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Academic Year 2016-17

Notre Dame de Sion School

HIGH SCHOOL

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School Description

Notre Dame de Sion was founded by and is affiliated with the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion and is one of 19 Sion schools internationally. Recognized by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Notre Dame de Sion School is an independent Catholic school managed and operated by a lay Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff who remain committed and faithful to the Sion Mission.

For over one-hundred years, generations of Kansas Citians have attested to the importance of the Notre Dame de Sion School Mission as it continues to enhance our community and the world by living out our motto of "Educating Minds, Expanding Hearts, Empowering Lives."

Our Community

Over two million people call the Kansas City metropolitan area home. Comprised of seven counties in both Missouri and Kansas, the city is home to Fortune 500 companies, a world-class art museum and ballet, major athletic teams and several colleges and universities.

Technology

Notre Dame de Sion School participates in Apple Education's 1:1 technology program. All students in grades 9-12 receive a MacBook Air to utilize for academic purposes. Students begin to learn responsible digital citizenship as well.

High School Demographics

Number of Students	403	
No. of Self-reported Minority Students*	67	17%
Students from Kansas	217	54%
Students from Missouri	186	46%
Students matriculating from Public Schools	95	24%
Students matriculating from Private Schools	308	76%
No. of Self-reported Catholic Students	277	69%
No. of Zip Codes	65	

Faculty & Administration

The school has 55 educators that comprise the academic faculty and administration; 82% of those individuals hold advanced level degrees. The average class size is 18.

Mission

The Notre Dame de Sion School in Kansas City is an independent Roman Catholic school providing the highest quality college preparatory education from preschool through grade 12. Sion continues the tradition of the founding sisters, the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, inviting students to encounter God in a Catholic atmosphere that respects all faith traditions. The school partners with families and the community to prepare students for socially responsible, values based leadership in a culturally and religiously diverse world.

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Accreditations & Memberships

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)
AdvancED
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

CEEB/ACT Code: 261-635

The Academic Year at a Glance (Grades 9-12)

The school year is divided into two semesters, each divided into two quarters. Students take an exam at the end of each semester, worth 20% of the semester grade.

Sion students are required to fulfill the following requirements for graduation:

English	4 credits
Religion	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits, including Biology and Chemistry
Social Science	3 credits, including 1 credit of U.S. History and ½ credit of U.S. Government
World Language	2 credits, which must be taken in the same language
Practical Arts/Digital Life	1 credit
Visual and Performing Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit

In addition to these credits, additional credits must be earned in either the academic disciplines or via an array of elective offerings. All students must earn a total of 26 credits to graduate.

Honors, AP, and ACCP Courses (Grades 9-12)

Students may pursue coursework at the Honors level in:

- Algebra I and II
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Biology
- Bioscience
- Chemistry
- English I and II
- Environmental Science
- French I, II and V
- Geometry
- Latin I and II
- Physics
- Precalculus
- Spanish I and II
- World History I



Additionally, Sion offers the following Advanced Placement courses:

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Chemistry
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- European History
- French Language and Composition
- Spanish Language and Composition
- Studio Art
- U. S. Government and Politics
- U. S. History
- World History

Sion also offers students the opportunity to pursue college credit for the following courses taken through Rockhurst University's ACCP Program:

- French III ACCP
- French IV ACCP
- Latin III ACCP
- Latin IV ACCP
- Psychology II ACCP
- Spanish III ACCP
- Spanish IV ACCP

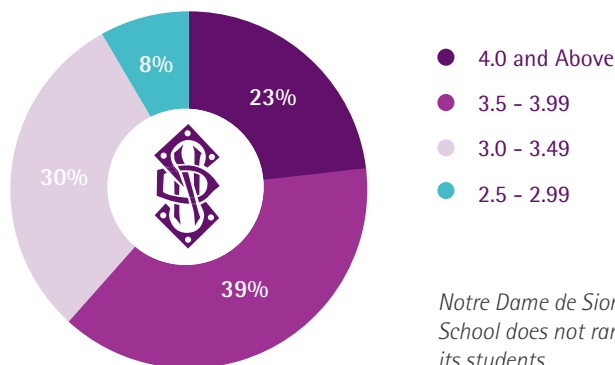
Grading Scale and GPA Weighting

Notre Dame de Sion adopted a change to our grading scale, effective for the 2014-2015 school year. The Class of 2017 will have completed two semesters under the original grading scale and will be evaluated six semesters on the new grading scale, both shown below:

Grade	Prior to 2014 - 2015	Effective 2014 - 2015	Academic	Honors	ACCP	AP
A+	N/A	97 - 100%	4.00	4.50	4.75	5.00
A	95 - 100%	93 - 96%	4.00	4.50	4.75	5.00
A-	93 - 94%	90 - 92%	3.70	4.20	4.45	4.70
B+	91 - 92%	87 - 89%	3.35	3.85	4.10	4.35
B	87 - 90%	83 - 86%	3.00	3.50	3.75	4.00
B-	85 - 86%	80 - 82%	2.70	3.20	3.45	3.70
C+	83 - 84%	77 - 79%	2.35	2.85	3.10	3.35
C	76 - 82%	73 - 76%	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00
C-	74 - 75%	70 - 72%	1.70	2.20	3.45	2.70
D+	72 - 73%	N/A	1.35	1.85	2.10	2.35
D	67 - 71%	65 - 69%	1.00	1.50	1.75	2.00
D-	65 - 66%	N/A	0.70	1.20	1.45	1.70
F	Below 65%	Below 65%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

