

## Notre Dame High School- Belmont

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### SCHOOL

Notre Dame High School, Belmont is an independent Catholic college preparatory school dedicated to the educational mission of St. Julie Billiart and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Notre Dame High School was established by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1851 and moved to the historic William Ralston Estate in 1923. The school is located on 10.6 acres in Belmont, California, a professional suburban community located midway between San Francisco and San Jose.

### MISSION

We are a caring and compassionate community committed to promoting justice and peace while developing responsible young women of active faith, strong intellect, and Christian leadership. We develop the gifts and talents of each student and foster Gospel values in an environment of academic excellence and mutual respect.

### COMMUNITY

The school draws its student body principally from San Mateo County. Families of the school often reflect middle to upper middle class economic background. Of the 454 students, 128 comprise the senior class. In addition, 4.8 % are international students. The student/teaching faculty ratio is 12:1, and the student/teaching faculty and professional staff ratio is 9.4:1. The average class size is 20.14. For the class of 2020, 93% of students enrolled into a 4-year college while 7% went to community college.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Notre Dame High School offers a strong interscholastic sports program including cross-country, tennis, golf, volleyball, water polo, basketball, soccer, swimming, softball, and track and field. Cheerleading is part of the program as it competes in regional and national competitions each year. Other activities include associated student body, student council, California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, two school



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**FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION:**  
47.88 FTE, 92% hold one or  
more Advanced degrees

### ACCREDITATION:

Western Association of Schools  
and Colleges

**CEEB:** #050275

publications (*The Catalyst*, and yearbook), and clubs and organizations.

## TRI-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Notre Dame High School- Belmont, Mercy High School-Burlingame, and Junipero Serra High School participate in a Tri-School (T-S) program that provides co-educational experiences in the areas of academics, performing arts, and student activities.



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Notre Dame moved to an online synchronous learning model, with accommodations for students who require an asynchronous learning exception. In addition, NDB transitioned from an alternating block schedule to a fixed block schedule with Wednesdays reserved for flexible instruction. During this transition to online learning, we covered regular course content as well as maintained letter grades reported on transcripts for Spring 2020. Lastly, the requirement for community service hours was reduced to 70 for the Class of 2021. NDB remained in this online model through March 1st, 2021, pending further instructions from the County of San Mateo.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS CURRICULUM

Students must meet faculty recommendation and course prerequisite grades to qualify.

### Honors Courses (15)

American Sign Language III  
American Sign Language IV  
Anatomy & Physiology (T-S)  
English I  
English II  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Pre-calculus  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Modern World History  
Photography III  
Sculpture III  
French III  
Spanish III

### Advanced Placement Courses (22)

Art History  
Biology  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Chemistry  
Chinese (Tri-School)  
Computer Science A (Tri-School)  
Computer Science Principles (Started Fall 2019)  
English Language and Composition  
English Literature and Composition  
French Language and Culture  
Human Geography (Started F2020)  
Physics I  
Psychology  
Spanish Language and Culture Spanish  
Literature and Culture Statistics  
Studio Art: 2-D, 3-D, Drawing  
United States Government/Politics  
United States History

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS (Class of 2020 & 2021)

In May of 2020, 145 students took 243 examinations in 19 subject areas. From this total, 86.2% earned a score of 3 or higher.

## Graduation Requirements

The minimum course load for a student is 30 credits per semester for all grade levels. Most students take 35 credits per semester. 240 credits with the following distribution are required for graduation:

**English** 40 credits  
**Mathematics** 30 credits  
**Physical Education** 10 credits  
**Spiritual Life** 40 credits  
**Science** 30 credits  
**Social Sciences** 30 credits  
**Visual/Performing Arts** 10 credits  
**World Languages** 20 credits  
**Electives** 30 credits  
**Plus 80 Hours of Community Service.**

## GRADING AND CLASS RANK

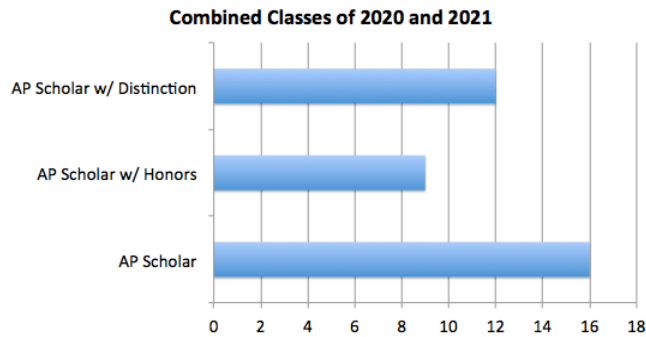
The calculation of a student's academic standing is based on a weighted grade point average. Grade reporting is two (2) times per year. We do not report class rank.

