



BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL

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U.S. Department of Education Exemplary School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2024 – 2025

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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 2024-2025 is 945. Class of 2025 enrollment is 244.

Teachers: Bishop Watterson has a professional staff of 82. The average teaching experience of the faculty is 17.68 years and 68% 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. AP Precalculus was added for the 2024 - 25 school year

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: 4.283 – 3.932 Q2: 3.931 – 3.535 Q3: 3.534 – 3.156 Q4: 3.155 – 2.000

Graduation Requirements: Class of 2025 – 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 2024 Statistics: 97% of Bishop Watterson High School students attended post secondary education.
 90% attended a four year university, 7% attended two year, and 3% military/trade/gap year

SAT PROFILE:	<u>Mean Scores</u>	<u>Number Taking</u>	<u>ERW</u>	<u>Math</u>
	Class of 2023	62	615	582
ACT PROFILE	<u>Mean Scores</u>	<u>Number Taking</u>	<u>Composite Score</u>	
	Class of 2024	431	23.8	