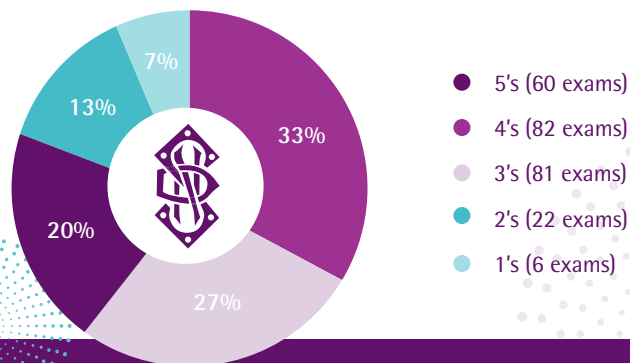
The GPA calculation includes only courses taken at Notre Dame de Sion; grades from other schools are accepted for graduation credit but are not included in the GPA.

GPA Distribution (Class of 2016)



AP Score Data (2016)

251 Exams Taken



College Preparation

ACT Score Data

	Middle 50%	Mean
108 Students Tested		
English	25-31	28.3
Math	24-28	25.3
Reading	24-32	28.1
Science	23-28	25.4
Composite	24-29	26.5

SAT Score Data

	Middle 50%	Mean
25 Students Tested		
Critical Reading	550-650	613
Math	460-640	567
Writing	520-700	623
Composite	1530-1980	1803

*Test scores are not included on the high school transcript. It is the student's responsibility to request and send scores directly from the testing agency.

National Merit Scholarship Information

The National Merit Corporation has recognized Sion students in its competitions for 48 consecutive years.

Class of 2016:

- 1 Scholar
- 2 Finalists
- 2 Semi-Finalists
- 3 Commended Scholars

College Matriculation Data

The Class of 2016 had 112 graduates. Merit-based scholarship offers were made to 82% of the class and 100% will attend college in the fall of 2016.

- 97% | 4 year colleges/universities
- 66% | 4 year public colleges/universities
- 34% | 4 year private colleges/universities
- 49% | Colleges outside Missouri and Kansas
- 17% | Catholic colleges/universities

Spirituality, Service and Stewardship

Sion continues the tradition of the founding sisters, the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, inviting students to encounter God in a Catholic atmosphere that respects all faith traditions. Sion also prepares students for socially responsible, values based leadership in a culturally and religiously diverse world. Our Campus Ministry and Service Learning programs feed this spiritual growth through:

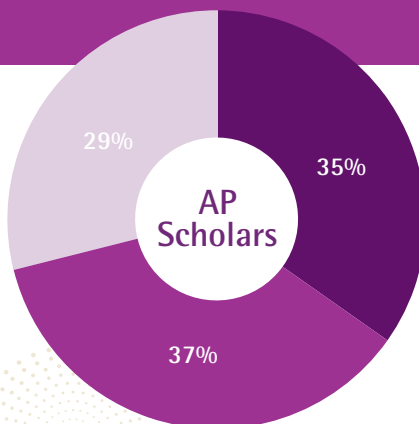
- **Prayer:** Daily morning prayer, school-wide prayer services, monthly Eucharistic Adoration, Decade-A-Day Rosary Club, Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- **Mass:** school-wide Masses, quarterly class Masses, Mother/Daughter/Grandmother Mass, Father/Daughter/Grandfather Mass, weekly before-school Mass
- **Clubs:** Women in Christ, Interfaith Youth Alliance, Alive for All Life and Stewardship Club

- **Retreats:** Class retreats and Kairos
- **Peer Ministry:** Students apply to this program and participate in training to mentor freshmen
- **Service:** Freshman Day of Service, after-school service opportunities, spring break service trips, Senior Service Projects

Sion students work to identify how they are called to share their gifts and passions in a way that meets the world's needs, culminating in their Senior Service Projects. Sion seniors commit at least 25 hours to a special cause or organization and demonstrate leadership and initiative through their service. Many students give more than the 100 service hours required to graduate. In the 15-16 school year, Sion students performed almost 20,000 hours of service and over 50 of our students earned a President's Volunteer Service Award.

AP Scholars

The Advanced Placement Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams with the AP Scholar Awards. Notre Dame de Sion School had 52 total scholars earning an average score of 3.99.



