California Lutheran University  
**California Polytechnic State University**  
 California State University, San Marcos  
**Carleton College**  
 Carroll College (Montana)  
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)  
 Carthage College  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Catholic University of America  
**Century College**  
 Chamaine University of Honolulu  
 Chapman University  
 Clark Atlanta University  
 Clarke University  
**Clemson University**  
 Coastal Carolina University  
**Coconino Community College**  
 Coe College  
 Colby College  
**Colgate University**  
 College Of Charleston  
**College of Saint Benedict**  
**College of St. Scholastica**  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 College of Wooster  
**Colorado College**  
 Colorado School of Mines  
**Colorado State University**  
 Columbia College Chicago  
 Columbia University  
 Concordia College, Moorhead  
 Concordia University, Irvine  
**Concordia University, St. Paul**  
 Coppin State University  
 Cornell College  
**Creighton University**  
**Crown College**  
**Dakota County Technical College**  
 Dallas Baptist University  
 Davidson College  
 DePaul University  
 DePauw University  
 Dickinson College  
 Dordt University  
 Dougherty Family College at  
 University of St. Thomas  
**Drake University**  
 Drexel University  
**Dunwoody College of Technology**  
 East Carolina University  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 Eckerd College  
 Elon University  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,  
 Daytona Beach  
 Emerson College  
 Fairfield University  
 Ferris State University  
 Flagler College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
**Florida Gulf Coast University**  
**Fordham University**  
 Franklin and Marshall College  
 Franklin University Switzerland  
 Full Sail University  
 Furman University

George Mason University  
**George Washington University**  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
 Gonzaga University  
**Grand Canyon University**  
 Grand View University  
**Gustavus Adolphus College**  
**Hamline University**  
 Hampton University  
 Haverford College  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hennepin Technical College  
**High Point University**  
 Hilbert College  
 Hobart William Smith College  
 Hofstra University  
 Holy Cross College  
 Holy Family College  
 Houghton College  
 Hunter College of the CUNY  
 Illinois Wesleyan University  
 Indiana State University  
**Indiana University at Bloomington**  
**Inver Hills Community College**  
**Iowa Central Community College**  
**Iowa State University**  
**Iowa Western Community College**  
 Ithaca College  
**James Madison University**  
 John Carroll University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Kansas State University  
 Kenyon College  
 King's College  
**Kirkwood Community College**  
 La Salle University  
**Lake Forest College**  
 Lawrence University  
 Le Moyne College  
**Lees-McKee College**  
 Lewis and Clark College  
 Liberty University  
**Lindenwood University**  
**Longwood University**  
 Loras College  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Loyola University Maryland**  
**Luther College**  
**Lynn University**  
**Macalester College**  
**Manhattan College**  
 Marist College  
**Marquette University**  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 Maryville University of Saint Louis  
 McGill University  
 Merrimack College  
**Metropolitan State University**  
**Metropolitan State University of Denver**  
**Miami University, Oxford**  
 Michigan State University  
**Michigan Technological University**  
 Midland University  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
**Minneapolis College**  
**Minnesota State University, Mankato**  
**Minnesota State University, Moorhead**  
**Missouri Western State University**  
**Monash University**  
**Montana State University, Bozeman**  
**Morgan State University**  
 Mount Mercy University  
 Mount Saint Mary's University, Chalon  
**New England College**  
 New School - All Divisions  
**New York University**  
 Newberry College  
**Normandale Community College**  
 North Carolina State University  
**North Central College**  
**North Central University**  
**North Dakota State College of Science**  
**North Dakota State University**  
 North Hennepin Community College  
**North Iowa Area Community College**  
 North Park University  
**Northeastern University**  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Northern Illinois University  
 Northern Michigan University  
 Northern State University  
 Northland College  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
 NYU Shanghai  
**Ohio State University**  
 Old Dominion University  
 Oregon State University  
 Pace University  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
 Pennsylvania State University, Berks  
 Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg  
 Pepperdine University

Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Portland State University  
 Prairie View A & M University  
 Providence College  
**Purdue University**  
 Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
 Purdue University, Northwest  
**Queens University**  
**Quincy University**  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Reed College  
**Regis University**  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rice University  
 Rider University  
**Ringling College of Art and Design**  
 Ripon College  
 Rochester Community and Technical College  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Rockhurst University**  
 Roger Williams University  
 Rollins College  
**Roosevelt University**  
**Rutgers University-New Brunswick**  
 Sacred Heart University  
 Saint Cloud State University  
**Saint John's University (MN)**  
 Saint Joseph's University  
 Saint Leo University  
**Saint Louis University**  
 Saint Mary's College  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
**Saint Mary's University of Minnesota**  
 Saint Michael's College  
 Saint Paul College  
 Salve Regina University  
**San Diego State University**  
 San Jose State University  
 Santa Ana College  
**Santa Clara University**  
**Sarah Lawrence College**  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Seattle Pacific University  
 Seattle University  
 Seton Hall University  
 Simmons University  
**Skidmore College**  
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology  
**South Dakota State University**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
 Southwest Minnesota State University  
 Southwestern Community College  
**St. Bonaventure University**  
**St. Catherine University - St. Paul**  
 St. Francis College  
**St. John's University - Queens Campus**  
 St. Norbert College  
**St. Olaf College**  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Stonehill College  
**Stony Brook University**  
 Suffolk University  
**SUNY Albany**  
 SUNY College of Agriculture and  
 Technology at Cobleskill  
**Syracuse University**  
 Temple University  
 Texas A&M University, College Station  
**Texas Christian University**  
 The College of Saint Rose  
 The Evergreen State College  
 Trinity College  
 Trinity College Dublin  
 Trinity Washington University  
 Truman State University  
**Tulane University**  
 Universita Bocconi  
**Universidad de Navarra**  
**University at Buffalo The State University of  
 New York**  
**University of Alabama**  
**University of Arizona**  
 University of California, Berkeley  
**University of California, Davis**  
 University of California, Irvine  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
 University of California, Riverside  
**University of California, San Diego**  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of Central Florida  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Cincinnati  
**University of Colorado, Boulder**  
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs  
 University of Colorado, Denver  
**University of Connecticut**  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Delaware  
**University of Denver**  
**University of Dubuque**  
 University of Edinburgh

University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Idaho  
**University of Illinois, Chicago**  
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
**University of Iowa**  
**University of Jamestown**  
**University of Kansas**  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Maine, Augusta  
 University of Maine, Orono  
**University of Manitoba**  
**University of Mary**  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of Massachusetts, Boston  
**University of Massachusetts, Lowell**  
 University of Miami  
**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
 University of Minnesota, Crookston  
**University of Minnesota, Duluth**  
**University of Minnesota, Morris**  
 University of Minnesota, Rochester  
**University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**  
 University of Mississippi  
**University of Missouri, Columbia**  
 University of Missouri, St. Louis  
 University of Mobile  
**University of Montana**  
**University of Nebraska, Lincoln**  
 University of Nebraska, Omaha  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
**University of Nevada, Reno**  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
 University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
**University of North Dakota**  
 University of Northern Colorado  
**University of Northern Iowa**  
 University of Northwestern  
**University of Notre Dame**  
 University of Oklahoma  
**University of Oregon**  
 University of Ottawa  
 University of Pittsburgh  
**University of Portland**  
**University of Puget Sound**  
 University of Redlands  
 University of Richmond  
**University of San Diego**  
**University of San Francisco**  
 University of Sioux Falls  
 University of South Alabama  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of South Dakota  
**University of Southern California**  
**University of St. Thomas (MN)**  
**University of Tampa**  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Utah  
**University of Vermont**  
**University of Virginia**  
**University of Washington**  
**University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**  
**University of Wisconsin, La Crosse**  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
**University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee**  
 University of Wisconsin, Platteville  
**University of Wisconsin, River Falls**  
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
**University of Wisconsin, Stout**  
**University of Wisconsin, Superior**  
 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater  
 Upper Iowa University  
 Utah State University  
 Valencia College  
**Valley City State University**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
 Vassar College  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Military Institute  
 Virginia State University  
**Viterbo University**  
 Washington College  
 Washington State University  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
 Wellesley College  
**Wesleyan University**  
 Western Michigan University  
 Wheaton College  
 Whittier College  
 Wichita State University  
 Wingate University  
**Winona State University**  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
 Xavier University  
**Xavier University of Louisiana**