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## MISSION STATEMENT

Preparing Children For Lives Of  
Meaning And Purpose

### KEITH OVERVIEW

For over 100 years Keith Country Day School has proudly stood as the premier college preparatory school in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Keith has a rich tradition of preparing students from Pre-Kindergarten (3 years old) through Grade 12 in academic excellence, character development and leadership skills. The school enrolls approximately 230-250 students. Traditionally, 100 percent of Keith seniors are four-year college bound. The class of 2024 (13 students) earned approximately \$6 million in merit-based scholarships.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Keith Country Day School's graduation requirements are the most extensive and rigorous in the region. These requirements work to ensure that our students are successful in collegiate life, as well as in personal development. Students are required to take four years of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Fine Arts, Foreign Language (of the same language), and Physical Education. Community service is also required.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS CURRICULUM

Keith Country Day School's core and elective courses are taught at the honors level, and frequently cover material that is on Advanced Placement exams. AP course selection includes AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP French, AP Statistics, AP English, AP Statistics, Literature, AP European History, AP Music Theory, AP Physics, and AP US History. In 2023, 32 students took 64 AP exams with 16 scoring a 3 or above. Due to the rigorous curriculum of Keith School, students are discouraged from taking more than three AP courses per year.

### INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study is a student-selected and self-driven learning opportunity beyond the Keith course offerings. An independent study is offered to juniors and seniors (and sophomores with head of school approval) under the direction of a Keith faculty member for one or two semesters. Independent Study is available and offered in every discipline.

### SENIOR PROJECT

As part of the graduation requirements, each senior is to complete a senior project of their choosing. The process includes researching and developing a topic/project of interest, planning and implementing the chosen project and analyzing and presenting results at a student/faculty assembly.

### ACCREDITATION

- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- Illinois State Board of Education

### MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- National Honor Society C.E.E.B. 143706

### FACULTY

There are 36 faculty members, 65% of whom have advanced degrees.

### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in any of the more than 35 leadership, academic, special interest, fine arts, and organizations available, including Ambassador Orientation Leaders, Model United Nations, Interact, Snow Sculpting, and Student Activities Board.

More than half of the upper school students participate in at least one of the seven sports offered at Keith. Keith's sports accomplishments include state championships in volleyball, soccer, track and field, tennis, cross country, among others.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Keith students have been recognized and awarded with distinction by several academic, arts and athletic organizations including Illinois State Scholars, National Merit Commendation, WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering), Scholastic Bowl, The Young Americans, IMEA (Illinois Music Education Association), National Latin Exam, Illinois High School Theater Festival, IHSA State Girls Volleyball champions, IHSA State Boys Soccer. Keith continues to be ranked as the #1 Private School in Rockford and a leader in private education in the State of Illinois by Niche.



- #1 PRIVATE PREK SCHOOL
- #1 PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOL
- #1 PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL
- #1 PRIVATE K-12 COLLEGE-  
PREP HIGH SCHOOL
- #1 HIGH SCHOOL FOR STEM
- NAMED IN THE TOP THIRD K-12 PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS IN THE NATION



### NAMED #1

- PRIVATE SCHOOL IN REGION
- PRESCHOOL IN REGION



**AP School  
Honor Roll**

**2024**



## GRADING SYSTEM

Keith Country Day School grade scale

Grade	GPA Scale	Number Equivalent
A+	4.35	98-100
A	4.0	93-97
A-	3.65	90-92
B+	3.35	87-89
B	3.0	83-86
B-	2.65	80-82
C+	2.35	77-79
C	2.0	73-76
C-	1.65	70-72

## STANDARDIZED TESTING SCORES:

Keith Country Day School students who take the ACT and/or SAT score above-average results positioning them to be accepted into highly selective and competitive colleges and universities. Many schools are now test optional, therefore, our College Counselor provides individualized support to our students through assistance in preparing essays and applications.

## CLASS RANK

Keith Country Day School does not rank students. Individual cumulative GPAs are provided on the official transcript.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST (SAMPLE)

Art Institute of San Francisco  
 Augustana College  
 Bard College  
 Beloit College  
 Benedictine University  
 Boise State University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Bradley University  
 Brigham Young University  
 Brown University  
 Butler University  
 Carroll University  
 Carthage College  
 Case Western Reserve  
 College of Charleston  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia College (Chicago)  
 Columbia University (NY)  
 Concordia University  
 Creighton University  
 Dartmouth College  
 DePaul University  
 Dominican University  
 Drake University  
 Drury University  
 Elmhurst College  
 Embry Riddle University  
 Endicott College  
 Fordham University  
 George Washington University  
 Georgetown University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College  
 Gustavus Adolphus College

Grinnell College  
 Hampden-Sydney College  
 Hampshire College  
 Harvard University  
 High Point University  
 Howard University  
 Ithaca College  
 Illinois Central College  
 Illinois State University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University  
 Indiana University  
 Iowa State University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Johnson & Wales University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Knox College  
 Lake Forest College  
 Lawrence University  
 Lehigh University  
 Loyola University Chicago  
 Luther College  
 Marquette University  
 Massachusetts Institute  
 of Technology  
 Miami University of Ohio  
 Michigan State University  
 Michigan Technological University  
 Milwaukee Institute  
 of Art & Design  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Moody Bible Institute  
 Mt. Holyoke College  
 Murray State University  
 New York Film Academy  
 North Central College  
 Northern Illinois University

Northwestern University  
 Oberlin College  
 The Ohio State University  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pomona College  
 Purdue University  
 Rice University  
 Rock Valley College  
 Rockford University  
 St. Louis University  
 St. Olaf College  
 Savannah College  
 of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute Chicago  
 Southern Illinois University  
 Texas Christian University  
 United States Naval Academy  
 University of Alabama  
 University of Arkansas, Little Rock  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California at Berkeley  
 University of California at Syracuse  
 University of California at Davis  
 University of California at Irvine  
 University of California  
 at Los Angeles  
 University of California  
 at San Diego  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 University of Colorado at Denver  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Denver  
 University of Dubuque

University of Evansville  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 University of Illinois  
 at Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Missouri  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of North Dakota  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Portland  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Stockholm  
 University of Texas  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Waterloo  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 Ursinus College  
 Vassar College  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Tech University  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 Wesleyan College  
 Williams College  
 Wofford College  
 Yale University