TOTAL: 52 | AVERAGE SCORE: 3.99

- **AP Scholar**
TOTAL: 18 | AVERAGE SCORE: 3.54
- **AP Scholar with Honor**
TOTAL: 19 | AVERAGE SCORE: 3.85
- **AP Scholar with Distinction**
TOTAL: 15 | AVERAGE SCORE: 4.39

College Acceptances and Matriculations: Classes of 2013–2016

Abilene Christian University	Furman University	Prairie View A&M University*	University of Central Missouri*
Alabama A&M University	George Mason University	Princeton University*	University of Chicago
Allegheny College	Georgetown University*	Providence College	University of Colorado at Boulder*
American University*	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University*	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Arizona State University	Gonzaga University	Randolph–Macon College*	University of Connecticut
Auburn University	Gordon College	Regis University*	University of Dallas*
Augsburg College	Grand Valley State University	Rhodes College	University of Dayton*
Augustana College	Grinnell College	Rice University	University of Delaware
Avila University*	Hampton University	Rockhurst University*	University of Denver*
Baker University*	Harvard University*	Roger Williams University	University of Evansville*
Barnard College	Hendrix College*	Rose–Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Illinois at Chicago
Baylor University	High Point University	Saint Anselm College	University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Belmont University	Holy Cross College	Saint Louis University*	University of Kansas*
Beloit College	Howard University	Saint Louis University, Madrid*	University of Maryland, College Park
Benedictine College*	Illinois Wesleyan University*	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Michigan
Bennington College	Indiana University at Bloomington*	Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*
Bentley University*	Iowa State University*	Samford University	University of Mississippi*
Berry College	Ithaca College	Santa Clara University	University of Missouri Columbia*
Blinn College*	James Madison University	Santa Monica College	University of Missouri Kansas City*
Boston College*	Johnson County Community College*	Sarah Lawrence College*	University of Nebraska at Lincoln*
Boston University	Juniata College*	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Brown University*	Kansas City Art Institute	Seton Hall University*	University of North Texas*
Bryn Mawr College*	Kansas State University*	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Northern Colorado
Butler University	Kentucky State University	Simpson College	University of Notre Dame*
Carnegie Mellon University*	King's College	Smith College	University of Oklahoma*
Carthage College	Knox College	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University	Lafayette College*	Southern Methodist University*	University of Pittsburgh
Centre College	Langston University*	Spelman College	University of Portland
Chapman University	Lewis & Clark College	Spring Hill College*	University of Richmond
Chicago State University	Lincoln University	St. Edward's University	University of San Diego*
Claflin University	Lindenwood University	St. Louis College of Pharmacy*	University of San Francisco*
Claremont McKenna College*	London College of Fashion*	St. Olaf College*	University of South Dakota
Clark Atlantic University*	Loyola Marymount University	Stanford University	University of Southern California*
Clemson University	Loyola University Chicago*	State University of New York at Albany	University of Southern Mississippi
Cleveland State University	Loyola University Maryland*	Stephens College*	University of the Pacific
Coastal Carolina University	Loyola University New Orleans	Stonehill College	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Coe College	Marist College	Suffolk University	University of Tulsa*
College of Charleston	Marquette University*	Swarthmore College*	University of Utah
College of Saint Benedict	Maryville University*	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
College of William and Mary	Metropolitan Community College*	Taylor University	University of Virginia
Colorado College	Miami University, Oxford*	Tennessee State University	University of Wisconsin, Lacrosse*
Colorado School of Mines	Michigan State University	Texas A&M University*	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Colorado State University*	Mississippi State University*	Texas Christian University*	University of Wyoming
Columbia College Chicago*	Missouri State University*	The Catholic University of America	Vanderbilt University
Creighton University*	Missouri University of Science and Technology*	The College of Wooster	Villanova University*
Dartmouth College	Montana State University, Bozeman*	The George Washington University*	Virginia Union University
DePaul University*	Mount Holyoke College	The New School	Wagner College*
DePauw University	Mount Saint Mary's University	The University of Alabama*	Wake Forest University*
Drake University*	Murray State University*	The University of Arizona*	Warren Wilson College
Drew University	Nebraska Wesleyan University*	The University of Georgia	Washburn University*
Drexel University	New College of Florida	The University of Iowa	Washington College
Drury University	New York Institute of Technology	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Washington University in St. Louis*
Duke University	New York University*	The University of Tampa	Webster University
Duquesne University	Norfolk State University	The University of Texas, Austin*	West Virginia State University
Elmhurst College	North Dakota State University	The University of Texas, Dallas*	Western Washington University
Elon University*	North Park University	Towson University	Westminster College
Emmanuel College	Northeastern University	Trinity University	Wheaton College*
Emporia State University*	Northwest Missouri State University*	Truman State University*	Wichita State University
Fairfield University	Northwestern University	Tulane University*	Willamette University
Fashion Institute of Technology*	Oberlin College	UMKC School of Medicine*	William Jewell College
FIDM, Los Angeles	Oklahoma City University	Union College, Nebraska*	Xavier University
Fisk University	Oklahoma State University*	Union College, New York*	Xavier University of Louisiana
Flagler College	Pace University, New York City	United States Military Academy*	Yale University*
Florida Atlantic University	Pepperdine University	University of Arkansas*	
Florida Gulf Coast University	Philander Smith College	University of British Columbia	
Florida State University	Pittsburg State University*	University of California, Davis*	
Fontbonne University*	Portland State University	University of California, Santa Cruz	
Fordham University			

*indicates matriculation