



# HOLY SPIRIT

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## PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY

Established in 1996, Holy Spirit Preparatory School offers a comprehensive college preparatory program for students in preschool through 12th grade. Afforded a classical Catholic education, our students develop a love of learning, build self-esteem, learn to set and realize personal and community goals, and acquire formidable leadership skills. A competitive "House" system further enhances each student's sense of belonging to a challenging yet supportive educational and faith community. Moral and spiritual dimensions are integrated throughout all aspects of the curriculum, encouraging each student to flourish in an atmosphere that constantly provides opportunities for academic, spiritual, athletic, and emotional growth. Holy Spirit Preparatory School is a community where the individual develops to his or her fullest potential as a result of the cohesive efforts of the parent, the teacher, and the student.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Holy Spirit Preparatory School seeks to develop students into productive, caring, and active members of the Church and the world who influence society in a meaningfully positive way. A critical part of the students' lives throughout the Upper School experience is student leadership. Junior high students have opportunities to join the House System as Junior High Reps during their 8th grade year as well as lead clubs for their peers. During grades 9-12, students have a plethora

of opportunities leading service apostolates, clubs, and in our House System. The Head Boy and Head Girl serve all of HSP as the "student faces" of our community. Our goal is to further develop young men and women into people of a strong Catholic faith, character, and service.

### SERVICE

In line with Holy Spirit Preparatory School's motto, "to serve, not to be served," the school aims to follow Christ's example by reaching out to our community. In addition to a continued focus upon service through prayer, philanthropy, and advocacy, students participate in direct service through the school's community service program. Additionally, students are encouraged to become involved in community service through their parish and other service organizations.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to Holy Spirit Prep is selective. The Admissions Committee carefully evaluates each candidate's academic record, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations to determine the student's likelihood of success at HSP. Holy Spirit Prep does not discriminate on the basis of color, creed, handicap, or national origin in its admissions considerations. In order to offer prospective families three different admissions cycles, HSP has elected not to participate in AAAIS.

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

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### ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Southern and National Associations  
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Southern Association of Colleges  
and Schools

Georgia Independent School  
Association

National Association for College  
Admissions Counseling

Association of College Counselors in  
Independent Schools

National Catholic Educational  
Association

U.S. Department of Education Blue  
Ribbon Program

National Catholic High School  
Honor Roll

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# COURSES OFFERED

## SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology  
 Biology with Lab  
 Chemistry with Lab  
 Ecology  
 Organic and Chemistry  
 Physical Science  
 Physics with Lab  
 Accel. Biology with Lab  
 Accel. Chemistry with Lab  
 AP Biology with Lab  
 AP Physics 1

## THEOLOGY

Introduction to Catholicism  
 Holy Scripture  
 Church History  
 Sacramental Theology  
 Moral Theology  
 Philosophy

## MATHEMATICS

Algebra I and II  
 Geometry  
 Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry  
 Accel. Algebra I and II  
 Accel. Geometry  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Statistics

## ENGLISH

Advanced Composition  
 American Literature  
 British Literature  
 Literature of the Western  
 World  
 Accel. American Literature  
 Accel. Literature of the  
 Western World  
 AP English Language  
 AP English Literature

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Economics  
 Psychology  
 US Government  
 US History  
 Western Civilization  
 World History  
 Accel. Western Civilization  
 Accel. World History  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Microeconomics  
 AP US Government/Politics  
 AP US History

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I, II, III, and AP

## CLASSICS

Greek I, II, III, and IV  
 Latin I, II, III, IV, and AP

## FINE ARTS

3D Design  
 Digital Photography  
 Graphic Arts: Yearbook  
 Introduction to Studio Art  
 Studio Art I, II, III, and IV  
 AP Studio Art

## PERFORMING ARTS

Theatre Arts I and II  
 Play Production  
 Music Appreciation  
 Choral Music  
 Musical Theatre  
 Music Theory

## ATHLETICS AND HEALTH

Physical Education  
 Team Participation

## OUR GRADING SCALE

Numeric	Letter	Quality Points	Numeric	Letter	Quality Points
95-100	A+	(4.2)	75-79	C+	(2.75)
91-94	A	(4.1)	71-74	C	(2.5)
90	A-	(4.0)	70	C-	(2.0)
85-89	B+	(3.75)	60-69	D	(1.0)
81-84	B	(3.5)	Below 60	F	(0.0)
80	B-	(3.0)			

## CLASSICAL DIPLOMA 27+ credits

For students interested in a more rigorous path at HSP. The diploma includes a minimum of three credits in classical languages and at least one Advanced Placement course in each of the four core subject areas.

