

Carmel Catholic High School

Chicago North Shore, IL



The International Student Department

In the U.S., very few high schools come with expertise in international student education — Carmel Catholic High School is one of them. Our International Student Department provides more than academics, offering comprehensive support every step of the way.

Continuous on-site personalized support.

Amerigo embeds dedicated staff directly on partner school campuses to provide daily guidance, emotional care, and logistical assistance.

Flexible accommodation with structure and comfort.

Students can reside in modern, fully staffed international residences featuring thoughtful amenities, or choose homestays with vetted families.

Academic and university advising.

We work closely with counselors to support course planning, track graduation readiness and guide families through university admissions.

Proven outcomes, empowered futures.

International students in our Signature program achieve standout university acceptances, even when starting with modest GPAs or English levels.





Livia Holmstrom

Associate Director of Campus Operations

As a former international student myself, I know how important it is to feel supported both inside and outside the classroom. Our campus offers the best of both worlds — the safety and community of the Chicago suburbs with easy access to the vibrant city. Our team is passionate about guiding students not only in their academics but also in building a fulfilling social and cultural experience.



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Admissions results that speak for themselves

Carmel Catholic High School's international students consistently gain admission to top U.S. universities — a reflection of the school's strong academics and dedicated support.



- American University
- Baylor University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- Denison University
- University of Denver
- DePaul University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- University of Iowa
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola Marymount University
- Marquette University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Pace University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Pratt Institute of Design
- Rutgers University
- Saint John's University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- University of Southern California
- St. Olaf College
- SUNY, Stony Brook
- Texas A&M University
- University of Utah
- Villanova University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of Washington, Seattle
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- And Many More

From ambition to acceptance. Guaranteed.



Our promise is simple

We're on your side. From the first day on campus to the final university acceptance. With our proven model and unmatched support, we turn our students' dreams into admission letters. That's why families trust our International Department to provide more than access. We deliver results.

To reflect different ambition levels and provide clarity for families, we now offer two distinct university outcomes:

Top 100 Guaranteed

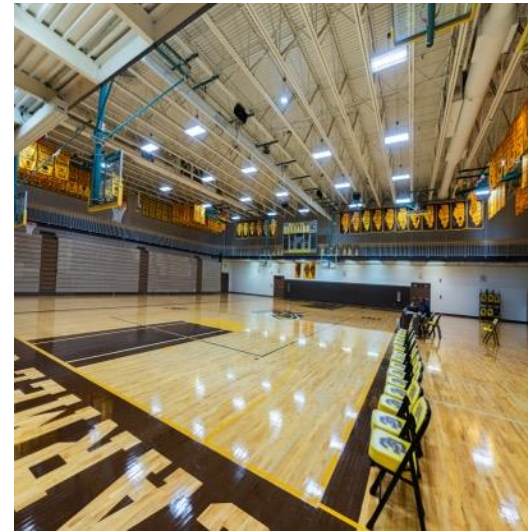
All international students admitted to Carmel Catholic High School are eligible for this exclusive pathway. Designed for students committed to steady academic progress and personal accountability, this path ensures Top 100 university admission for those who meet program expectations.

Top 50 Track

For ambitious students who meet higher entry standards and follow a structured pathway this track includes additional academic, extracurricular, and soft-skill criteria designed to secure Top 50 outcomes.

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School Address	1 Carmel Pkwy, Mundelein, IL 60060
Year Founded	1962
Campus Size	50 acres
School Type	Co-ed
School Grades	Grades 9-12
Accepting Grades	Grades 9 -11
# of Students	1150
# of International Students	48 (from 9 different countries and regions)
Faculty to Student Ratio	1:15
Average Class Size	25
# of Universities that Visit Campus Annually	175
# of AP and Honors Courses	120+
University Acceptance Rate	100%
# of Varsity Sports	26
# of Clubs	45+



Check out what life is like at Carmel Catholic High School



Carmel Catholic High School is a **five-time** recipient of the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School award – one of just six high schools in the country to achieve this.

Each year, the US Department of Education gives out the National Blue Ribbon School Award to a small group of elite schools that do an exceptional job supporting students. It's extremely rare for a school to earn this award so many times!

