



2018-2019 PROFILE

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ACCREDITATION

St. Cecilia Academy is accredited by AdvancED and holds memberships in The College Board, Independent Schools of the Nashville Area, National Catholic Education Association, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. St. Cecilia is also a member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling.

ADMISSION

Acceptance is based on a combination of previous school performance, entrance examination scores, interview, and personal characteristics and qualities of the applicant.

CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

4 credits of religion
4 credits of English
4 credits of math
3 credits of science
3 credits of social science
3 credits of world language
2 credits of fine arts
1 credit of physical education
0.5 credit of computer technology
28 credits required for graduation*
*remaining credits to be satisfied with electives

2017-18 ENROLLMENT

<i>Class of 2019</i>	74
<i>Class of 2020</i>	60
<i>Class of 2021</i>	61
<i>Class of 2022</i>	71
<i>Total Students</i>	266

St. Cecilia Academy (SCA) is proud of the diversity of its students, both socioeconomically and culturally. 37 percent of the student body receives need-based financial aid. U.S. ethnic minorities comprise 24% of the school population. Traditionally, 100 percent of our graduates enroll in four-year colleges or universities.



ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

St. Cecilia Academy was founded in 1860 by the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and is the oldest continually operating high school in Nashville. The all-girls Catholic college preparatory school provides a rigorous liberal arts academic program in a Christ-centered environment. St. Cecilia Academy inherits a tradition dating back to St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order in 1216 for the purpose of study, prayer, community and service. The school is inspired by its namesake, St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians and muse of poets. This rich legacy is ever ancient and ever new – as relevant today as it was 800 years ago, and interwoven into every aspect of St. Cecilia’s academic and extracurricular life. The St. Cecilia educational philosophy, rooted in the centuries-old Dominican tradition, develops women who are inquisitive and courageous. Immersed in an environment that is at once intimate and demanding, the St. Cecilia student becomes eager to discover why God made her and what she is meant to do.

FACULTY

Seventy-three percent of the faculty have earned an advanced degree; 10 percent have earned a doctoral degree.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students are required to carry a minimum of 7 courses within an 8-course schedule. Each class is 50 minutes. Average class size is 13; student to teacher ratio is 8:1.

All academic classes are considered rigorous, college-preparatory courses. SCA also offers Advanced Placement and honors classes, as well as classes through approved online programs, including One Schoolhouse’s online all-girls courses.

SCA COURSE OFFERINGS

Honors and AP courses are marked in **bold type**; classes not available during the 2018-19 school year are *italicized*.

ENGLISH

English 9
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition

English 10
American Literature
American Literature Honors

English 11
English Rhetoric & Composition
AP English Language & Composition

English 12
British Literature
AP English Literature & Composition
Journalism 1 & 2 (semester classes)
Yearbook 1 & 2

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1
Algebra 1 Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 Honors
Functions, Data, and Analysis
Pre-Calculus Honors
Introduction to Calculus (semester class)
Statistics (semester class)
Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics (online)
Multivariable Calculus (online)
Differential Equations (online)

WORLD LANGUAGES

French 1, 2, 3
French Pre-AP (Honors-level course)
French Culture & Conversation
AP French Language
Spanish 1, 2, 3
Spanish Pre-AP (Honors-level course)
Spanish Culture & Conversation
AP Spanish Language
Latin 1, 2, 3
AP Latin

RELIGION

Religion 9 (Christ & Scripture)
Religion 10 (Redemption & the Sacraments)
Religion 11 (Encountering Christ in the Church)
Religion 12 (Moral & Spiritual Theology)
Philosophical Questions (semester class)
Faith & Culture Seminar (semester class)

SCIENCE

Physics
Physics Honors
Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Biology
Biology Honors
Environmental Science 1 & 2 (semester classes)
Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2 (semester classes)
AP Physics
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
Scientific Research (Honors-level course)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Western Civilization I (World History)
Western Civilization II (European History)
AP European History
U.S. History
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government & Politics (semester class)
AP Psychology
Current Global Issues (semester class)