## COLLEGE PREP DIPLOMA 25+ credits

Comparable to the rigor offered at a typical independent school. Students take two sequential years of a foreign language, have a standard credit requirement for graduation (25 credits), and may select their core subjects from a broader range of courses.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
Social Science	4 Credits (5 classes)
Theology	4 Credits
Foreign Language	2-3 Credits
Fine and Performing Arts	1 Credit
Athletics and Health	1 Credits

**Total 24+ Credits**

## FACULTY

<b>86</b>	faculty members
<b>33</b>	faculty members at Upper School
<b>60%</b>	hold a Master's degree or higher
<b>1:8</b>	faculty to student ratio

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT

**2016 was the first year HSP required all students taking an AP exam to sit for the AP test in that subject.**

Students are admitted into AP courses based on grades in prerequisite courses, teacher recommendations, and PSAT scores. Typically, students only take one AP class in sophomore year, two classes junior year, and three classes senior year. HSP does require students to take the AP exams for their courses. All AP courses taken at Holy Spirit Prep are calculated into the cumulative GPA at a factor of 1.25. No other courses receive additional weight.

## PROGRAM DATA

	2014	2015	2016
Number of AP courses taught	19	19	16
Students who took an AP exam	77	66	76
AP exams administered	153	126	162
Percent 3 or higher	83	85	76.3
Percent 4 or higher	63	63	53

## AP COURSE DISTRIBUTION, CLASS OF 2017

# of courses taken over 4 years	% of class
8 or more	21
5-7	29
1-4	32
0	18

**31** of 38 seniors have taken at least one AP course

**4.76** Average number of AP courses taken by all graduating seniors

## AP SCHOLARS

	2014	2015	2016
National	1	7	2
With Distinction	14	13	10
With Honors	5	4	4
Scholars	13	8	17

## SCHOLARSHIPS

over \$16,000,000 in scholarships and grants in 2012-15 (excluding HOPE and Tuition Equalization Grant)

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

National Merit Finalists	8
National Merit Semifinalists	6
National Commended Scholars	12
National Achievement Scholars	5
National Merit Hispanic Scholar	1
Gates Millennium Scholars	2

## CLASS OF 2016 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Percentage of Class	GPA
8.9	4.4 and above
20.6	4.0-4.39
32.3	3.5-3.99
17.6	3.0-3.49
20.6	below 3.0

Holy Spirit Prep does not rank students with the exception of determining class valedictorian and salutatorian at the end of the second semester of their senior year.

## SAT

	2014	2015	2016
# of students taking SAT	51	39	32
Mid 50% Critical Reading	480-640	490-670	500-630
Mid 50% Math	510-650	470-690	490-660
Mid 50% Writing	500-650	530-670	470-650

## ACT

	2014	2015	2016
# of students taking ACT	41	26	15
Mid 50% English	20-28	23-31	23-30
Mid 50% Math	22-29	20-32	25-28
Mid 50% Reading	20-32	23-33	22-30
Mid 50% Science	21-27	21-32	22-28
Mid 50% Composite	21-29	22-31	24-28