### Grade Scale Change beginning Fall 2019

A+ 98-100	C 73- 77
A 93- 97	C- 70-72
A- 90- 92	D+ 68- 69
B+ 88- 89	D 63- 67
B 83- 87	D- 60- 62
B- 80- 82	F 59 and below
C+78- 79	

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

### Advanced Placement Recognition



### National Merit Scholarships

PSAT/NMSQT exams are offered to 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders at NDB every October.

**Class of 2018:** 2 Commended Students

**Class of 2019:** 1 Finalist/3 Commended Students

**Class of 2020:** 2 Finalists/2 Commended Students

**Class of 2021:** 2 Commended Students

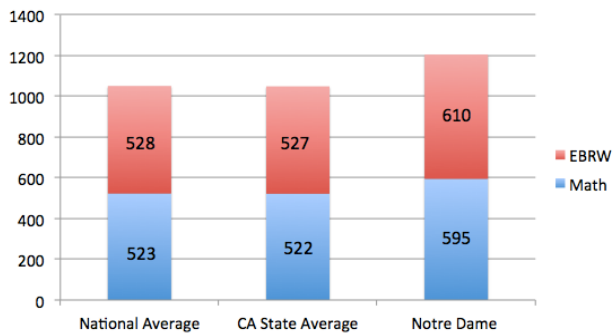
### College Board National Recognitions Program

Top 2.5% of PSAT/NMSQT Test-takers Identified as Affican, Hispanic, or Latinx Americans, or Indigenous.

**Class of 2021:** 2 Scholars

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### SAT Mean Class of 2020

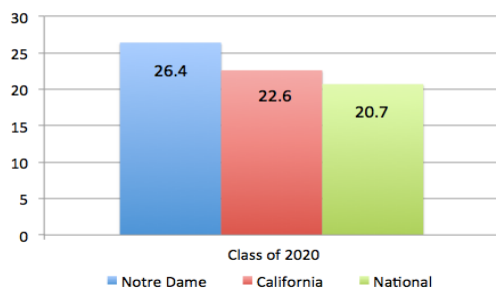


Students on average scored a 610 on Evidenced Based Reading and Writing and 595 on Math, exceeding benchmark levels.

### SAT II Subject Exam –Mean

- Biology (m)- 655
- Chemistry- 708
- English Literature- 647
- Spanish- 660
- Math L2- 696
- Physics- 630

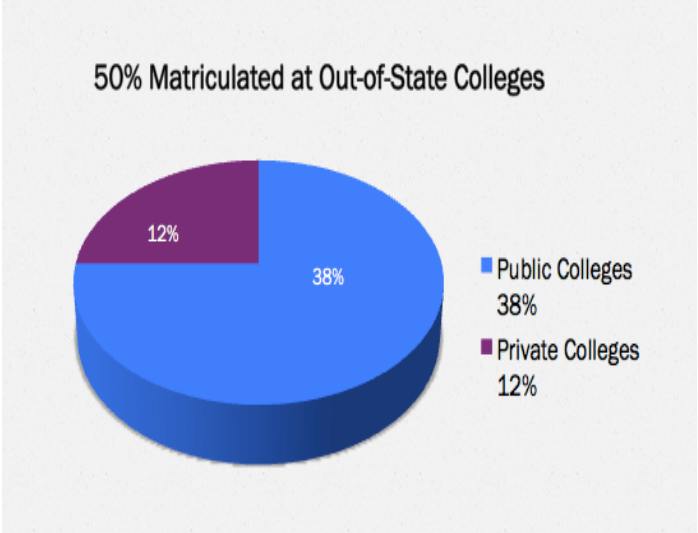
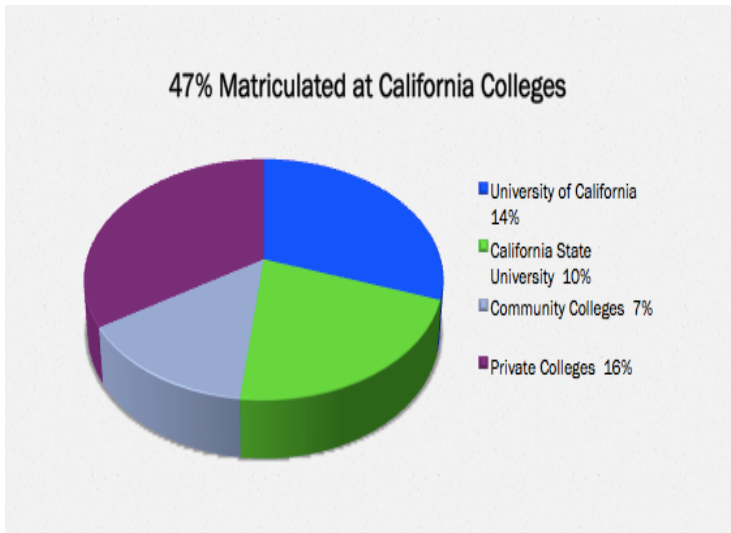
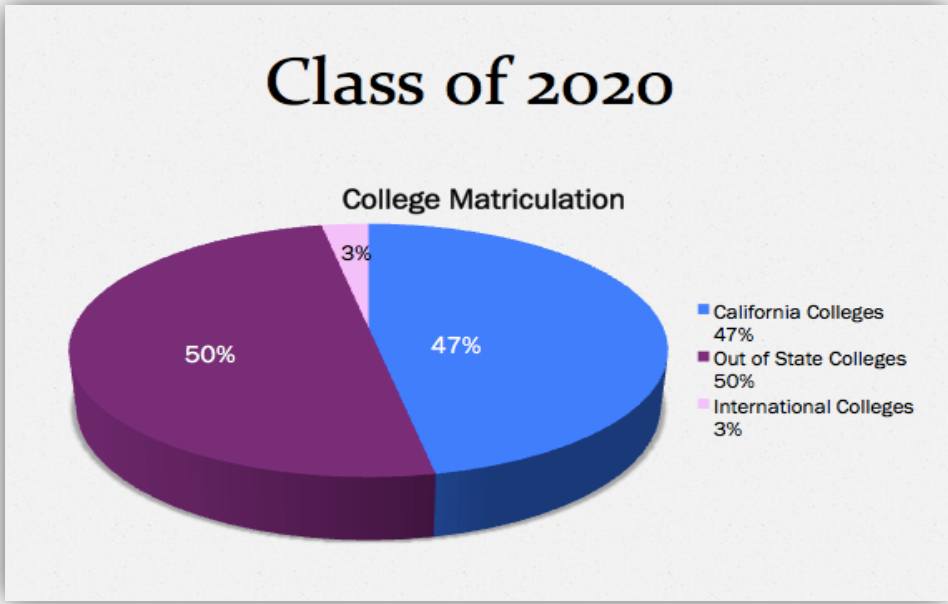
### ACT Average 2020 Graduating Class



