



# BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Exemplary Catholic Education, Rooted in Faith, Committed to Excellence

U.S. Department of Education Exemplary School

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2023 – 2024

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Mr. Casey Teeters, Dominican Program Students  
Ms. Patricia Creighton, Director of College Counselor

**Bishop Watterson High School** is a comprehensive, co-educational, Catholic school for grades 9-12. It is located in a residential area serving the northwest quadrant of Columbus and Franklin County. A large majority of parents are college-educated, business and professional people. Bishop Watterson High School meets all State of Ohio education requirements and is fully accredited by the Department of Education, State of Ohio and the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Watterson High School also received the U.S. Department of Education Exemplary School Award.

**Enrollment:** Enrollment for 2023-2024 is 903. Class of 2024 enrollment is 217.

**Teachers:** Bishop Watterson has a professional staff of 75. The average teaching experience of the faculty is 16.9 years and 69% hold advanced degrees.

**Student Body:** More than 92% of the students are Catholic. Students come from the Columbus City Schools and seven suburban school systems – Buckeye Valley, Delaware, Dublin, Hilliard, Olentangy, Upper Arlington, and Worthington. More than 99% of the graduates enter four-year and two-year colleges and universities. A typical graduating class will be dispersed to fifty or more colleges throughout the United States. Many of the top quartile will be attending our country's most competitive colleges.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum is college preparatory. The Advanced Placement and Honors programs offer those students who qualify the opportunity to follow a stimulating curriculum designed for the academically talented. Students must be recommended by their teacher for AP and Honors courses and meet high academic standards/criteria to be placed into the course.

**Honors courses include:** Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry, Honors American Literature, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors English 9, Honors English 10, Honors French IV, Honors Geometry, Honors Introduction to Physics and Chemistry, Honors Spanish IV, Honors United States History, Honors World History.

**Advanced Placement (AP) courses include:** AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP Statistics, AP United States History, AP Physics 1.

**College Credit Plus courses through Columbus State Community College:**

**Offered August 2018 - June 2022:** HIST1151 - American History to 1877, HIST1152 - American History Since 1877, BIO1101 - Fundamentals Human Anatomy & Physiology, MULT1110 - Medical Terminology

**Offered August 2018 - Present:** FMGT1101 - Personal Finance **Offered starting in August 2022:** HIST1111 - European History to 1648, HIST1112 - European History since 1648

**COVID-19 Response:** Bishop Watterson High School went to remote learning starting Monday, March 16, 2020 until the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We kept our current grading scale and all course graduation requirements during that time. We started the 2020-2021 school year with a hybrid model. Students rotated between days on campus for in-person classes and days at home live streaming their classes. At the end of September, we transitioned to all students on campus with in-person learning with reduced numbers of students in classes to ensure social distancing. Over capacity classes sent a portion of the students to a common area to live stream the class. With no transmissions inside the school, we ended the school year with all students learning taking place in the classroom with the teacher.

**Grading Scale:**

	Regular	AP/Honors	CCP (under Ohio Law)	
A 93-100	4.0	4.5	A	4.5
A- 90-92	3.8	4.3		
B+ 87-89	3.4	3.9	B	3.9
B 83-86	3.0	3.5		
B- 80-82	2.7	3.2		
C+ 77-79	2.3	2.8	C	2.8
C 73-76	2.0	2.5		
C- 70-72	1.7	2.2		
D+ 67-69	1.3	1.8	D	1.8
D 65-66	1.0	1.5		
F* < 65	0	0	F	0

\*When a student fails a required course but successfully completes summer school, the failing grade is replaced with a "65 or D" which is averaged into the GPA as a 1.00 and the credit awarded. All failures are recorded on the transcript.

**Rank:**

Due to the competitiveness of Bishop Watterson High School, we do not report class rank. Beginning with the class of 2024, graduating seniors with a GPA of 4.15 and higher will earn Summa Cum Laude honors. Graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.90 to 4.14 will earn Magna Cum Laude honors. Graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.70 to 3.89 will earn Cum Laude honors.

**GPA Distributions by Quartile:**

Q1: 4.282 – 3.865      Q2: 3.864 – 3.566      Q3: 3.565 – 3.124      Q4: 3.123 – 1.988

**Graduation Requirements:** Class of 2023 – A minimum of 26.5 credits consisting of:

- 4 units English\*
- 4 units Theology\*\*
- 3 units Electives
- 0.5 unit Health
- 4 units Science
- 3 units Social Studies
- 1 unit Visual/Performing Arts
- 0.5 unit Financial Literacy
- 4 units Math
- 2 units World Language (same language)
- 0.5 unit Physical Education

*Students must meet the State of Ohio Graduation Test requirements.*

\* *Includes satisfactory completion of sophomore and senior research papers*

\*\* *Includes satisfactory completion of sophomore service training program*

**Class of 2023 Statistics:** 97% of Bishop Watterson High School students attended post secondary education. 94% attended a four year university, 3% attended two year, and 3% military/employed/gap year

<b>SAT PROFILE:</b>	<u>Mean Scores</u>	<u>Number Taking</u>	<u>ERW</u>	<u>Math</u>
	Class of 2022	39	621	593
<b>ACT PROFILE</b>	<u>Mean Scores</u>	<u>Number Taking</u>	<u>Composite Score</u>	
	Class of 2023	416	24.1	