

*Over 125 Years of Excellence*

AS THE ONLY ALL-HONORS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN NEW YORK STATE

# DOMINICAN ACADEMY



# MAKE D.A. YOUR DESTINATION

**At Dominican Academy, intellectual curiosity isn't just encouraged—it's a part of our school culture and has been for more than 125 years.**

As the only all-honors Catholic high school for girls in New York State and one of the preeminent Catholic high schools for women in the country, D.A. offers an academic experience that challenges students to think deeply, ask bold questions, and engage with ideas that matter.

From their first day at D.A., students step into a culture where learning is vibrant, meaningful, and alive. We want each of our students to engage fully with the world—from our historic home on Manhattan's East 68th Street—knowing that the real reward of learning is the ability to think clearly, speak confidently, and act with purpose.



## VIRTUAL TOUR

To experience Dominican Academy, scan the QR code and take our Virtual Tour.



# THE D.A. DIFFERENCE

## THE D.A. NETWORK

As part of Dominican Veritas Ministries, D.A. belongs to a network of Dominican schools committed to truth, excellence, and justice. This connection fuels our shared mission and strengthens the foundation of our academic life. It also reminds students that they're part of a larger tradition of Catholic education that holds scholarship, integrity, and the pursuit of truth as sacred work.

“ WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PART OF OUR FUTURE AND TO SHAPE THE WORLD WITH INTELLIGENCE, COMPASSION, AND FAITH. ”

FOUNDED in 1897 by the DOMINICAN SISTERS



14+ AP CLASSES  
20+ ELECTIVES



NEARLY 20% of D.A. STUDENTS  
speak a LANGUAGE  
other than English at home



Consistently ranked among the  
**TOP CATHOLIC  
GIRLS HIGH SCHOOLS**  
in New York State

100%  
of graduates  
attend four-year



**COLLEGES and  
UNIVERSITIES**



80% of students are  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC**



100% of students  
engage in **SERVICE LEARNING**



Total **ENROLLMENT** of  
**230 STUDENTS**

85% of each graduating class for the last 5 years earned  
**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**  
to colleges and universities



**AVG. \$300,000** PER STUDENT  
PER YEAR

**9:1**



**STUDENT to TEACHER**

ratio, with over 80% of  
faculty holding at least  
one advanced degree

**STUDENTS TRAVEL**

from all over NYC,  
Westchester,  
Long Island, and New Jersey



**9 VARSITY SPORTS**

Over 40% of D.A. students are athletes

**BE PART OF OUR FUTURE**





# THE WORLD AS OUR CLASSROOM

At Dominican Academy, meaningful connections—across New York City and around the world—shape the perspective of our students, broaden their horizons, and deepen their sense of purpose. These opportunities and purposeful experiences are essential to bringing the D.A. journey to life, transforming not just what students do but who they become.

## GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Through immersive travel and school partnerships in France, Spain, and China, students experience life abroad, strengthen language skills, and return with a deeper understanding of global culture and community.

## REGIS SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

In partnership with Regis High School, seniors engage in weekly discussions on Catholic Social Teaching, exploring real-world issues alongside peers and expert guest speakers.

## UNIS-UN CONFERENCE

At this international student-led event at the United Nations, D.A. delegates engage global topics with students from around the world—complementing their work in our Model U.N. Club.

## THE IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN

Each fall, students travel to Washington, D.C., for the nation's largest Catholic social justice gathering. Advocacy meetings with lawmakers add real-world weight to what they've learned in class.

## DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOLS PREACHING CONFERENCE

Select students gather with peers from across the country to explore Dominican spirituality, prayer, and action. They return ready to share and lead within our own school community.

## SCHOOL IN THE CITY

Twice a year, each class steps out into New York City for curriculum-based experiences—from museum visits to neighborhood explorations—bringing classroom learning to life in the world around them.

## SERVICE @ D.A.

Service is a core part of student life at D.A. Beginning with Urban Plunge in freshman year, students volunteer with more than 50 partner organizations, deepening their understanding of justice, compassion, and community.



