Notre Dame Academic Information

Schedule of Courses

In July, you will receive your specific class schedule. A student's academic level (High Honors, Honors, College Prep I or College Prep II) is determined by the results of the N.D. Entrance Exam and seventh and eighth grade records.

Courses for Freshmen

- Theology
- English
- World History
- French or Spanish

- Mathematics (Algebra I or Geometry see below)
- Integrated Science (or Biology)
- Band, Chorus, Art, Dance, Music Appreciation (electives)

Math and Spanish Placement Exams

All students must take a math placement exam.

All incoming freshmen will take an online math placement test. Students should spend 60 minutes taking the test without the use of a calculator. A link to this placement test is provided on the Class of 2025 portal. All placement tests should be taken by July 10, 2021.

Any students who have successfully completed Algebra 1 in middle school are welcome to take the Geometry placement test. Students should first complete the online ND math placement test and then make an appointment to take an in-person placement test at ND. To make an appointment, please complete the Google Form found on the Class of 2025 portal by June 30, 2021.

Students wishing to take Spanish II as a freshman must successfully pass a Spanish placement exam. To make an appointment to take an in-person Spanish placement exam, please complete the Google Form found on the Class of 2025 portal by June 30, 2021.

Summer Reading & Math Assignments

Because we recognize the importance of reading across the curriculum, Notre Dame requires that students complete a reading assignment during the summer. Students will be tested in September in their English class. **Summer Reading Information** will be posted to the Class of 2025 portal.

All students will also complete a summer math packet that will be due on the first day of classes in the fall. Student level placement will be confirmed once a math placement test is completed. Summer math packets can be found on the Class of 2025 portal.

Chromebooks & E-textbooks

Notre Dame will provide students with a Chromebook for in-school and at-home use along with access to all e-textbooks at the start of the school year. Families will be billed for any e-texts in October.

Start of School Information

School Calendar and Handbook

During the summer you will receive electronic copies of the official Notre Dame school calendar and the Notre Dame Student Handbook. Both of these resources will also be available on the school website. Students and parents are requested to read and become fully acquainted with the regulations and policies of the school. This handbook contains comprehensive information about the school, its programs and activities.

Tentative Start of School Schedule

Thursday, August 26 – Orientation Program – Class of 2025 – 8:00 am – 12:30 pm (lunch provided)

Friday, August 27 – First day of class for freshmen only – Dismissal at 11:34 am

Monday, August 30 – First day of class for upperclassmen only – Dismissal at 11:34 am

Freshmen do not have school on August 30

Tuesday, August 31 – Early Dismissal – All Students – Dismissal at 11:45 am

Wednesday, September 1 – Full Days of School Begin (8:00 am – 2:00 pm)

You will receive the opening of school letter towards the end of the July.

Physicals and Immunization Records

All freshmen must have a physical examination and proof of immunizations prior to the start of school.

The necessary information and physical forms are contained in your Orientation folder. Medical records must be complete before the beginning of school. Please follow the time schedule set up by the nurse.

Parent Association

Parents are encouraged to become members of the Parent Association. The Parent Association is the parents' service group of Notre Dame. It conducts several fundraising projects and sponsors several events during the year. As a part of the Parent Association, the ND Athletic Association works specifically to support ND athletic programs.

Supply Lists

There are no supply lists at Notre Dame. Teachers will inform students on the first day of classes if any special items need to be purchased.