



# IDA CROWN JEWISH ACADEMY

Inspiring Bnei  
and Banot Torah  
to Thrive in the  
Modern World

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*Ida Crown Jewish Academy, founded in 1942, is a coeducational high school, grades 9-12, offering a comprehensive dual program in General and Judaic Studies. The General Studies curriculum is designed to develop broad knowledge in the Humanities and Sciences and to prepare students to take full advantage of a university education. The Judaic Studies curriculum aims to foster a deep appreciation of Jewish learning, history, and tradition. Ida Crown Jewish Academy is accredited by AdvancEd.*

## STUDENT BODY

The present enrollment of the Academy is 226 of whom 55 are Seniors. We accept students from public and private institutions in the Chicagoland area. Each year we have transfer students that join our community.

## ACADEMIC DAY

The Academy's formal schedule is intense and challenging. The school day begins at 8:05AM with communal prayer and breakfast. The school day is from 8:05am-5:39 pm. On Tuesday and Wednesday dismissals are at 5:00PM. Our Academic calendar consists of a two semesters system with term grades calculated in January and June.

## DUAL CURRICULUM

ICJA provides a full dual curriculum with equal emphasis on Judaic and General Studies course work. The four morning Judaic classes are single gender, and the General Studies four afternoon classes are co-educational. The rigor of our coursework throughout the day prepares our students well for success at their future academic home. The expectations in the classroom encourage collaboration and promote intellectual curiosity. Our faculty utilize technology in the classroom to enhance the educational experience.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### JUDAIC STUDIES

SUBJECT	YRS
Talmud/Jewish Thought	4
Bible	4
Prophets	4
Hebrew Language/Literature	4

### GENERAL STUDIES

SUBJECT	YRS
English	4
History	3.5
Laboratory Science	3
Mathematics	3
Fine Art	1
Physical Education	4
Electives	2.5
Selected from English, Math, Science, and Social Studies	

### AP Class offerings 2024-2025:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C
- AP Psychology
- AP Statistics
- AP US History
- AP World History: Modern

Last year 89% of testers earned a score of 3 or higher

Due to scheduling limitations- students are only permitted to take three AP classes. AP classes are only available to Juniors and Seniors. Students can appeal and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Approximately 98% of the students will take their AP exam although they are not required.

Honors and Accelerated classes are also offered and are noted on the transcript with an HONORS or ACCL indication.

Personalized academic support services are available to students that have a 504 plan and supporting documentation.

The Grading Scale is from A to F (90/80/70/60). Grade point average is calculated on semester grades; plus (+) and minus (-) designations have no effect on the grade point average. The grade point average is a combination of Judaic and general classes on a 4.0 weighted scale. Advanced Placement, Accelerated and Honor classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale. Students are not ranked. Outside courses may be taken for credit but are not calculated into the overall grade point average. Grades are reflected on the transcript with a TRF designation.

### OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Our students are actively engaged in their community through direct service programs. Students must complete 20 service hours.

We have over 30 clubs and organizations to enhance our school community. ICGC, Ida Crown Girls Club and ICBC, Ida Crown Boys Club, are the largest organizations designed to foster a sense of community and belonging amongst our students. They have robust programming throughout the year to meet the social and emotional needs of our students.

### ATHLETICS

To meet the State Physical Education requirement students can participate in intercollegiate sports.

#### BOYS:

Baseball	Basketball
Cross Country	Fencing
Soccer	Wrestling

#### GIRLS:

Basketball	Cross Country
Fencing	Soccer

### STANDARDIZED TESTING

Ida Crown Jewish Academy serves as a National Test Center for ACT and SAT administrations. Our test center codes are ACT 173641 SAT 14170

Our students complete the Pre-ACT Suite of Assessments starting in 2025. All juniors take the PSAT in October and ACT in March.

Many of our students will continue their Ida Crown Jewish Academy education by taking a gap year to attend Yeshiva or Seminary in Israel. 98% of our students will attend a four-year institution either directly after graduation or upon return from their gap year.

*In the 2023-2024 cycle our students were admitted to the following institutions:*

Arizona State University  
Bar Ilan XP  
Barnard  
Brandeis University  
DePaul University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida International University  
HTC Touro  
Loyola University Chicago  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oakton CC  
Reichman University  
Touro NY  
University of Florida  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois Chicago  
University of Illinois  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Pittsburgh  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Yeshiva University  
Stern College for Women YU

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