# THE D.A. DIFFERENCE



# SUPPORTING THE WHOLE STUDENT, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Dominican Academy's culture of academic rigor is balanced by an environment that's deeply supportive and grounded in community. Wellness isn't an add—it's part of who we are, rooted in the belief that students thrive when their emotional, social, academic, and personal needs are supported in thoughtful and intentional ways.

## COUNSELING THAT GROWS WITH YOU



Our four-year counseling program is designed to meet students where they are and support their development as young women of purpose, resilience, and self-awareness.

**Individual Counseling:** Students may meet one-on-one with a school counselor to talk through personal challenges, academic stress, or college questions.

**Group Guidance:** Weekly grade-level classes help students build skills and confidence, with topics that are tailored to each stage of high school and include time management, self-advocacy, healthy relationships, social-emotional wellness, and career exploration.

**College Counseling:** In junior and senior years, students and families are guided step-by-step through the college process. Each student receives personalized support, with the fall semester of senior year devoted exclusively to applications.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT, ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Peer Tutoring is available throughout the week in the school library, where students can receive one-on-one help from fellow classmates in the National Honor Society as well as from D.A. faculty in both STEM and humanities.

D.A. counselors also incorporate study strategies and life balance tools into their lessons—especially helpful during midterms and finals.





# THE D.A. DIFFERENCE



## PRAYER AND REFLECTION: ROOTED IN FAITH, OPEN TO ALL

At Dominican Academy, spiritual life is an essential part of our community. As a school, D.A. gathers regularly for school-wide liturgies on feast days and Holy days, with students able to play an active role in readings, music, and service. Opportunities for Reconciliation and weekday Mass are also offered throughout the year. Each day includes prayer, setting a thoughtful tone for learning and life.

Each grade also participates in a class retreat designed to match their stage of growth—from building community as freshmen to reflecting on leadership and purpose as seniors. These retreats offer space for connection, reflection, and renewal.



# AT D.A., LEARNING IS PERSONAL

Dominican Academy challenges young women with a comprehensive and rigorous academic program. D.A. stands alone as the only all-honors school for girls in New York State. All of our classes are either Honors or Advanced Placement level. Small classes ensure personalized attention and foster opportunities for mentorship and personal growth. Electives and AP classes can have as few as 5 to 15 students.

Our students enjoy a solid foundation in the arts, history, language, literature, theology, and STEM. A D.A. graduate is an engaged and informed citizen with a skill set that extends beyond critical reading, writing, and thinking—she is a compassionate leader, a thoughtful advocate, and a prayerful policymaker.

**In order to graduate from Dominican Academy, students must successfully complete at least 26 ½ credits of coursework as outlined below:**

- » English: 4 credits      » History: 4 credits      » STEM: 6 ½ credits      » The Arts: 2 credits
- » World Languages: 4.5–5 credits (minimum two years Latin and two years of a modern language, plus a third year of Latin, French, Spanish, or Mandarin)
- » Theology: 4 credits      » Electives: 2 credits

## STEM

The Barbara Robotti Murray, '64 Science Center and Natalie Frankowski, '14 Collaborative Classroom provide D.A. students with the ideal environment for student-centered learning and hands-on experiments, which are fundamental parts of all science classes. Students hone their analytical and creative skills through math, science, and technology courses.

Dominican Academy's STEM facilities give students access to cutting-edge technology, including 3D printers that turn ideas into tangible creations—sparking creativity while building the design as well as problem-solving and technical skills that can lead to innovative careers.

## TECHNOLOGY

At Dominican Academy, we understand the importance of technology as a tool to engage our students and expand their horizons.

- » Our state-of-the-art technological infrastructure guarantees the reliability, speed, and accessibility of our network for all devices. Students use the device of their choice to support their in-class learning.
- » As part of the Dominican Academy experience, we provide each student with Microsoft Office 365, the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, TurnItIn, a *New York Times* all-access subscription, and Google Classroom.
- » All D.A. students take Research and Technology, a course aimed at honing students' academic research, writing, and citation skills. Students perfect their technical skills while learning the basics of computer programming, drafting résumés and cover letters, and applying for internships.

