



# Holy Names Academy: SCHOOL PROFILE

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## Our Mission

Holy Names Academy inspires young women of diverse beliefs and backgrounds to excel in life with confidence and courage, to think critically, act with purpose, advocate for justice, serve with compassion, and lead with integrity.

## The Academy

Holy Names Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school founded in 1880 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. The school offers excellent academic, arts, athletic, spiritual, and leadership programs that promote the development of the whole person in an environment of inclusion, collaboration, and community.

## The Numbers

Total Enrollment 2025-2026	535
Student / Teacher Ratio	13:1
Average Class Size	19
Ethnicity	
Students of Color	38.5%
American Indian / Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	11.6%
Black / African American / African	5.2%
Hispanic / Latina	4.9%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	1.3%
Multiracial	15.1%
White	58.3%
Information Not Shared	3.0%
Religion	
Catholic	52.5%
Non-Catholic	47.5%
Faculty	46
BA or BS Degrees	100%
MA or MS Degrees	95.7%
PhD or EdD Degrees	9.0%

## Grading

- Two 18-week semesters.
- A-F, including pluses and minuses.
- GPA is computed as: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.
- Advanced Placement grades are weighted as: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0.

## Profile 2025-2026

### CEEB Code 481100

Head of School & Principal: Kim Dawson  
Vice Principal of Academics: Marianne McGah  
Vice Principal of Student Life: Patti Smith  
Admissions Director: Christen Lambert  
College Counselor: Megan Diefenbach  
College Counselor: Anjelica Johnson

### Accreditation:

Northwest Association of Independent Schools  
Cognia

## College Admission/Enrollment, Class of 2025

- 72%** of the Class of 2025 reported academic scholarship and award offers from colleges and other organizations. Collective value: **\$32 million**
- 100%** (145 students) enrolled at 85 colleges/universities in 26 states, the District of Columbia, and four international countries (Canada, France, Ireland, Netherlands)
- 54% of students attending 48 private institutions
- 46% of students attending 37 public institutions
- 7% of students attending 8 international institutions
- 22% of students attending 14 Catholic institutions

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition (2025-26): \$25,020  
Fees: \$650 registration; \$40 application;  
\$275 activity fee (Grade 12: \$460);  
\$275-\$725 textbooks (digital & print) and class fees

## Financial Aid

Available in 2025-26: \$2.44 million  
Percentage of students on financial aid: 30.7%

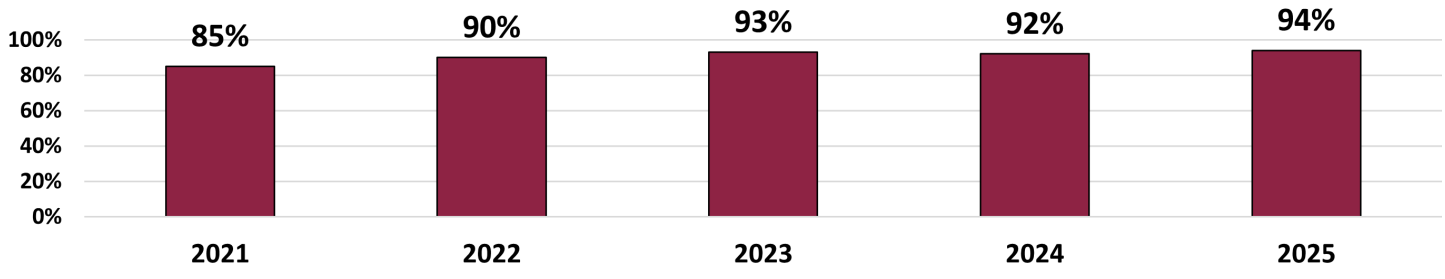
**Rank in Class:** *Holy Names Academy does not rank.*

Grade Distribution: Class of 2025 <i>as of end of 11th grade</i>	
Quintile	Weighted GPAs
1	4.20 - 4.41
2	4.06 - 4.20
3	3.97 - 4.06
4	3.72 - 3.97
5	2.63 - 3.72

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Holy Names Academy is strongly committed to offering its students broad access to Advanced Placement courses and national testing in a wide range of subjects. All students enrolled in an AP class are required to take the corresponding AP exam.

