

SCHOOL PROFILE

NOTRE DAME JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Principal
Richard J. Hensel

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Gina Malin



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Steffani DiPierro

COMMUNITY

Utica is a small city with a population of approximately 60,000 located in central New York. Known as the "Gateway to the Adirondacks" and developed from its early roots as a "mill-town" to include many light industries. Its radiance reflects 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, the Diocese of Syracuse, and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Notre Dame's enrollment includes grades 6-12 and a student-faculty ratio of 10:1. We are also proud to be the education provider for the Notre Dame Hockey Academy, est. 2025.

CURRICULUM

Notre Dame is a school of technology; all students are issued ChromeBooks, which are used daily in all classes. Students pursue a liberal arts curriculum that requires four years of English, History, and Theology, three years of science and mathematics, and three years of Spanish for advanced Regents designation.

Our faculty challenges students to develop critical thinking, and our selection of dual credit courses through Mohawk Valley Community College, AP courses, and bridge courses offered through Utica University allow students to be the masters of their academic trajectory.

GRADE CONVERSION SCALE

A	B	C	D
90 - 100	80-89	70-79	65-69

GRADING POLICY

Notre Dame has a quarterly grading system with each quarter equal to 20% of the final grade and the midterm, final, and/or Regents 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 semester course.

GRADE WEIGHTING

Course Level	Weight
Advanced Placement	1.10
Dual Credit	1.05
Honors	1.03
College Prep	1.02
Regents	1.02
Regular	1.00

53 COLLEGE CREDITS OFFERED

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335687

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WHERE POTENTIAL BECOMES PURPOSE

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Religion, 4.0
English, 4.0
Social Studies, 4.0
Mathematics, 3.0
Science, 3.0
Spanish (Local/Regents Diploma), 1.0
or Advanced Regents Diploma, 3.0
Health, 0.5
Fine Arts, 1.0
Physical Education, 2.0
Electives (Regents Diploma), 3.5
or Advanced Regents Diploma, 1.5
Total Credits: 26.0

POST SECONDARY

Class	Size	4-YR %	2-YR %	Other
2026	51	70%	22%	8%
2025	27	65%	31%	4%
2024	37	73%	22%	5%
2023	44	75%	16%	9%
2022	36	72%	17%	11%

CLASS OF 2026 STATS

100% received a Regents Diploma, **45%** with Advanced Designation, and **10%** with Advanced Designation *with Honors*.

100% earned college credits, with some earning as many as **44**.

3 received NYS Academic Excellence Awards.

23 were members of the National Honor Society.

24 received the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness.

\$7,307,000.00

in scholarships and grants awarded

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

Career & Technical Education Classes

Juniors/Seniors interested in CTE classes may enroll at Oneida/Herkimer/Madison BOCES. Students spend half of their day at BOCES and half at ND.

In house offerings include: Intro to Business Management, Intro to Marketing, Intro to Engineering Design, Intro to Computer Science

Utica University Bridge Program

Through special partnership with Utica University, Notre Dame students are afforded the opportunity to enroll in any course the university offers so long as the student meets the prerequisite requirements at a rate of only \$99.

NJROTC

A special feature of Notre Dame is its NJROTC program (Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) which is sponsored by the U.S. Navy and is a secondary school program for students in grades 8-12. 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.

Courses include: Naval Science I-IV. Notre Dame's NJROTC has earned national recognition as a Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors and has earned a spot at the National Drill Competition in Pensacola, FL twice. In 2026, 2 students were nominated and accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy on full scholarships worth over \$360,000 each.

Academic Program

Religion: Catholic Faith, Morality, Scripture, and Sacraments

English: English 9, 10, 11, 11 Honors, Composition* & Literature 12*, AP Lit. & Composition

Social Studies: Global History & Geography I & II, AP World History Modern, U.S. History & Government, AP U.S. History, Economics, Participation in Government

Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Intermediate Algebra* & Statistics*, AP Calculus, Topics & Applications in Geometry and Algebra II

Science: Biology, Earth & Space Science, Chemistry, Physics*, Conceptual Chemistry, Environmental Science*, Geology*

Spanish: Spanish 1-3, Spanish 4*, Spanish 5*

Electives: Public Speaking*, Intro to Theatre*, Film Appreciation*, Intro to Sociology, AP Psychology, Strength Training*, Health & Wellness*

*Denotes Dual Credit with MVCC.

