

LOYOLA ACADEMY SCHOOL PROFILE 2026–2027

SCHOOL, MISSION, AND VALUES

Founded in 1909, Loyola Academy is a coeducational, Catholic Jesuit college preparatory high school located on Chicago's North Shore. Our mission is to inspire young women and men to lead meaningful lives of leadership and service, following the example of Jesus Christ, through a comprehensive college preparatory education rooted in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Grounded in the Jesuit principles of the Graduate at Graduation, our core values—Religious, Intellectually Competent, Physically and Socially-Emotionally Fit, Loving, Open to Growth, and Committed to Doing Justice (RIPLOC)—form Ignatian leaders ready to make a difference in the world.

Loyola Academy is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and by Cognia. We are members of the Jesuit Schools Network, the College Board and the National and Illinois Associations of College Admission Counseling.

ADMISSION

Admission to Loyola is based on several factors including, but not limited to, the entrance exam score, junior high school grades and previous standardized testing. Loyola does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religion or ethnic origin in its admission policies.

STUDENT FORMATION PROGRAM

The Formation Program and curriculum is aligned with the American School Counselor Association's established mindsets and behaviors for student success. It is recognized for its commitment to developing and delivering a comprehensive, data-driven program in accordance with the ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs and meets the State of Illinois' Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards.

THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Theology courses at Loyola are academically demanding. They incorporate the study of anthropology, philosophy, psychology, sociology, history and ethics. College textbooks, along with classical and contemporary literature, are used to study theology with a strong emphasis on philosophy. Critical thinking skills, extensive writing and discussion are integral components of theology coursework.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Each year, over 45% of our students attend summer school for enrichment purposes or to fulfill requirements.

COCURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Clubs and activities are an integral part of our mission to educate the whole person. Loyola offers over 70 clubs from which to choose. These provide students with a blend of social, artistic, academic, and service expectations outside of the school day.

INTERSCHOLASTIC/CLUB ATHLETICS

Loyola Academy participates in 35 different sports and has over 80 teams. Loyola student-athletes compete in two of the most competitive conferences in the state of Illinois: the Chicago Catholic League and the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference. Throughout the course of our rich history, Loyola has earned state championships in Football, Girls' Basketball, Softball, Girls' Swimming and Diving, Boys' Water Polo, Boys' Lacrosse, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Golf, Boys' Hockey, and Girls' Hockey.

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ENROLLMENT

1,890 students

from 230 grade schools

from 100+ zip codes

$6.4M+ in financial assistance awarded to over 600 students

10% of our students are first generation to college

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 26.0 credits (27.0 credits for the Class of 2029 and beyond) are required for graduation, including:

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Laboratory Science	3.0
Social Studies	2.0
Social Studies (2029 and beyond)	3.0
Theology	4.0
World Languages	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Performing Arts/ P.E.	2.0
Formation Studies	1.0
Electives	4.0

ACADEMIC PROFILE

GRADING AND RANKING
All courses are taught at the college preparatory level. Students are not ranked.

WEIGHTING
Both weighted and unweighted averages appear on the bottom of the transcript. Multiplier used to determine the weighted GPA are as follows:

AP = 1.08 Honors = 1.05

EXTRA CREDIT
Loyola Academy does not allow students to earn extra credit for any assignment in any class.

A+	97-100	**B+**	**87-89**	**C+**	**77-79**	D+	67-69
A	93-96	**B**	**83-86**	**C**	**73-76**	**D**	**63-66**
A-	90-92	**B-**	**80-82**	**C-**	**70-72**	**D-**	**60-62**

CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2027

Based on 457 students and six semesters of study

Letter Grade	% of Class	Number Grade
A+ or above	16%	**97 or above**
A or above	36%	**93 or above**
A- or above	57%	**90 or above**
B+ or above	75%	**87 or above**
B or above	89%	**83 or above**
B- or above	96%	**80 or above**



ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES

54	27	762	1544	95.9%
Honors courses offered	AP courses offered	students took an AP exam	total AP exams taken	earned a score of three or above

Student enrollment in AP or honors classes is based on academic performance, GPA and teacher recommendation. Students are allowed to enroll in a maximum of three AP courses per school year if course prerequisites are met. Junior and senior students have the option of requesting a fourth or fifth AP course. Requirements for a fourth AP course are that a student has completed two AP courses simultaneously during a previous academic year, has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 90.00, and has received approval from the Associate Principal for Academics. For the 2026-2027 academic year, fewer than 3.5% of students are enrolled in four or five APs.

All students taking AP courses at Loyola are required to take the corresponding AP exam. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared.

AP African American History
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry
AP Chinese
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Economics
AP English Language/Composition
AP Environmental Science
AP European History
AP French Language
AP Human Geography
AP Latin
AP Literature/Composition
AP Music Theory
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
AP Political Science/Government
AP Psychology
AP Spanish Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art and Design
AP US History

HONORS ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Loyola Scholar:
93.0 unweighted average

First Honors:
89.5 weighted average

HONORS PROGRAMS

22% of Loyola Academy students are enrolled in one of the following honors programs.

The Dumbach Scholars honors program enhances the curriculum of Loyola students interested in the humanities. The program is grounded in the philosophy of the Great Books Foundation's Shared Inquiry Method, and admission is highly competitive.

The Clavius Scholars honors programs enhances the curriculum of Loyola students interested in mathematics and science, emphasizing a critical appreciation of the scientific process. It is grounded in the Great Books Foundation's Shared Inquiry Method, and admission is highly competitive.

The Ricci Scholars honors program enhances the curriculum for Loyola students interested in social studies and world languages, fostering global citizenship and intercultural understanding. Admission to the program is highly competitive.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

50% of the Class of 2026 reported a standardized test score to their chosen college.

The profile of those students is as follows:

ACT (19%)
average 28.0
middle (50%) 25–31

SAT (44%)
average 1266
middle (50%) 1170–1360



OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The O'Shaughnessy Program serves freshman and sophomore students who would benefit from improving literacy and learning skills in order to succeed in a college preparatory environment.

The Bowman First-Gen Leaders program provides four years of support and resources for first-generation students at Loyola Academy, empowering them to thrive in the Rambler experience and achieve college readiness, acceptance, and long-term success.

The STEAM Leaders program enhances the curriculum of Loyola students interested in applying knowledge and realizing those ideas in tangible ways.



COLLEGE MATRICULATION INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

1 National Merit Scholarship Winner

5 National Merit Finalists

10 National Merit Commended Students

111 Illinois State Scholars



of Loyola Academy's Class of 2026 attended four-year colleges as follows:

Public
53%

Private
47%

In State
25%

Out of State
75%

Jesuit
20%

Other Catholic
7%

Arizona State University
Auburn University
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Beloit College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carroll University
Carson-Newman University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
City Colleges of Chicago, Harold Washington College
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of Lake County
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia College Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Elmhurst University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
High Point University
Holy Cross College
Hope College
Illinois State University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Lake Forest College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Marquette University
Miami University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee Area Technical College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Central College
North Park University
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oakton College
Oberlin College
Ohio University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Parkland College
Penn State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Methodist University
St. Norbert College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Iowa
The University of Kansas
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arkansas
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of St. Thomas
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin -Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin -Madison
University of Wisconsin -Whitewater
Villanova University
Wabash College
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University
William & Mary