### Holy Names Academy Percentage of Total AP Students with Scores 3 or Higher

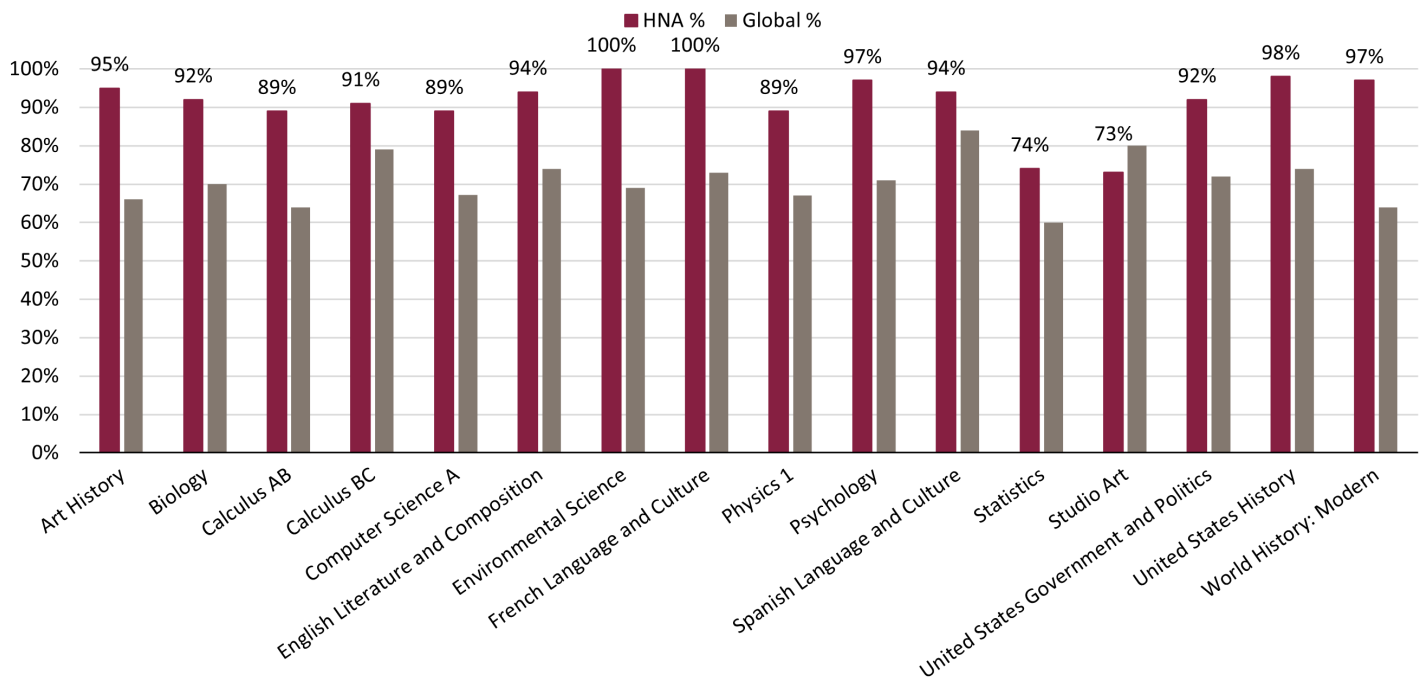


In 2025, the College Board awarded 198 AP Scholar designations to Holy Names Academy students:  
**113 AP Scholars with Distinction | 38 AP Scholars with Honor | 45 AP Scholars | 2 AP International Diplomas**

#### More AP 2025 Facts:

- **94%** of the 377 HNA students tested in 2025 earned a score of 3 or higher on at least one exam.
- **377** students completed **832** AP exams.
- **80%** of the Class of 2025 earned AP Scholar recognition and **55%** achieved the highest level of AP Scholar Award.

### AP Subject Exam Scores 2025: Scores of 3 or Higher



### AP Courses Offered at Holy Names Academy

Computer Science	English	Fine Arts	Language	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Computer Science A	English Literature & Composition	Art History Studio Art	French Language & Culture Spanish Language & Culture	Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics	Biology Environmental Science Physics 1	Psychology U.S. Government & Politics U.S. History World History: Modern

## Honors Courses

English: English 9; English 10; English 11  
Mathematics: Algebra II/Trigonometry; Geometry; Precalculus  
Science: Chemistry

## Graduation Requirements

<u>English</u>	4 years	<u>Fine Arts</u>	1 year	<u>International Language</u>	2 years
<u>Laboratory Science</u>	3 years	<u>Mathematics</u>	3 years	<u>Physical Education / Health</u>	1½ years
<u>Social Studies</u>	2 years	<u>Theology</u>	4 years	<u>Electives</u>	3½ years

## Student Leadership

More than 80% of students hold leadership positions during their four years:

Associated Student Body (ASB) • Campus Ministry & Community (CMC) • Multicultural Student Union (MSU)  
Sport & Spirit (SNS) • Class Officers & Representatives • Affinity Group Leaders • MSU Student Review Board  
Club Leaders • Athletic Team Captains • Student Ambassadors

## Athletics

Holy Names Academy Cougars compete in the Seattle Metropolitan High School League (3A classification).

**16 SPORTS OFFERED:** Basketball, Bowling, Cheer, Crew, Cross Country, Fastpitch Softball, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swim & Dive, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee (most offer Varsity, JV, and JVC-level teams)

**15 Metro League All-Sports Trophies** (2000, 2005, 2008 through 2019, 2022)  
Awarded to the Metro League school with the highest average finish in all league girls sports for the entire school year.

- Championships** since 1996:
- 18 Washington **State** 3A team championships
  - 34 **District** team championships
  - 78 **Metro League** championships
  - 30 Washington State 3A team **Academic** championships

**Championship Crew:** Holy Names Academy is one of a few high schools in the Pacific Northwest states to offer crew (rowing) as a full-fledged, interscholastic sport. For 20 consecutive years, HNA crew has qualified boats to compete at the USRowing Youth National Championships—winning gold medals in 2015 and 2017, silver and bronze medals in 2019, a silver medal in 2021, and a bronze medal in 2024. HNA crew has qualified to compete for 33 consecutive years at Boston’s Head of the Charles Regatta. HNA has hosted and run the Tail of the Lake Regatta for 31 consecutive years.

## Clubs and Activities

Holy Names Academy offers more than 30 student-led clubs that reflect individual interests, school values, and a commitment to community. Examples of established clubs include Future Business Leaders of America, Robotics, Dessert Club, Student Review Board, and National Honor Society. The Multicultural Student Union offers seven affinity groups to cultivate a sense of belonging.

## Music

Concert Choir, Advanced Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Instrumental Groups (e.g., Rock Band, String Quartet, Guitar Orchestra), Eclectic Strings, Private and Group Lessons

## Theatre and Film

International Thespian Society, Fall Play, Spring Musical, New Works Festival (plays, films, and musicals)

