



# CISTERCIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## 2017-18 SCHOOL PROFILE

### QUICK FACTS

#### ENROLLMENT

Total Students	345
Zip codes represented	70
Receive financial assistance	21%
Students of color	33%
Forms I-IV	174
Forms V-VIII	171
Class of 2018	38

#### FACULTY

Faculty members	56
Master's degrees	63%
Doctorates	14%
Cistercian monks	30%
Student to Faculty ratio	6:1
Average tenure	13 years
Accreditation	ISAS

#### SUI GENERIS

- Fully independent curriculum
- All honors, single-track core
- Various course texts written in-house
- No AP or College Board courses offered

#### OUTCOMES

Attend 4-year colleges	100%
In-state colleges	42%
Out-of-state colleges	58%
Service hours required	0
Avg. service hours per class	7,600

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#### HISTORY

Dating back to their 11th century foundation, Cistercians have ever sought simplicity, balancing lives of prayer and work with the poverty of Christ, attempting to recover in every era the fervor of the early apostolic Christian community. In the 18th century, The Abbey of Zirc, Hungary combined their regular monastic life with the formal education of young men in secondary schools. 180 years later, when the communist regime in Hungary suppressed religious orders there, the Abbey's five schools were driven into exile. The monastery was shut down; some of its monks were imprisoned, others fled the country in pursuit of freedom. A remnant landed in Irving, Texas.



#### VISION

Believing that the search for God is the purpose of every human life, the Cistercians who came to Texas built a secondary school that would combine academic excellence with Christian faith, morality, and spirituality. As a Catholic preparatory school educating boys grades 5-12 in an all-honors curriculum, Cistercian continues to promote true human values and integrates every variety of learning into one's journey toward God.

#### FORMATION

Each entering Form enjoys the guidance of a single Form Master, typically a solemnly professed monk who ascends each of the eight years with his assigned cohort. He counsels and assists students in their intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth, while creating a community and a sense of identity for his Form. With a long-term view of each student's development in mind, the Form Master, by his presence over time, allows the school to nurture a profound unity and consistency in the education of all its students.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Every student in the Upper School's single-track curriculum is required to complete the following:

<p><b>FORM V</b>                  Honors Systematic Theology                  Honors Classical Lit                  Honors Geometry                  Honors World Civs and Cultures I                  Honors Biology                  Honors French/Spanish I                  2 Electives (semester each)</p>	<p><b>FORM VI</b>                  Honors Moral Theology                  Honors British Lit                  Honors Algebra II                  Honors World Civs and Cultures II                  Honors Chemistry                  Honors French/Spanish II                  2 Electives (semester each)</p>	<p><b>FORM VII</b>                  Honors Church History                  Honors American Lit                  Honors Precalc-Trig                  Honors US History                  Honors Physics                  Honors French/Spanish III                  2 Electives (semester each)</p>	<p><b>FORM VIII</b>                  Honors World Religions                  Honors World Lit                  Honors Calculus                  Honors US Govt                  Honors Bio/Chem/Phys                  Honors Senior Seminar</p>
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**WELL-FORMED**  
 THE INTENSITY OF  
 PACE, DEPTH, AND BREADTH  
 IN OUR COMPULSORY CURRICULUM  
**CHALLENGES**  
**EVERY**  
 CISTERCIAN STUDENT  
 TO GROW BEYOND  
 HIS INNATE STRENGTHS



## SENIOR YEAR

### SENIOR SEMINAR

Every Cistercian senior selects a topical area in which to participate in a small-group, year-long seminar that:

- Encourages inquiry, reflection, and discussion
- Advances one's original, independent research in a given field
- Culminates in a paper, project, presentation or performance
- Affords a student individual academic mentorship

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Triptychs in the work of Hieronymus Bosch (20 pg thesis)*
- History, culture, & techniques of molecular gastronomy (paper/presentation en Français)*
- Quantum Mechanics and Bell's Game (33 pg thesis)*
- Installation Art: Dialoguing Race and Racism in the U.S.*
- Individualism: Neo-Platonism in the works of Pico della Mirandola (21 pg thesis)*
- Columbia's FARC Treaty: Doomed to Fail (paper/presentation en Español)*
- A Mathematical Excursion into the Roman Arch (31 pg thesis)*
- Viola de Gamba: History and Music (Replica Constructed from Scratch)*
- Ray Tracing: CS and Math's Interface in Computer Graphics (24 pg thesis)*

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

Seniors may earn college credit through the Dallas County Community College District in the following courses:

<b>English</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>
<b>Biology</b>	<b>Calculus</b>	<b>US Government</b>

## RANKING

Cistercian does not rank its students.

## GRADES

- Independent semester grades are recorded for each academic offering.
- Semester GPAs are calculated on a standard 4.00 scale by using the Carnegie credits recorded on the transcript.
- Grade points in Honors courses are increased by .60 to reflect their advanced pace and rigor.