## RESEARCH

The D.A. library provides all students with access to nine major research databases, including JSTOR, which equip students with the tools to think critically, engage with scholarly work, and prepare for the rigor of college-level research.





## COURSES OF STUDY

Our curriculum provides a full college-preparatory education—from the humanities and language to science and mathematics. Students customize their coursework by choosing from more than a dozen Advanced Placement (AP) courses and over 20 electives.

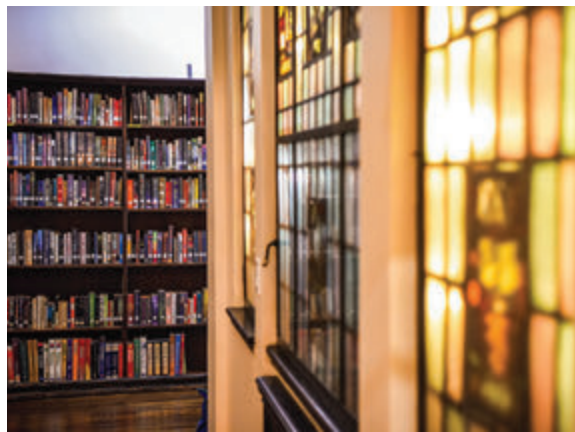
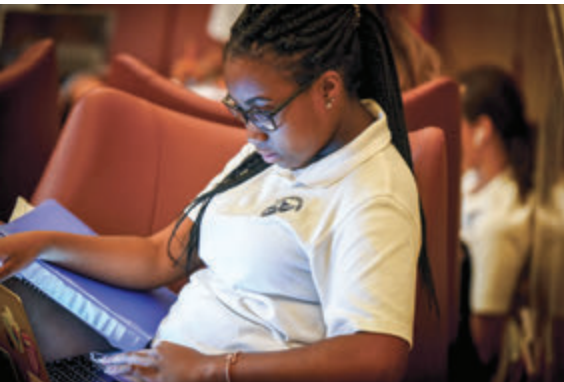
### AP CLASSES

- » Art History
- » Biology
- » Calculus AB
- » Chemistry
- » English Literature
- » Environmental Science
- » Latin
- » Macroeconomics
- » Spanish
- » Psychology
- » U.S. Government
- » U.S. History
- » World History

### ELECTIVES

- » Anatomy and Physiology
- » Body-Mind Conditioning
- » Chinese Society and Culture
- » The Civil Rights Movement: Then and Now
- » Creative Writing
- » Dominican Yearbook
- » Forensic Science
- » Glee Club/Chorus
- » Intro to Art History
- » Intro to Music Theory
- » Latin III
- » Latin IV
- » Latin Poetry
- » Makerspace 3D Printing
- » Pre-AP Art History
- » Pre-Calculus and Calculus
- » Senior Ensemble

*This list represents a sample of the courses offered to students. Courses run based on interest and enrollment.*





## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

D.A. students cultivate their interests and form lasting friendships through our academic and extracurricular programming. Students at every grade level enjoy opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and exploration.

### CLUBS

The club roster comprises over 30 student-run organizations, including Engineering, Robotics & Coding Club, Literary Journal, Mock Trial, Museum Club, Newspaper, Pre-Med Society, Student Council, Yearbook, Women's Empowerment, and many more! Under the guidance of a faculty moderator, students are able to start their own club to pursue areas of interest that are not represented. Visit our website for a full list of clubs and descriptions.

### VARSITY ATHLETICS

At D.A., excellence extends beyond the classroom to the court. Our student-athletes learn valuable lessons in leadership, teamwork, and discipline as members of our varsity teams: basketball, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, cross country, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track. Our student-athletes compete against other girls' high schools within the Archdiocese of New York as members of the Catholic High School Athletic Association (CHSAA).





## A HAVEN FOR THE ARTS ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE

Our mansion originally housed one of the premier art collections in the United States with works by Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Van Eyck, to name a few. Today, our culturally-rich location and performing arts curriculum continue to spark students' creativity while building confidence and cultivating poise through solo and group performances.

