



**ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

SCHOOL PROFILE: 2023-2024

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

Illiana Christian High School is a co-educational, private, Christian high school, located in Dyer, Indiana. It is operated by a community of Reformed Christians (people who follow the biblical understandings of John Calvin) for the benefit of their children and the children of other Christian families. It was established in Lansing, IL in 1945 and continues to operate in accordance with its original mission. It is accredited by the AdvanceEd/North Central Association and is a recognized school in the state of Indiana.

MISSION:

Illiana is founded on the Bible as interpreted in the Reformed confessions, namely *The Canons of Dort*, *The Heidelberg Catechism*, and *The Belgic Confession*. We graduate academically capable young people with a comprehensive Christian view of life who are committed to the challenge of serving God and others. The school is supported by more than 4,000 families and 35 Reformed churches (Christian Reformed, Reformed, Protestant Reformed, United Reformed, and independent Reformed churches). There are more than 7,000 alumni. The school is known for its academic excellence, nurture of spiritual growth, and broad array of opportunities for students. Illiana remains very closely tied to its original vision of preparing young men and women to serve God through everything they do in all areas of life. Because of our respect for each individual as an image bearer of God and our respect for all vocations as equal before God, we are committed to giving students rigorous and comprehensive academic preparation along with spiritual guidance for any higher education or career choice after high school.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

With over 540 students, Illiana is able to offer a broad, comprehensive curriculum. There are many different course options including Advanced Placement classes in Calculus, Chemistry, English, German, United States Government and Politics, Physics, and Spanish. Average class size is 19 students. 88% of our graduates continue their education after high school. Students are required to take the following:

8 credits English/Language Arts	2 credits PE	4 credits Bible
6 credits Mathematics	1 credit Health & Wellness	1 credit Fine Arts
6 credits Science	1 credit Digital Applications & Responsibility	
7 credits Social Studies	1 credit Family & Consumer Science or Introduction to Engineering Design	

Most students exceed these requirements to be well prepared for college. Students must complete 48.0 credits, four years of at least six courses continuously, to receive a diploma.

The average SAT score is 1095 with about 98% of students taking the test.

Most of the faculty has a master's degree, and the average years of teaching experience is 20.

EXTRA- AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Musical opportunities include Jazz Band, Orchestra, Pep Band, Concert Band, Musical, and Chorus. Athletic Opportunities for boys include Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling. Opportunities for girls include Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball.

Other activities include Chapel Committee, SHIELD Club, Close-Up in the Capital, Drama, Fine Arts, Flag Corp, Landlopers, Math Team, Newspaper, Senior Service, Student Council, Tutor Team, and Yearbook.

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COURSE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

Graduation Requirements: Students enrolled at Illiana Christian should register for at least 6 classes each semester. A diploma will be awarded after a student completes four years of attendance and has earned a minimum of 48 credits. (Allowances can be made for transfer students.)

Bible Department – Students are required to take one semester in Bible during each year. Freshmen take Religion (Bible 1) & Reformed Perspectives on Culture. Sophomores take Religion (Bible 2)-a study of the New Testament. Juniors study Religion (Bible 3)-a study of the Old Testament. Seniors take Humanities (Bible 4)-a study of the Bible's application to life. Electives for seniors: Chapel Committee, Senior Service, and Religion (Bible 5)-a study of Advanced Reformed Perspectives on Culture.

English Department – Students are required to pass English 9, English 10, English 11 and English 12. Juniors may choose English 11 Honors; seniors may choose Advanced English/Language Arts. Electives for all except freshmen: Creative Writing, Theatre Arts, Journalism, Student Media and Student Media Yearbook.

Mathematics Department – Students are required to pass 3 full-year courses for graduation. Freshmen are assigned to one of the following courses on the basis of junior high performance and placement test results: Algebra I, or Geometry Honors. Sophomores take Geometry, Algebra II or Algebra II Honors. Juniors take Algebra II, Pre-Calculus or Pre-Calculus Honors. Seniors may choose Pre-Calculus as an elective. Probability and Statistics is offered to juniors and seniors as an elective. The AP Calculus AB course and AP Statistics are open only to seniors who qualify.