- 100% University Acceptance Rate
- ACT Prep Courses are offered during the school day
- \$49 million USD in college scholarships was earned by recent graduates
- 21 AP courses, 22 Dual Credit courses, 75 Honors courses and 92 College Prep courses are offered
- Dual Credit courses are offered through the Milwaukee School of Engineering (#11 Best Engineering Program), as well as through Loyola University and the College of Lake County
- A Project Lead the Way Distinguished School, recognized for its engineering program, as well as the Engineering Center with state-of-the-art resources
- World Championship-Winning Robotics Team
- Unique partnership with Stanford University's STEP-UP Program, which helps underrepresented students break into STEM careers
- 75% of faculty members have advanced degrees



Business incubator program

Through this program, students learn about entrepreneurship, while they set up their own company, work with local investors and create real businesses.

Pitch night

Every May, students pitch their business ideas to local investors. If they are successful, students receive capital funds and work with school faculty on securing patents and launching their business.

Carmel also offers a comprehensive list of elective classes for students who are interested in Business, including:

- Business Logistics and Operations Management (Honors)
- Finance and Investments (Honors)
- Girls of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow
- Healthcare Administration and Management (Honors)
- Introduction to Business (Dual Credit)
- Introduction to Business
- Marketing
- Personal Finance
- Principles of Management (Dual Credit)



Robust Engineering Center

- Carmel's Engineering Center provides students with state-of-the-art resources and learning spaces
- Carmel Catholic was named a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School for its work in increasing student access, engagement and achievement in the field of engineering
- Students can choose from courses in Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Aerospace Engineering and many more.
- Courses include:
 - Aerospace Engineering (Dual Credit)
 - Civil Engineering and Architecture (Dual Credit)
 - Digital Electronics (Dual Credit)
 - Introduction to Engineering Women (Dual Credit)
 - Introduction to Engineering (Dual Credit)
 - Principles of Engineering (Dual Credit)
 - Robotics (Honors)
 - Computer Science (AP/Dual Credit)
 - Computer Science Principal (AP/Dual Credit)



Fine and Performing Arts

Four-Year Program for Performers, Artists and Designers

Carmel Catholic's Fine and Performing Arts Program provides invaluable benefits to students, enriching their overall education while also helping them develop creativity, critical thinking skills, confidence and more. The school offers a wide range of courses and extracurriculars, as well as advanced facilities.

Fine and Performing Arts facilities include:

- Black Box Theater
- Visual Arts Studios
- Art Gallery
- Dance Studio
- Mac Computer Lab
- Ceramics Studio
- Darkroom Photography Lab



Business and Technology Department

- Accounting *(Dual Credit)*
- Business Accelerator
- Business Logistics and Operations Management
- Finance and Investments
- Healthcare Administration and Management
- Web Design

Engineering Department

- Aerospace Engineering *(Dual Credit)*
- Civil Engineering and Architecture *(Dual Credit)*
- Computer Science *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Digital Electronics *(Dual Credit)*
- Introduction to Engineering
- Robotics *(Honors)*

English Department

- English 9-12 *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Creative Writing
- Film as Narrative
- Introduction to Journalism

Fine Arts Department

- Choir *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Band *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Dance *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Graphic Design *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Photography *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Guitar *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Drama *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*

Mathematics Department

- Algebra *(College Prep, Honors)*
- Calculus *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Statistics *(College Prep and AP)*

Science Department

- Anatomy and Physiology *(Honors)*
- Biology *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Chemistry *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Environmental Biology *(Dual Credit)*
- Forensic Science
- Human Ecological Footprint
- Physics *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Zoology

Social Studies Department

- Ancient World History *(College Prep and Honors)*
- US History *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- World History *(College Prep, Honors and AP)*
- Criminal Justice *(Dual Credit)*
- Psychology *(College Prep, AP)*

World Language Department

- Chinese *(College Prep, Honors, AP, Dual Credit)*
- French *(College Prep, Honors, AP)*
- Latin *(College Prep, Honors, Dual Credit)*
- Spanish *(College Prep, Honors, AP, Dual Credit)*

Carmel Catholic High School Sample Schedule					
Period	DAY A	DAY B	DAY C	DAY A	DAY B
1	English 11	AP Calculus BC	English 11	English11	AP Calculus BC
2	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
3	AP Biology	AP Biology	AP Calculus BC	AP Biology	AP Biology
4	Catholic Morality UCP Lunch	Choir Lunch	Catholic Morality UCP Lunch	Catholic Morality UCP Lunch	Choir Lunch
5	Advance Academic Reading and Composition	Advance Academic Reading and Composition	Choir Lunch	Advance Academic Reading and Composition	Advance Academic Reading and Composition
6	US History UCP	Seminar	US History UCP	US History UCP	Seminar



"I loved my time here at Carmel!