# College Matriculation for the Holy Names Academy Classes of 2022–2025

American Musical and Dramatic Academy\*  
 American University  
 The American University of Paris (France)\*  
 Arizona State University  
 ArtCenter College of Design  
 Bard College  
 Barnard College  
 Baylor University  
 Bellevue College\*  
 Benedictine College  
 Boise State University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University\*  
 Bowdoin College  
 Brown University\*  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 California Polytechnic State University,  
     San Luis Obispo\*\*  
 California State University, Maritime Academy  
 California State University, Northridge\*  
 Carleton College\*  
 Carroll College  
 Central Washington University\*  
 Chapman University\*\*  
 Clark Atlanta University\*  
 Clark University  
 Colgate University  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University\*  
 Columbia University  
 Columbia University (New York) - Sciences Po (France)  
 Connecticut College  
 Cornell University\*  
 Creighton University\*  
 Davidson College\*  
 DePaul University  
 DePauw University  
 Drexel University\*  
 Duke University  
 Eindhoven University of Technology (Netherlands)  
 Eastern Washington University\*  
 Emerson College  
 Everett Community College  
 Florida Southern College  
 Fordham University  
 The George Washington University\*  
 Georgetown University\*\*  
 Gonzaga University\*\*  
 Goucher College  
 Hamilton College  
 Hampton University  
 Highline College\*  
 Hofstra University\*  
 Howard University  
 Ithaca College  
 Kenyon College  
 Knox College  
 Lafayette College  
 Lehigh University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield University  
 Loughborough University (England)  
 Louisiana State University\*  
 Loyola Marymount University\*

Loyola University Chicago\*\*  
 Loyola University Maryland\*  
 Loyola University New Orleans\*  
 Macalester College  
 Marian University Wisconsin\*  
 Marquette University  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 McGill University (Canada)\*  
 Michigan State University\*  
 Middlebury College  
 Montana State University\*  
 Montclair State University\*  
 New York University\*\*  
 New York University, Shanghai (China)  
 North Carolina A&T State University\*  
 North Carolina State University  
 Northeastern University\*\*  
 Northwestern University\*  
 Oberlin College  
 Occidental College  
 The Ohio State University\*  
 Oregon State University\*  
 Pacific University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Pitzer College  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Portland State University  
 Princeton University  
 Professional Ballet Company  
 Purdue University\*\*  
 Queens University of Charlotte  
 Reed College  
 Renton Technical College\*  
 Rice University\*  
 Ringling College of Art and Design  
 Rochester Institute of Technology\*  
 Roger Williams University  
 Roosevelt University\*  
 St. John's University (New York)\*  
 Saint Louis University  
 Saint Martin's University  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 St. Olaf College\*  
 San Diego State University\*\*  
 Santa Clara University\*\*  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Scripps College  
 Seattle Central College  
 Seattle Pacific University  
 Seattle University\*\*  
 Shoreline Community College\*  
 Smith College\*  
 Sonoma State University  
 Spelman College\*  
 Syracuse University\*  
 Texas A&M University, College Station\*  
 Texas Christian University\*  
 Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)\*\*  
 Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) -  
     Columbia University (NY)  
 Tufts University\*  
 Tulane University\*\*  
 University College Dublin (Ireland)  
 The University of Alabama

University of Alberta (Canada)  
 University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)\*  
 The University of Arizona  
 University of British Columbia (Canada)\*\*  
 University of California, Berkeley\*\*  
 University of California, Berkeley -  
     Sciences Po (France)\*  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego\*\*  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of California, Santa Cruz\*  
 University of Chicago\*\*  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Denver\*  
 University of Florida\*  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Liverpool (England)  
 University of Manchester (England)  
 University of Mary  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
 University of Michigan - Ann Arbor\*  
 University of Montana  
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 University of North Carolina Wilmington  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Oregon\*\*  
 University of Oxford (England)  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Portland\*\*  
 University of Puget Sound  
 University of St Andrews (Scotland)  
 University of San Diego\*\*  
 University of San Francisco\*\*  
 University of Southern California\*\*  
 The University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Toronto (Canada)\*  
 University of Utah\*  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Victoria (Canada)\*  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington Bothell  
 University of Washington Seattle\*\*  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison\*  
 Vassar College  
 Villanova University  
 Washington State University\*\*  
 Washington University in St. Louis\*  
 Wellesley College\*\*  
 West Texas A&M University\*  
 Western Washington University\*\*  
 Whitman College\*  
 Willamette University  
 Williams College  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*\*  
 Xavier University of Louisiana  
 Yale University\*

**\* Indicates schools where 2025 graduates will matriculate.**

**\*\* Indicates schools where more than one 2025 graduate will matriculate.**