FINE ARTS

VAP (Visual & Performing Arts)
Visual Arts (Intermediate, Advanced, & Masters)
Portfolio Studio Arts
35mm Photography (semester class)
Digital Photography (semester class)
AP Art History
AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2D Design
Speech & Drama (Intermediate, Advanced, & Masters)
Dance (Intermediate, Advanced, & Masters)
Introduction to Choral Music
Advanced Chorus
Chamber Ensemble
AP Music Theory

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

(all semester classes)
Academic Applications (may be taken in summer)
Layout & Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(all semester classes)
Wellness
Weight Training/Conditioning

GRADING

GRADING SCALE

SCA does not use letter grades. Instead, exact number grades are used throughout. The school's passing mark is 70. SCA does not rank.

92 – 100 A
84 – 91 B
75 – 83 C
70 – 74 D

WEIGHTING OF GRADES

Semester grades that appear on the official school transcript are not weighted. Weighted grades are used only when determining the cumulative weighted GPA. An additional 2 points are added to each AP semester grade; honors classes are given 1 additional point each semester. All coursework taken at SCA is included in the GPA computation; grades from other schools, including online classes, are not included in the GPA at this time. Cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs are also displayed on a 4.0 scale on the transcript.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

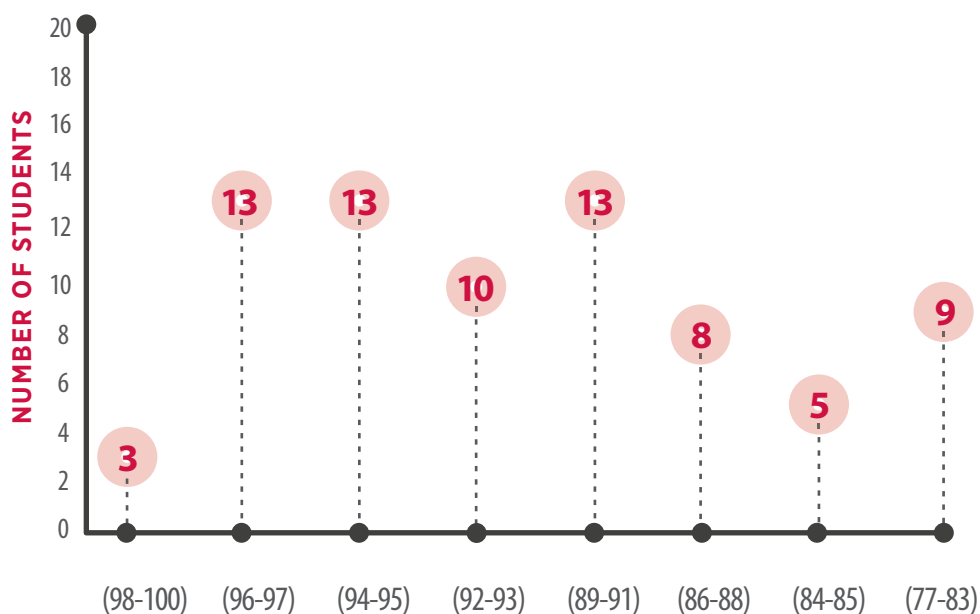
Nineteen (19) AP courses and 11 honors-level courses are available, with additional advanced online courses offered according to student interest. All students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam. Students are limited in the number of AP courses permitted; each student's schedule is evaluated individually by the school's Academic Committee. The maximum number of AP courses permitted per year is four.

In 2018, 91 SCA students took 173 AP examinations in 13 different subjects, with an overall pass rate of 81%.

AP SCHOLAR STATS 2013-2018

AP Scholars: 93
AP Scholars with Honor: 58
AP Scholars with Distinction: 68
National AP Scholars: 4

CLASS OF 2019 ACADEMIC STANDING



(74 students, based on six-semester weighted GPAs. Transfer students' GPAs from previous schools are not included.)

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Test results are for the class of 2018, current as of July 2018.

