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# COMMUNITY

Utica is a small city with a population of approximately 60,000 located in central New York State. Known as the "Gateway to the Adirondacks" and developed from its early roots as a "mill town" to include many light industries. Its residents reflect a great diversity of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. The community can be characterized as essentially middle to low income with occupational representation at the semi-skilled and professional level.

### SCHOOL

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School is a private Catholic school in the Diocese of Syracuse. As the area's only Catholic secondary school, Notre Dame is dedicated to developing each student's academic, spiritual, and personal gifts. Our commitment to civic engagement provides our students with the ability to see the plight of those less fortunate and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. Accredited by the New York State Department of Education and the Diocese of Syracuse, Notre Dame's enrollment includes grades 7-12, and the student-faculty ratio is 20:1.

# **CURRICULUM**

Notre Dame is a school of technology; all students possess a ChromeBook, which are used daily in all classes. Students pursue a liberal arts curriculum that requires four years of English, History and Religious Studies, three years of science and Mathematics, and three years of World Language for advanced Regents designation.

Our faculty challenges students to develop critical thinking skills, and our selection of accelerated, honors, dual credit, and AP courses allow students to be the masters of their academic trajectory. Our dual credit courses are offered through Mohawk Valley Community College and Utica College, in which courses are taken at Notre Dame, but credit is earned at both institutions. As part of our Utica College partnership, students can take Utica College classes in-person at the college or online for college credit.

# **GRADE CONVERSION SCALE**

A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ 93-100 90-92 87-89 83-86 80-82 77-79 73-76 70-72 68-69

# **GRADING POLICY**

Notre Dame has a quarterly grading system with each quarter equaling 20% of the final grade and the midterm and final exams, each worth 10% of the grade. All grades are based on a numerical system based on 100. Generally, marking periods are weighted twice as much as exams. The passing grade for all classes and exams is 65. Students earn 1 unit of credit for completing a full-year course and 0.5 units for a one-semester.

#### **GRADE WEIGHTING**

Course Level	Weight
Advanced Placement	1.10
Off Campus Dual Enrollment	1.10
Dual Enrollment	1.05
Honors	1.03
Upper Level Math and Science, NYS Regents and	1.02
Regents Prep course	
College Prep	1.00

### POST-SECONDARY

Class	Size	4-YR %	2-YR %	Other
2019	52	80%	14%	6%
2018	67	68%	30%	2%
2017	61	70%	26%	4%
2016	62	70%	27%	3%
2015	52	65%	31%	4%
2014	46	72%	28%	0%

# MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Religion	4
English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Foreign Language for Local/ Regents	1
or *Advanced Regents	3
Health	0.5
Art or Music	1
Physical Education	2
Electives for Local/ Regents	3.5
or *Advanced Regents	1.5
Total credits:	26.0

# **CURRICULUM OFFERINGS**

#### **Career & Technical Education Classes**

11th and 12th Grade students interested in career and tech education classes may enroll at the Oneida/Herkimer/Madison County B.O.C.E.S. Students spend half day at B.O.C.E.S. and half day at ND.

#### **NJROTC**

A special feature of Notre Dame High School is its NJROTC program. NJROTC (Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) is sponsored by the U.S. Navy and is a secondary school program for students. in 9th - 12th grades. NJROTC is a citizenship and leadership development program, teaching self-discipline, leadership, respect, and self-determination skills to assist students in successfully accomplishing life's goals.

**English:** English 9, English 10, English 11 or English 11 Honors, MVCC English 12 or AP Literature & Composition **History:** Global History & Geography 1&2, AP World History, US History & Government or AP US History, Economics, MVCC American National Government

Religion: Religion 9, Religion 10, Religion 11, Religion 12

Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, MVCC MA18/MA110, AP Calculus

Science: Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology

Language: Spanish 1A, Spanish 1B, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, MVCC Spanish 4, MVCC Spanish 5, French 1A,

French 1B, French 2 French 3, MVCC French 4

Electives: MVCC Public Speaking, MVCC Theatre, MVCC Film Study, Sociology, AP Psychology

## COLLEGES ATTENDED 2015-2021

Adelphi University
Alfred University
American University
Assumption College (2)
Ave Maria University
Bentley University
Boston College (2)
Boston University
Bucknell University
Canisius College
Clarkson University (3)

Continental School of Beauty
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Douglas College
Duquesne University
Eastern Nazarene College

College of the Holy Cross (2)

Colorado State University

Fordham University Gannon University (2)

Georgia Tech

Green River College Hamilton College (2) Hartwick College (2)

Herkimer County Community Col-

lege (15)

Hillsborough Community College

Indiana University Bloomington

Ithaca College (3)
Jacksonville University
Joffrey Ballet School

Johnson & Wales University

Keuka College (3) Le Moyne College (13) Manhattanville College Marist College (2)
Mercyhurst University
Mohawk Valley Community

College (40)

Monroe Community College

Nazareth College

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Niagara University (2) Norwich University Ohio State University Pace University

Parsons School of Design Penn State University (2)

Pratt Institute

Pratt MWP College of Art and

Design (3)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4)

Rochester Institute of Technology

**Rutgers University** 

Saint Michael's College (2) San Diego State University Santa Barbara City College

Siena College (6) Springfield College

St. Bonaventure University (2)

St. Francis College

St. John Fisher College (2) St. John's University (2)

SUNY Adirondack Community

College

SUNY Alfred State SUNY Brockport (6) SUNY Canton SUNY Cobleskill SUNY Cortland SUNY Delhi SUNY Fredonia (3) SUNY Geneseo (3) SUNY Morrisville (8) SUNY Oneonta (3)

SUNY Oswego (2)

SUNY Polytechnic Institute (10)

Syracuse University Temple University (3)

The Catholic University of America

The College of Saint Rose

The Culinary Institute of America

Thiel College Tiffin University Union College

University At Albany (4) University at Buffalo (6)

University of California - Berkeley University of California Davis

University of Maine (2) University of Massachusetts

Amherst

University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill

University of Rochester (2)

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee (2)

Utica College (32) Virginia Tech

Wake Technical Community

College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Notre Dame inspires students to embrace critical thinking, creativity, and civic engagement, resulting in a lifelong passion for learning.