### DANCE

Students participate in weekly hour-long dance classes under the instruction of a professionally-trained modern dancer. Over four years, students explore the world of dance, from ballet and modern to jazz and social dancing, as well as yoga and Pilates. Students *chassé* under the watchful eye of Sir Thomas Lawrence's *Lady Wellesley* to fulfill their physical education requirement.



### ARTS CLUBS AT D.A.

Arts clubs abound at D.A. Students in the Shakespeare Club learn to present passages, sonnets, and soliloquies from the works of Shakespeare, competing in the National Shakespeare Competition. The Museum Club visits the great museums throughout New York City, screening films about art and artists. New clubs are also periodically formed by students.

### DRAMA AND MUSIC

In freshman and sophomore year, all students take weekly drama and music classes. In drama, students are introduced to the theater through a study of public speaking techniques, monologues, dialogues, and plays. The course culminates in a showcase performance of a one-act play or scene from a musical comedy. In music, students learn to appreciate and understand music's many styles through listening, analysis, and performance and through activities such as singing, conducting, and composing across a variety of genres.

## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

### SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM (S.L.P.)

Our S.L.P. is a unique academic program integrated into our theology courses. Combining direct service with education and reflection, this four-year program empowers students to advocate for others and to realize the practical applications of their classroom learning.

### JUNIOR ADVOCACY EXPO (JAXPO)

Building upon their Christian Ethics curriculum, juniors choose advocacy topics to present to the school community and a panel of outside judges at the annual JAXPO fair. The objective of this project is for students to better understand how to identify areas of injustice, design and implement strategies to address areas of concern, and enlist the support of others to help in their advocacy. Recent topics have included prison reform, misogyny in video games, and the portrayal of mental illness in the media.

### SENIOR SEMINARS WITH REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

D.A. seniors join seniors at Regis High School for weekly Social Justice Seminars. Guest speakers share their expertise in a specific area of social justice, and students participate in small group discussions. This unique program aims to have students engage with one another on a number of global social justice and Christian service issues. Recent topics have included the refugee crisis, global health issues, access to clean water, and immigration reform.



## LEARNING THAT LINKS WORLDS

Integrated coursework and experiences in NYC and beyond highlight the interconnectedness of study and practice. We challenge our students to use their skills and knowledge to explore their city and world, and to embrace new perspectives.

### DIVERSITY

D.A. celebrates the racial, geographic, and economic diversity of our student body. Members of the D.A. community travel in from all five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Westchester County, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Nearly 20% speak a language other than English at home.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

The study of world languages remains an integral part of a D.A. education. All students are required to take two years of both Latin and either French, Mandarin, or Spanish, for a minimum of four years of language. Interested students can continue their studies with advanced and AP level language classes.

### SCHOOL IN THE CITY

Each semester, all students participate in visits throughout New York City that complement their in-class study. School in the City gives D.A. students the opportunity to make New York City their own by exploring the many cultural and historic institutions nearby. Past trips have included Lincoln Center, MoMA, the Morgan Library, the Museum of the City of New York, the Tenement Museum, and the Museum of the Moving Image. Juniors and seniors attend a Broadway play each spring.

### TRIPS ABROAD

Each year, D.A. sponsors an international trip for interested students. The trip takes place during either the Easter or summer break. Past trips have included Athens and the Greek islands, Germany and Austria, Italy, Spain, and other countries.





## LIVING OUR DOMINICAN IDENTITY

Dominican Academy is sponsored by Dominican Veritas Ministries, led by vowed Catholic Sisters. Building upon the teachings of the Gospel and the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, Dominican Sisters work to build a more peaceful world through ministries, prayer, and way of life. In the Dominican tradition, prayer, community, ministry, and study are at the heart of the order's vocation and Dominican Academy's mission.

### PRAYER IN ACTION

At D.A., we pride ourselves on our Roman Catholic identity and believe that the best education nurtures the whole person—intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually—regardless of faith or creed. 80% of our students identify as Roman Catholic; the remainder are of other faiths or not religious. Students attend school-wide Masses several times a year, and bi-weekly Masses are offered in the school chapel.

