

Xavier Charter School
School Profile 2024-2025



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School and Community

Xavier Charter School is a K-12 tuition-free public classical education charter school in Twin Falls, Idaho. The school opened its doors to students in grades K-8 for the 2007/2008 school year. Xavier Charter School currently serves approximately six-hundred and eighty K-12 students within the Twin Falls area. Xavier's graduating classes averages about thirty-five students. The student body is primarily composed of middle class and lower middle class socioeconomic status students with eighty-three percent of students identifying as white, thirteen percent Latino, and other four percent as Black, Asian, Native, and Pacific Islander. The city of Twin Falls has about 50,000 people, but the town services the needs of many of the smaller rural communities in the valley. Industry within Southern Idaho is typically agriculturally oriented.

Xavier Charter School Mission and Vision

Xavier Charter Schools are dedicated to providing a classical, academically rigorous, content-rich liberal arts education, preparing students to excel in every duty and guiding them toward wisdom and virtue. The primary way by which this mission is accomplished is through a Classical Teaching approach which includes teaching to mastery, memorization and recitation, direct instruction, the Socratic method, formalized procedures, contemplative learning, cultivation of excellent learning and study habits, and a cultivation of curiosity.

House System

Xavier Charter School developed a house system to encourage a sense of community and support within the school. Under this system, students and faculty are divided into eight different houses that participate in a number of mentorship, academic, and support activities. The house system supports the classical education model that is unique to our school. It educates the whole student body, spirit, and mind through intramural sports, leadership, fine arts, and service projects. Each house has their own traditions, leadership structures, and special relationships.

Xavier Grading Procedures/ Student Rankings

Xavier Charter School grades on a standard 4.0 grading scale. All individual student rankings are based on a simple cumulative GPA calculation. It is worth noting that it is not easy to achieve high

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grades at Xavier. Our classical liberal arts curriculum is demanding and not all students at Xavier earn excellent scores. English classes at our school are modeled after 200 level collegiate literature survey courses. Students read 15 to 20 major literary works from the great works of western literature each year, supplemented with poetry, in addition to writing formal MLA composition essays every three to four weeks. Unlike most Idaho schools, our high school has additional history, art, and music graduation requirements. Simply put, Xavier Charter School wants high scores to represent high achievement. Through Xavier's grading system and rigor, our school hopes to alleviate the grade inflation that seems to be a common nationwide problem.

Xavier Achievements

Top Idaho SAT Scores: Xavier students had the ninth highest SAT Scores in the state of Idaho. We have exceeded the state national average scores for SAT math, reading, and writing.

#1 School in Twin Falls, Idaho: Xavier Charter School is ranked as the best school in Twin Falls, Idaho by US News and World Report. The score is based on performance on state-wide tests, graduation rates, and how well students are prepared for postsecondary education.

National Poetry Out Loud Finalist: All Xavier students participate in the national poetry recitation contest Poetry Out Loud in which they select, memorize, and perform poems. High school students are eligible to compete at nationals in Washington, D.C. for scholarships worth more than \$20,000. Xavier has the most competitive program in the state. Over the last twelve years we have consistently won regionals and placed in the top 3 in the state. In addition, we have 4 students who have competed in Washington, D.C. nationals and have ranked in the top nine in the nation.

All-State Musicians/Vocalists: Each year Xavier Charter School is well represented in the Idaho All-State Choir/Band/Orchestra. One of our students performed at Carnegie Hall as part of the Honors Performance Series. Eclatante performed with Damien Sneed, the founder and artistic director of Choral Le Chateau, with Arts on Tour. Idaho's Superintendent of Public Instruction invited Xavier's Eclatante and Advanced Band to be featured at the Idaho State Capitol during a legislative session

Colleges Attended by Graduates of Xavier Charter School

American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Boise State University
Brigham Young University Provo
Brigham Young University Idaho
College of Idaho
College of Southern Idaho

College of William and Mary
Emory University
Evergreen State College
Idaho State University
Linfield College
Northwest Nazarene University

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Utah State University
Utah Valley University
Wabash College
Willamette University