Social Studies Department – Students are required to pass the following courses: International Relations 9 (one semester) as a freshman, one year of World History and Civilization/United States Government as a sophomore, one year of United States History as a junior, Economics (one semester) as a junior or senior, & Government (one semester) as a senior. Electives (one semester each) for juniors & seniors: Indiana Studies, Sociology, Psychology or Psychology Honors, Ethnic Studies & AP United States Government and Politics. United States History Honors may be taken as a junior in place of United States History or as an elective for juniors & seniors.

Science Department – All students are required to pass 3 full-year courses for graduation. At least one year must be in life science and one year in physical science. Integrated Chemistry/Physics or Biology I Honors is required of all freshmen. During sophomore year, Biology I must be taken by students still needing Biology credit. Sophomores with a Biology credit may choose a science elective. During sophomore, junior and senior years a number of electives are offered to meet the physical science requirement: Earth & Space Science I, Chemistry I, Chemistry I Honors, AP Chemistry, Physics I, and Physics I Honors. Additional science electives are Human Body Systems, Biology II, and Introduction to Agriculture.

World Language Department – Illiana Christian has no foreign language requirements for graduation, but colleges generally require two years. Four years of German and Spanish are normally offered, with the fourth year being AP.

Fine Arts Department – Graduation requirements include a minimum of 1 year of music or 1 semester of art. The following **MUSIC** courses are offered (one year each): Beginning Chorus, Intermediate Chorus, Advanced Chorus, Choral Chamber Ensemble, Instrumental Techniques, Music Theory and Composition, Beginning Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Advanced Concert Band, Beginning Orchestra, and Advanced Orchestra. The following **ART** courses are offered (one semester each): Introduction to Two-Dimensional Art, Drawing, Ceramics, Advanced Fine Arts, and Photography.

Physical Education Department – All students must take one year of physical education as freshmen and one semester of Health and Wellness as sophomores. Elective Physical Education is available for juniors and seniors.

All courses in the **CTE Department** are offered as electives except Digital Applications and Responsibility which is required for all freshmen unless they test out. Students must also take a Family & Consumer Science course or Introduction to Engineering Design.

CTE: Business, Marketing, Information Technology – All other courses are electives: Digital Applications and Responsibility 2, Preparing for College and Careers, Personal Financial Responsibility, Technical Business Communications, Career Information and Exploration, and Business Management.

CTE: Engineering/Technology – Introduction to Engineering Design, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Civil Engineering & Architecture I & II, Engineering Design & Development, Principles of Engineering & Robotics Design & Innovation.

CTE: Family & Consumer Sciences – Human Development and Wellness, Child Development, Introduction to House and Interior Design and Introduction to Fashion and Textiles, and Nutrition and Wellness.



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**HONORS/AP/DUAL CREDIT COURSES
WEIGHTED GRADES**

HONORS COURSES

Advanced Concert Band
Advanced English/Language Arts
Advanced Orchestra
Algebra II Honors
Biology I Honors
Biology II
Chemistry I Honors
Choral Chamber Ensemble
Civil Engineering & Architecture
Computer Integrated Manufacturing
English 11 Honors
German III Honors
Geometry Honors
Human Body Systems
Physics I Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors
Principles of Engineering
Spanish III Honors
Student Media (Honors Journalism)
US History Honors

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP German Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Statistics
AP United States Government and Politics

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Advanced English/Language Arts
Advanced Fine Arts
AP Calculus AB
AP Chemistry
AP German Language and Culture
Biology II
Business Management
Civil Engineering and Architecture
Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Drawing & Painting
Digital Applications and Responsibility 1
Digital Applications and Responsibility 2
English 11 Honors
German III Honors
Human Body Systems
Introduction to Engineering Design
Pre-Calculus
Pre-Calculus Honors
Principles of Engineering
US Government
US History Honors

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	59 and lower

WEIGHTED GRADES

Honors Courses	1.2
Advanced Placement	1.4