SAT Results (33 students tested)

	MEAN	MID-50% RANGE
Evidence-based reading & writing	647	590-680
Math	596	550-640
TOTAL	1242	1130-1320

ACT RESULTS (56 students tested)

SUBJECT	MEAN	MID-50% RANGE
ACT Composite	26.0	23-29
ACT English	27.3	24-31
ACT Math	24.0	20-27
ACT Reading	27.2	22-33
ACT Science	24.8	22-27

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

The 56 members of the class of 2018 are attending 33 different colleges in 16 states and were offered more than \$10.1 million in scholarships.

Ninety-five percent of the class of 2018 will attend four-year institutions immediately after graduation. Three students have been accepted to college, but are taking a gap semester or year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Classes of 2013-2018

U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate	2
National Merit Scholar Finalists	10
National Merit Commended Students	18
National Achievement Finalist	1

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are required to volunteer 60 hours of service, 20 hours each year beginning in the sophomore year. Service work ranges from tutoring children and working at homeless shelters to field work on various service trips.

FINE ARTS

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of the arts, and SCA takes pride in its long tradition of excellence in the arts, reflected in its extensive offerings. All freshmen are required to take a full-year introductory survey course, Visual and Performing Arts (VAP), which includes a study of dance, drama, choir and the visual arts. Advanced classes in speech & drama, art (including digital and 35mm photography), dance and music performance are available for interested students. The music program includes both beginning and advanced chorus and chamber ensemble, with private music lessons available in voice and various instruments including piano, clarinet, violin, and guitar. SCA's highly competitive fine arts and forensics programs consistently bring home honors in regional, state and national competitions.

ATHLETICS

Approximately 60% of the student body participates in at least one sport. Sports include rowing, volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming & diving, track & field, softball, golf, lacrosse, bowling and tennis.

INTERIM

Each January, all SCA students participate in an Interim program offering non-traditional learning through travel, internships or special on-campus classes. Students who remain on campus can explore a variety of subjects — recent choices have included intro to law, creative writing, forensics science biotechnology, public speaking, sacred architecture and rock climbing. Those who intern shadow community leaders and professionals with the goal of experiencing various career options. In recent years, students have also had the opportunity to intern in New York. Travel destinations have included Great Britain/Ireland, Spain and Italy.

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS 2014-2018

SCA graduates from 2014-2018 enrolled in the following colleges; college decisions for the class of 2018 are indicated in **bold**.

The University of Alabama (3)

Andrew College
Aquinas College
University of Arkansas
Auburn University

Austin Peay State University

Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont Abbey College

Belmont University (3)

Benedictine College
Berea College
Berry College

Birmingham-Southern College

Boston College
Boston University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
The Catholic University of America
College of Charleston
Clemson University

University of Colorado at Boulder

Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Cumberland University
University of Dallas
Dartmouth College

University of Dayton (2)

Denison University
DePaul University
Drake University
East Tennessee State University
Elon University
Emory University
University of Evansville

Florida Southern College

Furman University

Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology

University of Georgia (2)

Grinnell College
Hampton University

High Point University
Hillsdale College

Hollins University

College of the Holy Cross (2)

The College of Idaho
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Jacksonville University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lafayette College

Lawrence University

Lipscomb University

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lycoming College
Macalester College

Marion Military Institute

University of Maryland, College Park
Maryville College

Miami University, Oxford

Middle Tennessee State University (2)

Mississippi State University

University of Mississippi (2)

Nashville State Community College

University of New Mexico
New York University

North Carolina State University (2)

Northeastern University
University of Notre Dame

Nova Southeastern University

Oklahoma City University
Oxford College of Emory University
Pepperdine University
Rhodes College

Rice University

University of Richmond
Saint Anselm College
University of Saint Francis

Saint Louis University

Saint Mary's College
Saint Peter's University

Samford University

University of San Diego

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
University of South Alabama

University of South Carolina (2)

Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. Olaf College

Stanford University

Temple University

Tennessee State University

Tennessee Technological University

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga (5)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville (5)

The University of Texas, Austin
The Ohio State University

Transylvania University (2)

Trevecca Nazarene University

Tulane University

Union University

United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Washington University in St. Louis
Watkins College of Art
Webster University

Western Kentucky University

College of William and Mary
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Wittenberg University
Wofford College
The College of Wooster
Wyoming Catholic College
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana