

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2020-2021

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL

Canisius High School, located in the city of Buffalo, is a Catholic, Jesuit, independent, college preparatory school serving young men of diverse backgrounds from Western New York. Founded in 1870, Canisius High School offers a challenging curriculum that provides a wide range of course offerings including honors and Advanced Placement courses complemented with many electives. The school is affiliated with 59 other Jesuit high schools and 27 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States.

It is understood that, while immersed in Catholic tradition, Canisius welcomes and respects a diversity of religious traditions. Canisius strives to educate the whole person by creating an atmosphere that engages the body, mind, and spirit. Learning extends beyond the classroom by helping students become critical thinkers and effective communicators. Committed to a goal of academic excellence, an education at Canisius also forms young men who are open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to social justice. Graduates emerge as "men for and with others."

Canisius High School is chartered and registered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York as a college preparatory school. Graduates surpass the minimum coursework requirements for a NYS Regents diploma. Therefore, Canisius does not participate in NYS Regents examinations.

The school is accredited by the NYS Department of Education, the New York State Association of Independent Schools, and the Middle States Association of Colleges and High Schools. Memberships are also held with the Jesuit Schools Network (JSN) and the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). Administration and faculty hold memberships in various local, state, and national professional organizations.

Canisius High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin in its admission and educational policies, or in its curricular or co-curricular programs.

CONVERSION TO 4.0 SYSTEM

94 – 100	= 4.0	80 – 82	= 2.7
90 – 93	= 3.7	77 – 79	= 2.4
87 – 89	= 3.4	73 – 76	= 2.0
83 – 86	= 3.0	70 – 72	= 1.7

ENROLLMENT

663 males grades 9 – 12
Student/teacher ratio of 12:1

Admission is based upon solid academic performance, examination, and recommendation.

GRADUATION UNITS REQUIRED: 30

English	4	Math	3
History	4	Language	3
Religion	4	Science	3
Fine Arts	1	Phys. Ed.	2
Health	.5	Innovative Tech.	.5
Christian Service	2	Electives	3

HONORS STATUS:

First Honors: GPA of 93.00 and above and no grades below 80%
Second Honors: GPA of 90.00-92.99 and no grades below 80%

IGNATIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Entering freshmen who are intellectually gifted and have distinguished themselves through hard work and academic achievement are given the designation of Ignatian Scholars. They are enrolled in honors and accelerated courses and must maintain a 90% average.

GRADING SYSTEM

Numerical grades are on a 100 point system for academic subjects. Students are required to enroll in seven academic courses per semester and earn a passing grade of 70% in each for course credit. Grades are not weighted.

CANISIUS DOES NOT RANK OUR STUDENTS

Canisius believes that ranking students is not an accurate method of distinguishing one student from another, nor do we believe that the concept of rank reflects our rigorous college preparatory curriculum, the selective nature of our student body or individual student achievement. Therefore, ranking students would be a misleading indication of a student's academic ability and capacity to successfully manage college-level studies.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities include 21 interscholastic sports, intramural programs, and over 35 student clubs and activities including but not limited to school publications, honor clubs, performing arts, literary work, and career based learning.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Required by all students each year. Details available on our website.

Jesuit Preparation for College...for Life

SAT SCORES: 2020 GRADUATES

	<u>CHS</u>	<u>NYS</u>	<u>USA</u>
Mean Reading & Writing	590	528	528
Mean Math	579	530	523

(98.8% of class took SAT)

<u>Distribution of scores:</u>	<u>500+</u>	<u>600+</u>	<u>700+</u>
Reading & Writing	85%	45%	13%
Math	83%	37%	15%

TREND OF MEAN SAT SCORES: CHS GRADUATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Reading & Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>
2017	601	596
2018	603	605
2019	616	610
2020	590	570

CLASSES OF 2020 AND 2021 INCLUDE:

- 1 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program Winner
- 1 National African American Recognition Program Winner
- 6 National Merit Commended
- 35 AP Scholars
- 25 AP Scholars with Honor
- 21 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 4 National AP Scholars

PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATES MATRICULATING IN COLLEGE:

Class of 2016	98.0%
Class of 2017	99.0%
Class of 2018	98.0%
Class of 2019	98.0%
Class of 2020	96.0%

COLLEGE MATRICULATION BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

New York State	39%
Private Colleges	58%
Public Colleges	36%
Jesuit Colleges	21%
Other Catholic/Christian Colleges	17%
Mid-Atlantic States (excluding NY)	18%
Midwestern States	16%
Northeastern States	7%
Southern States	10%
Western States	4%

