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Mission Statement

Incarnate Word Academy provides young women with a Catholic college preparatory education helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word, and live according to His Values.

2009 - 2010 School Profile

Administration

President: Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I.

Principal: Mary Getschow

Assistant Principal: Deyanira Martinez

School Community

Incarnate Word Academy is a Catholic college preparatory high school for young women located in downtown Houston. It has been owned and operated by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament since 1873. The student body represents over 60 Catholic parishes and 103 zip codes across the metropolitan area.

General Information

SCHOOL CODE	443330
ENROLLMENT	270 Students
ETHNICITY	
Filipino/Pacific Islander/Native American	2%
Asian	6%
African American	12%
Caucasian	34%
Hispanic	36%
Multi-racial	10%

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO 11:1

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 15

FACULTY ADVANCED DEGREES MA/MS/MED/MRE/MBA: 65%

ACCREDITATIONS

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

MEMBERSHIP

National Catholic Education Association
Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools
Houston Area Independent Schools

The College Board

Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

Texas Education Agency Recommended Advanced High School Program

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

Houston Community College Dual Credit Courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

28 credits consisting of:

Theology (4), English (4), Mathematics (4), Science (4)
Social Studies (3), Government (1/2), Economics (1/2),
Foreign Language (3), PE (1 1/2), Health (1/2), Technology (1), Fine
Arts (1), Speech (1/2)

A minimum of 100 hours of community service.

HONORS COURSES

Algebra I & II, Biology, Chemistry, English I & II, Geometry, Physics,
Spanish III, World History, World Geography

AP COURSES

Biology, Economics, English III & IV, Environmental Science, Gov-
ernment, Latin III & IV, Spanish IV, US History

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Psychology

GPA/RANK IN CLASS

GPA is determined using a 4.0 scale with additional weight of 1.0 for honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses added when determining the GPA. Incarnate Word Academy does not rank students. The GPA is cumulative from the ninth grade. Grades transferred from other schools are either P (passing) or F (failing). The grading scale is as follows:

		Regular	Honors/AP
A	90-100	4.0	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	4.0
C	75-79	2.0	3.0
D	70-74	1.0	2.0
F	below 70	0.0	0.0

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College Entrance Information

Class of 2009 Profile

SIZE OF GRADUATING CLASS 72

POST GRADUATE PLACEMENT

Four Year Colleges	80%
Out-of-State Schools	14%
Private Schools	40%
Two-Year Colleges	20%
Scholarship Awards	\$2,822,741

SAT

Top 20% Score Bands

YEAR	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
CRITICAL READING	700-600	750-550	700-550	690-550	800-550	740-550
MATH	690-570	700-550	620-550	690-550	690-550	690-550

QUINTILE SCORE BANDS

	1st Quintile	2nd Quintile	3rd Quintile	4th Quintile	5th Quintile
CRITICAL READING	800-600	590-550	550-490	490-440	430- <400
MATH	670-580	580-510	510-460	460-400	400- <400
WRITING	720-590	590-550	550-500	500-470	470- <400

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University, Washington, D.C.	Rice University, TX
Angelo State University, TX	Roberts Wesleyan College, NY
Auburn University, AL	Saint Louis University, MO
Austin College, TX	Sam Houston State University, TX
Baylor University, TX	Southwestern University, TX
Baylor University, Honors College, TX	St. Edward's University, TX
Belmont University, Honors College, TN	St. John's University, NY
Boston University, MA	St. Joseph's University, PA
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	St. Mary's University, TX
California State University, Fullerton	Stephen F. Austin State University, TX
College of William and Mary, VA	Texas A&M University
Colorado School of Mines	Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi
Cornell College, IA	Texas A&M University at Galveston
Cornell University, NY	Texas Christian University
DePaul University, IL	Texas State University
Fordham University, NY	Texas Tech University
Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH	Trinity University, TX
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.	Tulane University, LA
Grambling State University, LA	University of Alabama
Hartwick College, NY	University of Arkansas
Houston Baptist University, TX	University of Central Oklahoma
Ithaca College, NY	University of Colorado at Boulder
Lamar University, TX	University of Dallas, TX
Louisiana State University	University of Houston, TX
Louisiana Tech University	University of Houston Downtown, TX
Maryville College, TN	University of Houston, Honors College, TX
New Mexico State University	University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, TX
New York University	University of St. Thomas, TX
Newman University, KS	University of Texas at Austin
Northwestern State University, LA	University of Texas at Austin, Plan II Honors
Oklahoma State University	University of Texas at Dallas
Prairie View A&M University, TX	University of Texas at San Antonio
Quinnipiac University, CT	University of the Incarnate Word, TX
Rhodes College, TN	Whittier College, CA

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Extracurricular Activities

STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN NINE DIFFERENT SPORTS

Basketball	Cross Country
Dance	Golf
Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Track & Field
Volleyball	

STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF CLUBS

Art Club	Chess Club
Computer Club	Challenge Girls Club
Debate Club	Drama Club
IWA Corps of Representatives	IWA Spirit Club
Latin Club	Literary/Creative Writing Club
Mu Alpha Theata	National Hispanic Honor Society
National Honor Society	Popcorn Leadership
Salsa Club	Science & Engineering Club
Spanish Club	Speech & Debate Club
Student Council	Teens for Unity

EVENTS

Big Sister-Little Sister Program	Career Day
Luncheon/Style Show	Fun Run
Drama Productions	Choral Recital
Spirit Week	Formal/informal dances during the year

EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

Band	Cheerleading
Drama Productions	Student Council

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Falcon Fusion - school newspaper produced by the journalism class

Margil - school yearbook produced by the publications class

SERVICE HOURS

The IWA Service program is a required four-year, minimum 100-hours program that strives to integrate into the lives of students the call to discipleship from the scriptures and the reality of Christian service. These experiences bring about spiritual growth and life-long commitments to those in need. As Christians, our faith in God is manifested through our love and service to others. With Jesus as our model, we give back to our communities through the gifts that God has given us.

TAPPS

IWA IS A MEMBER OF TAPPS (TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS). THE PURPOSE OF TAPPS IS TO ENCOURAGE AND TO PROMOTE THE ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC AND FINE ARTS PROGRAMS IN AN EFFORT TO FOSTER A SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY, GOOD FELLOWSHIP, TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP AND WHOLESOME COMPETITION. STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AMONG THEIR PEERS IN BOTH REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITIONS.



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