# 2010-2016 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*\*indicates matriculation*

Academy of Art University	DeSales University*	Macalester College	Syracuse University*
Agnes Scott College	Drexel University	Mars Hill University	Temple University
University of Alabama at Birmingham*	Duke University*	Marymount Manhattan College	Tennessee State University
University of Alabama*	Durham University*	Marymount University	Texas Christian University
American University*	Elms College	Maryville College	The New School
Anderson University	Elon University	Mercer University*	The University of Memphis
Appalachian State University	Elon University*	Michigan State University*	Thomas Aquinas College*
Arizona State University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Middle Georgia College	Trinity College*
University of Arizona*	Emerson College	Middle Tennessee State University	Trinity University*
University of Arkansas	Emory University	Mississippi State University*	Tulane University
Assumption College	Fairfield University*	Montana State University, Bozeman	United States Air Force Academy*
Auburn University*	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Morehouse College*	United States Coast Guard Academy*
Augusta University	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising	Mount St. Mary's University	United States Naval Academy*
Austin College	The University of Findlay	Muhlenberg College	University at Buffalo
Ave Maria University	Flagler College	New York University*	University of Glasgow
Aveda Fredric's Institute*	Florida A&M University	North Carolina A&T State University*	University of Kentucky*
Babson College	Florida Institute of Technology	North Carolina State University	University of Louisiana
Baldwin Wallace University*	Florida International University	Northwestern University*	University of Mary Washington
Barry University	Florida State University*	Occidental College	University of Maryland, College Park*
Bellarmino University	University of Florida*	Oglethorpe University*	University of Miami*
Belmont Abbey College*	Fordham University	Ohio State University	University of Michigan
Belmont University*	Fort Valley State University*	Ohio Wesleyan University*	University of Mississippi*
Benedict College	Franciscan University of Steubenville*	Oklahoma State University	University of Missouri Columbia*
Benedictine College*	Furman University*	Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Berklee College of Music	George Mason University	Pace University, New York City	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Berry College*	Georgetown University*	Pennsylvania State University *	University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
Birmingham-Southern College*	Georgia College*	Pepperdine University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Boston College	Georgia Highlands College*	Presbyterian College	University of North Florida
Boston University	Georgia Institute of Technology*	Princeton University	University of North Georgia*
Bowdoin College	Georgia Perimeter College*	Providence College	University of North Texas
Brenau University	Georgia Southern University*	Purdue University*	University of Notre Dame*
Brevard College	Georgia Southwestern State University*	Queens University of Charlotte*	University of Oklahoma
Brigham Young University, Idaho*	Georgia State University*	Radford University	University of Oregon
California State University, Los Angeles*	The University of Georgia*	Reinhardt College*	University of Pennsylvania*
University of California, Berkeley*	Hampton University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Pittsburgh
University of California, Davis	University of Hartford	Rhodes College*	University of Rochester
University of California, Irvine	Harvard University*	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of San Francisco*
University of California, Los Angeles*	Harvey Mudd College*	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina*
University of California, San Diego*	Haverford College*	Rockhurst University	University of South Florida, Tampa*
Campbell University	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Rollins College	University of Southern California
Carleton College	High Point University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*	University of St Andrews
Carnegie Mellon University	Hillsdale College	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Tampa
Case Western Reserve University	Hofstra University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
The Catholic University of America	College of the Holy Cross*	Sacred Heart University	University of Tennessee, Martin*
University of Central Florida*	Holy Spirit College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Texas, San Antonio
Centre College	University of Houston	Saint Leo University	University of the Pacific
Chapman University*	Howard University	Saint Mary's College*	University of Vermont*
Charleston Southern University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Saint Vincent College	University of Virginia
College of Charleston*	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*	Salve Regina University	University of Washington
University of Chicago*	Indiana University at Bloomington*	Samford University	University of West Georgia
The Citadel	Iona College	Santa Clara University*	University of Wisconsin, Madison*
Clark Atlanta University*	Iowa State University*	Savannah College of Art and Design*	Ursinus College*
Clayton State University*	The University of Iowa	Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta*	Valdosta State University*
Clemson University*	Ithaca College*	School of the Art Institute of Chicago*	Vanderbilt University
Coastal Carolina University	Jacksonville University	Seton Hall University	Villanova University*
Colgate University	James Madison University	Sewanee: The University of the South*	Virginia Commonwealth University
College of Coastal Georgia	College of William and Mary	Shorter University*	Virginia Tech
University of Colorado at Boulder	John Carroll University	Smith College	Wake Forest University*
Colorado School of Mines	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium*	Southern Methodist University*	Washington and Lee University*
Columbia College Chicago	Kennesaw State University*	Southern Wesleyan University	Washington University in St. Louis*
Columbia University	Lafayette College	Spelman College*	Wellesley College*
Columbus State Community College*	LaGrange College	Spring Hill College	West Virginia University
Community College of Denver*	Lakeland Community College	St. John's University	Western Carolina University
University of Connecticut	Lehigh University	St. Olaf College	Williams College
University of Dallas*	Louisiana State University*	State University of New York	Wingate University
Dartmouth College*	Loyola Marymount University	Stetson University	Wofford College*
Davidson College*	Loyola University Chicago	Stony Brook University*	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
University of Dayton	Loyola University Maryland	Suffolk University	Xavier University*
DePaul University*	Loyola University New Orleans*	Swarthmore College	Yale University*
DePauw University	Lynn University	Syracuse University	Young Harris College*