Total Students 173

Percentages do not total 100% (overlap multiple categories)

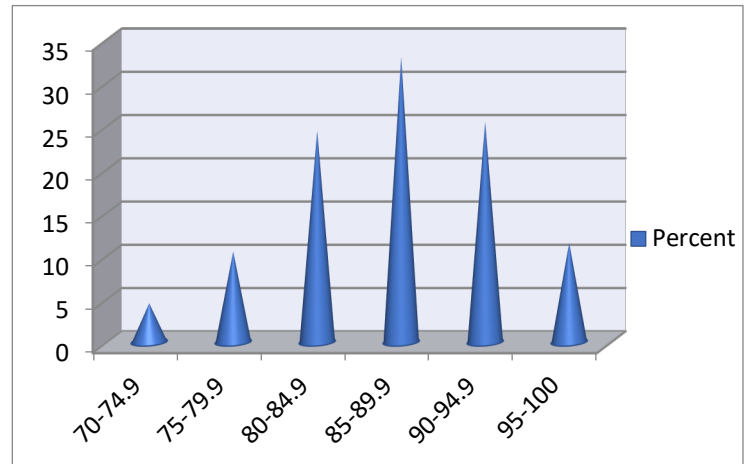
SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 2020 earned academic scholarships exceeding \$15.5 million.

For a complete list of college acceptances, go to:
www.canisiushigh.org/academics/guidance-and-counseling

See attached statement regarding our Covid 19 response.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION, CLASS OF 2020



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS 2020-2021

Computer Science

Intro to Innovative Technologies
 Intro to Computer Science I and II
 Computer Science
 A.P. Computer Science
 Computer Game Design
 Computer Game Design & Animation

English

English 9, 10, 11, 12
 English Honors 9, 10
 A.P. English Literature
 A.P. English Language
 Publication for Seniors

Fine Arts

American Music
 Architecture
 Art 4 (Independent Study)
 Blue Chorus
 Concert Band
 Drawing & Painting 1 & 2
 Explorations in Art & Music
 Gold Chorus
 Guitar Ensemble
 Hand Bell Ensemble
 Intro to Broadcasting
 Intro to Filmmaking
 Intro to Graphic Design
 Photo Shop 1
 Publishing
 Sculpture
 String Orchestra
 Studio Art

History

Global History 9, 10
 A.P. World History
 A.P. European History
 United States History
 A.P. United States History
 American Government
 Economics
 A.P. United States Government
 History of Buffalo and Western NY

Mathematics

Algebra
 Geometry
 Geometry Honors
 Algebra II/Trigonometry
 Algebra II/Trig Honors
 Precalculus
 Precalculus Honors
 Applied Statistics
 A.P. Calculus (AB)
 A.P. Calculus (BC)
 A.P. Statistics
 Gifted Math Program (SUNY UB)

Physical Education

Health
 Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12

Religious Education

Religious Studies 9, 10, 11, 12
 Religion 12 Honors (Canisius Coll)
 Christian Service 9, 10, 11, 12

Science

Earth Science
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Physics
 A.P. Biology
 A.P. Chemistry
 A.P. Physics (Mechanics)
 A.P. Psychology
 Forensic Science
 Intro to Engineering

Language

French 1, 2, 3, 4
 Latin 1, 2, 3, 4
 Mandarin Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4
 AP Chinese
 Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 Spanish 3 Honors

Guidance

Career Exploration
 College Planning
 College Seminar

COVID Response

Canisius High School conducted remote instruction for students beginning on Monday, March 23, 2020 through the remainder of the school year. An eLearning plan consisted of a new class schedule of online instruction where core competencies were the main focus in each course. Daily attendance was taken in each class with an expectation of a high level of engagement with teachers and for students to fully participate in the eLearning process. Students were provided the same quality education and resources due in any other learning environment consistent with Canisius High School standards and expectations.

Classes were taught asynchronously, with a variety of technology used in the delivery of course material. Canisius did continue to provide grades for student work through the third and fourth quarters. Final exams were cancelled. Although the school normally has a policy of requiring that all students enrolled in AP classes take the corresponding AP exams in May, the exams were optional in 2020. Approximately 87% of students opted to take the AP exams.

As of September 2020, Canisius students have returned full-time to the classroom, with safety protocols in place. Remote learning is also an option.