ACT Average Individual Composite Scores at NDB exceeding all benchmark levels.

- English score: 28.1
- Math score: 24.9
- Reading score: 27.9
- Science score: 25.5
- STEM score: 25.2

# Class of 2020



## Class of 2018- 2020 College Acceptances Partial List

Adelphi University  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Azusa Pacific University  
 Babson College  
 Bard College  
 Barnard College  
 Baylor University  
 Belmont University  
 Bennington College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Biola University

Boise State University  
 Boston University  
 Bryant University  
 Butler University  
 California Lutheran University  
 California State University Campuses  
 California Northstate University College of Health Science  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Carroll College  
 Central Washington University  
 Chaminade University of Honolulu  
 Chapman University  
 Chicago State University

Clark University  
 Clemson University  
 Colby-Sawyer College  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia University  
 Creighton University  
 Denison University  
 DePaul University  
 Dominican University of California  
 Drake University  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Elmhurst College  
 Elon University  
 Emory University  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin Pierce University  
 George Washington University  
 Gettysburg College  
 Gonzaga University  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 High Point University  
 Holy Names University  
 Howard University  
 Indiana University at Bloomington  
 Kansas State University  
 La Salle University  
 Lehigh University  
 Lesley University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield University  
 Long Island University (Brooklyn)  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Loyola University (Chicago, Maryland & New Orleans)  
 Manhattan College  
 Marist College  
 Marquette University  
 Maryland Institute College of Art  
 Marymount California University  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
 McDaniel College  
 Menlo College  
 Miami University- Oxford  
 Michigan State University  
 Montana State University  
 Mount Allison University (CAN)  
 Mount Saint Mary's University  
 New York Institute of Technology  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Notre Dame de Namur University  
 Occidental College  
 Ohio State University  
 Oregon State University  
 Pace University  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Penn State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Pitzer College  
 Pratt Institute  
 Princeton University  
 Purdue University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Rutgers University  
 Ryerson University (CAN)  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 Santa Clara University  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Seattle University  
 Seton Hall University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 St. Johns University  
 Stanford University  
 SUNY- (Binghamton, Stony Brook)  
 Syracuse University  
 Texas A & M (College Station)  
 Texas Christian University  
 The New School (Parsons)  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 United States Air Force  
 University of Arizona  
 University of British Columbia (CAN)  
 University of California Campuses  
 University College Dublin  
 University of Colorado (Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver)  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago)  
 University of Massachusetts (Amherst & Boston)  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota- Twin Cities  
 University of Missouri- Columbia  
 University of Nevada (Reno, Las Vegas)  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Portland  
 University of Puget Sound  
 University of Rochester  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Southern California  
 University of St. Andrews (UK).  
 University of the Pacific  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin- Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Villanova University  
 Virginia Tech  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington State University  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 Wellesley College  
 Whitman College  
 William & Mary (College of)  
 Willamette University  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 Xavier University  
 York University (CAN)