I have had so many opportunities here like starting a new club, leading a robotics team, and organizing events to get younger students involved in STEM. The teachers here are incredibly supportive and are always willing to go the extra mile to help you. The academics can be tough, but teachers always prepare you for what lies ahead whether it be a quiz, test, or college. I'm so happy to be here at Carmel!"

— Jacqueline, Grade 12



Carmel offers a wide range of student activities at a variety of levels.

24 Varsity sports, with a total of 17 State Championships

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance/Poms
- Football
- Golf Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

45+ Clubs

- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Bicycle Club Book Club Debate Club
- Diversity and Equity Council
- Environmental Club Film Club
- French Club
- Game Club
- Intramural Sports
- K-Pop Club
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Photography Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Robotics Teams
- Science Club
- Ski Club
- Social Justice Club
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Scholastic Bowl
- Youth & Government



World Champion NYAN Robotics Team

The Carmel Catholic Robotics team is one of the top ranked in the world. The team receives mentorship and sponsorship from a range of professional companies, including Google, Hydraforce and Digital Design Corporation.

There are three levels of teams offered at school. The teams are cleverly named:

- NYAN (Not Your Average Nerds)
- TNT (Total Nerds Team)
- N Cubed (Not Not Nerds)

Carmel's Robotics teams have won state, national and world competitions, with the title of World Champion at the 2019 First Tech Challenge World Cup. Most recently, they won the State Competition in 2022.



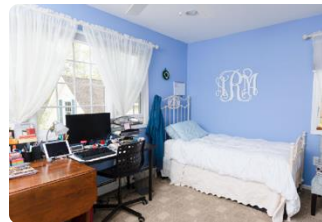
Homestay

At Carmel Catholic High School, international students live in warm and welcoming Homestays. They not only get a great education, they also find loving homes and create lasting relationships with their host families.

Homestay family selection process

Safety is always the **#1 priority** for our students. All host families undergo a rigorous application and screening process to ensure they are a good candidate to host. This includes:

- A comprehensive application
- Background check for every adult in the home
- An interview
- An in-person home check by an international staff team member
- Matching to student interest forms to ensure a good fit for both student and host (completed after acceptance into program)



Life in a Homestay

- Students live in safe, comfortable homestays in close proximity to the school
- Students have comfortable bedrooms, including a dresser, bed, desk and closet
- Host families and students are paired through methodical matching process
- Regular acculturation activities are offered through both the host family and the school
- Our international team is in constant communication with families, including receiving monthly reports
- 24/7 team is available for emergency assistance or urgent issues
- The host family offers a full-time English language environment
- Hosts provide transportation to and from the school every day
- Family provides healthy meals every day

Open Grades for Applications: 9-11

Language Requirement:

- Accepted Tests: TOEFL iBT, IELTS, Duolingo, ELTiS
- Minimum Score: ELTiS 680+

Application Materials:

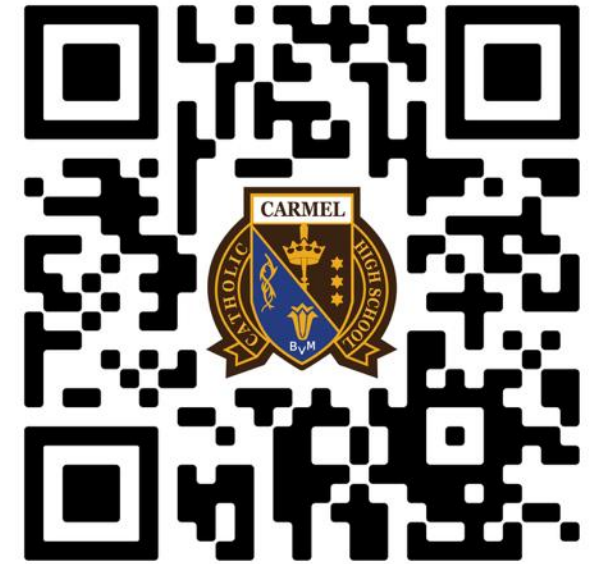
- 2 Years of Transcripts and the progress report for the current year
- English and Math Recommendation Letters
- Passport

Interview: Amerigo Interview



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