### RETREATS

Students participate in a retreat each year during their time at Dominican Academy. The program allows our students to explore their unique relationship with God and to understand that faith affects every aspect of their lives.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Interested seniors are ordained as Eucharistic Ministers. In preparation, students work closely with the members of the Theology Department to understand their ministry better.

### DOMINICAN ACADEMY PREACHERS (DAPS)

DAPs are dedicated to highlighting our Dominican identity in the school community. Members organize and lead the Freshman Retreat, plan our Global Awareness Week, and coordinate a Christmas toy drive for children. DAPs members attend the yearly Dominican Preaching Conference, where they learn from and pray with students from other Dominican high schools throughout the country.



# D.A. GRADUATES

**ON AVERAGE, OUR GRADUATES ARE AWARDED OVER \$25 MILLION  
IN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS EACH YEAR.**

## **College and University Acceptances of Recent D.A. Graduates:**

Adelphi University*	Penn State University*
Arizona State University	Providence College*
Barnard College	Quinnipiac University*
Boston College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
Boston University*	Sacred Heart University*
Bowdoin College*	Saint Louis University*
Brigham Young University	Simmons University
Catholic University of America*	Skidmore College
Clemson University	Smith College
Colby College	St. John's University*
Colgate University*	St. Joseph's University
College of the Holy Cross*	SUNY, various campuses*
Columbia University	Syracuse University*
Cornell University*	Temple University
CUNY, all campuses	The University of Tampa
Drexel University*	Trinity College, Dublin
Duquesne University*	Tufts University
Elon University*	Tulane University*
Emory University	University of California Irvine*
Fairfield University*	University of California Los Angeles
Fordham University*	University of California San Diego*
Franklin and Marshall College	University of Delaware*
George Washington University	University of Maryland*
Georgetown University*	University of Massachusetts Amherst*
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Miami*
Harvard University	University of Michigan*
Hillsdale College	University of North Carolina
Indiana University	University of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College	University of Pittsburgh*
Le Moyne College*	University of Scranton*
Lehigh University*	University of South Carolina*
Loyola Marymount University*	University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Loyola University Chicago*	University of Tampa*
Loyola University Maryland*	University of Texas at Austin
Loyola University New Orleans	University of Vermont*
Loyola University of Maryland	University of Washington
Manhattan College*	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Marquette University*	University of Wisconsin*
McGill University	Vassar College*
Middlebury College *	Villanova University *
Muhlenberg College	Wake Forest University*
Nazareth College	Washington University
New York Institute of Technology	Wellesley College
New York University*	Wesleyan University
North Carolina State University	The College of William and Mary*
Northeastern University*	Xavier University
Ohio State University *	Yale University
Oxford College at Emory University	

# BONDS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

A warm, family-like atmosphere creates a tangible sense of social involvement, community spirit, and lasting friendships among our students. D.A. students are leaders both in and out of the classroom, participating in programs, partnerships, and internships that pave the way for success.

## D.A. CONNECT

D.A. Connect is Dominican Academy's exclusive online platform that keeps the D.A. sisterhood strong long after graduation. Designed to foster mentorship, career connections, and real-world opportunities, D.A. Connect empowers alumnae to support one another—whether they're seeking internships in college, entering the workforce, changing careers, or offering guidance to the next generation. It's a living example of the deep, lifelong bonds formed at D.A., where connection and care remain at the heart of the experience..

## ALUMNAE AND DONOR EVENTS

From Career Day to reunion, each year, Dominican Academy hosts a full range of events that connect and engage a vast alumnae network that spans generations. D.A. alumnae, parents, friends, and benefactors also support the Dominican Academy annual fund, working together to ensure future students and graduates benefit from the same transformative education and empowering community that shaped their own lives.





# HOW TO APPLY

## DATES & DEADLINES

Please visit our website for specific dates.

[www.dominicanacademy.org/admissions/dates-deadlines](http://www.dominicanacademy.org/admissions/dates-deadlines)



Dominican Academy attracts some of the most talented young women in the tri-state area. The Admissions Committee strongly considers candidates who score in the top 15% on the TACHS exam, have above average grades, and wish to strive for excellence in a Catholic, college-preparatory environment. Admission is based on the student's scores in each section of the TACHS exam and her middle school records. Dominican Academy does not consider race, religion, national or ethnic origin, or economic status when making admissions decisions or merit scholarship and financial aid decisions.

### 1. REGISTER TO TAKE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM:

We strongly encourage all applicants to take the TACHS exam but will consider applicants who take the HSPT and ISEE exams. Register for the TACHS exam starting in late August by visiting [www.tachsinfo.com](http://www.tachsinfo.com) or by calling 866-618-2247.

### 2. LIST D.A. ON YOUR TACHS EXAM:

Interested students must indicate D.A. as one of their three choices on the exam. Our school code is 204. We give strong preference to candidates who list D.A. as their first choice; however, we will consider all first, second, and third-choice applicants. Students from New Jersey or Long Island: We accept HSPT scores, but experience shows us that HSPT scores tend to be lower than TACHS scores. We suggest you take the TACHS if at all possible.

### 3. COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AND FORWARD TRANSCRIPTS:

All students interested in applying for the Dominican Academy must submit both a copy of the TACHS Applicant Record and a copy of our online application.

***For students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of New York or the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Queens or Rockville Centre:*** Your current school will help you submit your grades through the TACHS Applicant Record.

***For students attending a public, private, or non-diocesan school:*** Complete Section A of the Applicant Record, which can be found in the TACHS information booklet or on the **TACHS website**. We suggest you provide your teacher with our email address: [admissions@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:admissions@dominicanacademy.org).

### 4. SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (OPTIONAL):

Supplemental materials such as personal statements, parent statements, resumes, and recommendations from teachers are often helpful but are not required to be considered for admission. You may submit these materials electronically to [admissions@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:admissions@dominicanacademy.org).

### 5. COMPLETE THE FINANCIAL AID FORM (OPTIONAL):

Families interested in the possibility of need-based financial aid must submit a financial aid form electronically through **School & Student Services (SSS)** by December.

### 6. AWAIT ADMISSIONS DECISIONS SENT IN JANUARY.

# TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

While the actual cost of a Dominican Academy education is over \$25,000 per student, we are able to bridge the gap with the generous contributions of our alumnae, parents, and benefactors. Our fundraising efforts ensure that D.A. remains accessible to talented students of all economic backgrounds.

**At Dominican Academy, more than 50% of our students earn prestigious merit scholarships or financial aid awards.**

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Dominican Academy offers a select number of full- and partial-tuition merit scholarships. Qualified candidates will be notified directly by the Admissions Office in January. Merit scholarship qualifications are based on the student's transcript, high school placement exam, and other factors.

## FINANCIAL AID

Dominican Academy is committed to collaborating with families to ensure that financial concerns do not inhibit a talented student from receiving a top-notch education. While we do the best we can with our limited resources to meet families' needs, we are unable to meet the needs of all applicants for financial aid. Interested families must submit a financial aid application available at [www.solutionsbySSS.com](http://www.solutionsbySSS.com) by early December. Limited need-based financial aid is granted at the school's discretion. The Financial Aid Committee will finalize awards only after the SSS file is complete.

## PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE

Dominican Academy honors private scholarships such as, but not limited to, the Archdiocese of New York Be a Student's Friend and Cardinal's Scholarships, ADNY educator discounts, Inner City Scholarships, and the Columbus Citizens Foundation. If you have questions about a specific scholarship, please contact our Admissions Office.

### **Please Direct All Inquiries To:**

The Admissions Office, at 212-744-0195, ext. 131,  
or [admissions@dominicanacademy.org](mailto:admissions@dominicanacademy.org)



**TUITION, SCHOLARSHIPS, FEES, AND FINANCIAL AID**  
[https://www.dominicanacademy.org/  
admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid](https://www.dominicanacademy.org/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid)

*\*Fees include most textbooks, School in the City trips, laboratory supplies, technology fee, student retreats, student newspaper, yearbook, and Parents' Association dues.*



# DOMINICAN ACADEMY

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