

Sacred Heart Catholic High School

2014-2015 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 almost 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

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

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 courses for credit in grades 9-12. 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.

Faculty

The Sacred Heart faculty and staff is comprised of 34 dedicated and experienced professionals. Sixty percent of the faculty has earned post-graduate degrees.

Scholarships & Awards

The class of 2014 earned many scholarships and awards and numerous academic and leadership awards from individuals, colleges and universities. With 36 graduates, the Class of 2014 was offered \$3,874,370.00 in college scholarships.

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
2014	24.4	19.0
2013	24.8	18.9
2012	24.4	18.7
2011	25.4	18.7
2010	25.7	18.8

National Merit Scholarship Program

Statistics for the past five years are shown below:

Class	Size	National Merit Semifinalists	National Merit Finalists	National Achievement Semifinalists	National Achievement Finalists
2014	36	1	1		
2013	32			1	1
2012	24	1	1		
2011	29	1	1	1	1
2010	17	2	1		

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
(Beginning 2011-2012)
English 11
Accelerated English 10
English 10
Accelerated English 9
English 9

Mathematics

AP Calculus
Statistics *(Beginning 2013-2014)*
Advanced Algebra/College Algebra
(Dual-credit with William Carey University)
Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry
Algebra II
Geometry
Algebra I

Foreign Languages

Latin I, II
Spanish I, II
French I, II

Social Studies

U.S. Government
Economics
AP U. S. History
(Beginning 2011-2012)
U. S. History
AP World History
(Beginning 2011-2012)
World History
World Geography
Mississippi Studies

Science

Physics
Human Anatomy & Physiology
(Beginning 2012-2013)
Chemistry I
Comprehensive Health
Biology I
Organic Chemistry *(Beginning 2014-2015)*
Environmental Science *(Beginning 2014-2015)*

Computer/Business

Technology Foundations *(8th Grade)*
Business Law
Personal Finance

Fine Arts

Theatre I, II
Choral Music I, II, III
Percussion Ensemble I, II
Visual Arts I

Religion

Religion 12 - *Catholic Social Teaching, Learning & Living Justice*
Religion 11 – *Encountering Jesus in the New Testament*
Religion 10 – *Your Life in Christ - Foundations of Catholic Morality*
Religion 9 – *Jesus Christ – God's Revelation to the World*

Electives

ACT Prep
Business Law
Personal Finance
Creative Writing *(Beginning 2014-2015)*
Debate I, II, II
Introduction to Journalism
Journalism Lab I, II
Physical Education
Physical Education/Weightlifting
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, dance team, cheerleading, drama, visual arts exhibits and special interest clubs are representative examples of the more than 18 co-curricular activities available to students. The 2013-2014 Mock Trial Team captured the State Championship and represented Mississippi in national competition, and nine members of the Speech & Debate team represented Sacred Heart in national competition in 2014.

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, powerlifting, softball, tennis, golf, track and baseball. In 2013-2014, Sacred Heart accomplished team state championships in girls soccer and individual state championships in tennis, track and powerlifting.