### HONOR ROLLS

<b>Headmaster</b>	unenhanced 4.00 or highest GPA in class
<b>Form Master</b>	unenhanced 3.50-3.99 GPA
<b>Class</b>	unenhanced 3.00-3.49 GPA

UNENHANCED GPA SCALE					
A	4.00	A-	3.75	B+	3.25
B	3.00	B-	2.75	C+	2.25
C	2.00	C-	1.75	D+	1.25
D	1.00	D-	0.75	F	0.00

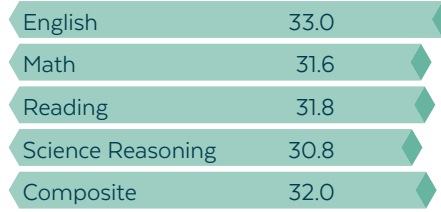
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## MIDDLE 50%

## MEAN

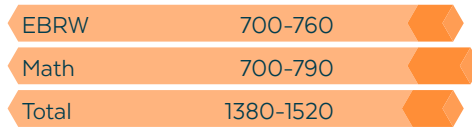
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7% of class testing



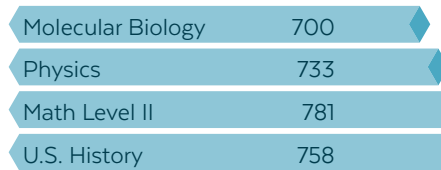
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82% of class testing



SAT  
SUBJECT

at least  
20% of class testing



# NMSQT CLASS OF 2018



**42%**  
COMMENDED

**11%**  
SEMIFINALIST

**TBD**  
FINALIST

# NMSQT 5-YEAR DATA



**47%**  
COMMENDED

**19%**  
SEMIFINALIST

**18%**  
FINALIST

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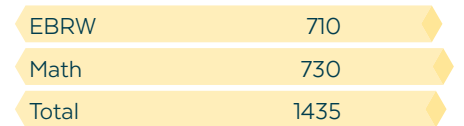
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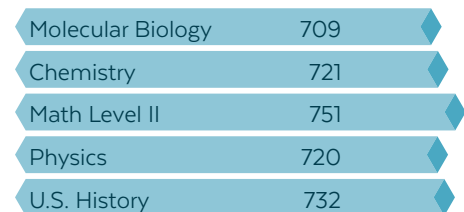
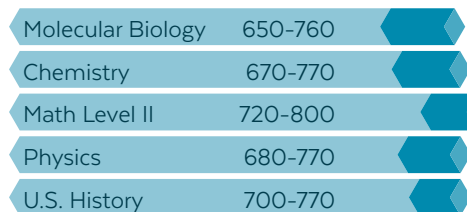
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NEW  
SAT



SAT  
SUBJECT\*



\*with at least 20% of students testing

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Cistercian does not offer any AP courses, but over the past five years, 192 of 215 Cistercian graduates independently prepared for and took at least one AP exam at some point during high school. 91% scored 3 or higher in 30 distinct subject areas.





# COLLEGE ADMITS AND ATTENDANCE, 2014-2017

100% of Cistercian Preparatory School graduates attend a 4-year college.

- The University of Alabama
- American University
- University of Arkansas
- Arizona State University
- Auburn University
- Austin College
- Babson College
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Benedictine College
- Boston College
- University of British Columbia
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Cambridge
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- The Catholic University of America
- Chapman University
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- The Citadel
- Clemson University
- Colgate University
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- Columbia University
- University of Connecticut
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- University of Dallas
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- University of Dayton
- DePaul University
- DePauw University
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- The University of Edinburgh
- Elon University
- Emerson College
- Emory & Henry College
- Emory University
- Emory University - Oxford College
- Fairfield University
- Fordham University
- Furman University
- George Mason University
- The George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- The University of Georgia
- University of Glasgow
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- Hendrix College
- Hillsdale College
- Hofstra University
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Imperial College London
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Ithaca College
- Kalamazoo College
- Kansas State University
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- Kenyon College
- La Salle University
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Loyola University Maryland
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Macalester College
- Marist College
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Marquette University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- University of Miami
- Miami University, Oxford
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan
- Middlebury College
- Millsaps College
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri Columbia
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- New York University
- North Carolina State University
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- University of North Texas
- University of Notre Dame
- Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
- The Ohio State University
- Oklahoma State University
- The University of Oklahoma
- Olin College of Engineering
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pomona College
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Regis University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- University of Richmond
- Roanoke College
- University of Rochester
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Saint John's University (MN)
- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Louis University
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Seattle University
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- Southern Methodist University
- Southwestern University
- Spring Hill College
- University of St Andrews
- St. Edward's University
- St. John's University - Queens Campus
- St. Mary's University of San Antonio
- St. Olaf College
- Stanford University
- Stonehill College
- Swarthmore College
- Texas A&M University
- Texas A&M University, Galveston
- Texas Christian University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- The University of Texas, Arlington
- The University of Texas, Austin
- The University of Texas, Dallas
- The University of Texas, San Antonio
- Trinity University
- Tulane University
- University of Tulsa
- United States Military Academy - Army
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Utah
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- University of Washington
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Webster University
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western University
- Whitman College
- Williams College
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Xavier University
- Yale University

• Denotes colleges students have attended 2014-2017

