

**Philosophy of Nazareth Academy**

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Nazareth Academy, a private Catholic high school for girls, commits itself to teach the message of Jesus Christ and to encourage academic excellence.

Students share their wealth of knowledge and depth of spirit in the Gospel values of concern and service, enabling them to develop an attitude of self-awareness to meet the challenges of this life while preparing themselves for eternal life.

To prepare students for further studies and for life in the twenty-first century, Nazareth Academy provides a diversified college/university preparatory curriculum. The faculty incorporate various instructional methods and educational programs that challenge students to develop critical thinking skills and to apply their knowledge. A faculty, committed to living Christian values, guide students to their future roles as mature, self-determined women of faith, strong in personal worth and self-confidence. Challenges for growth and discernment are present as students interact with others in formal and informal settings.

To acquire the social graces and skills necessary for successful participation in an adult society, students are provided opportunities that develop cultural and aesthetic values, while encouraging originality, curiosity and creativity in self-expression.

Physical and emotional health education are critical for all students. The curriculum emphasizes the students' responsibility to maintain sound health principles throughout life and to safeguard themselves against harmful behaviors.

(Taken from the electronic Student's Handbook found on the Nazareth Academy website, page 5.)