School Profile 2026-27

Bishop Watterson High School

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Mission:
Restoring all things in Christ by educating in the Catholic tradition through prayer, service and study.

Administration

Deacon Christopher Campbell
Principal
Heather Law
Vice Principal - Academics
Ryan Schwieterman
Vice Principal - Operations
Mr. Darren Smith
Vice Principal - Student Services

School Counselors

Jenny Sponseller, ext. 277
Counseling Department Chair
Zach Johnson, ext. 270
Tom Woodford, ext. 234
Samantha Zirkle, ext. 232
Savannah Gazdik, ext. 278
Dominican Program Students

Accreditation

U.S. Department of Education
Ohio Department of Education
Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCSAA)

Bishop Watterson High School is the largest co-educational Catholic school for grades 9-12 in Columbus, Ohio. It is located in a residential area serving the northwest quadrant of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. Since its founding in 1954, Bishop Watterson seeks to challenge and nurture the leaders of the 21st century by providing them with the religious, moral, intellectual, social, and physical skills that they will need to achieve their fullest potential as productive and successful Catholic adults. The Bishop Watterson faculty endeavors to educate the total person by focusing on the spiritual, intellectual and physical development of the students.

2026-27 Enrollment
985

Class of 2027 Enrollment
211

Activities

18 Clubs
29 Varsity Sports Teams
5 Bands/1 Choir
2 Theatre Productions
2 Student Leadership Organizations
2 Honor Societies
Retreat Leadership Opportunities

About the Student Body

More than 83% 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.

Average years of experience: 17.8

71% hold advanced degrees

Dominican Program

Dominican Program is focused on helping students who need academic, developmental or emotional wellness support. We currently have 6% of our student body enrolled in the program. Students enrolled are offered an inclusive educational environment, along with an Intervention Lab to provide the extra support they need to prepare students for life after high school.

Class of 2026

218 graduates

$37.4 million in college scholarship offers

96% College Matriculation Rate

2.5% Military/Trade/ Gap Year

Accepted at 217 colleges
Attending 58 colleges

16,103 hours in service to the community (outside of required sophomore service)

16 individual subject perfect scores on the ACT

About the Curriculum

Our curriculum is college preparatory. We offer three levels for many required core courses: Honors, College Prep I (regular) and College Prep II (basic).
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.

14 Honors Courses

Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry, Honors American Literature, Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Honors Literature & Composition, Honors English 10, Honors French IV, Honors Geometry, Honors Introduction to Physics and Chemistry, Honors Latin III, Honors Spanish IV, Honors United States History, Honors World History.

20 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

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 French, 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.

Although we offer 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, **students are NOT permitted to take AP courses until their junior year**. This limits the number of AP courses students can take before graduation.

4 College Credit Plus courses through Columbus State Community College on campus

FMGT1101 - Personal Finance
BMGT1101 - Principles of Business
HIST1111 - European History to 1648
HIST1112 - European History since 1648

Grading Scale

A minimum of 26.5 credits consisting of:

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

Students must meet the State of Ohio Graduation Test requirements.
* Includes completion of sophomore and senior research papers
** Includes completion of sophomore service training program

SAT Profile, Class of 2026 (Fall 2025 data)
Mean Scores
ERW: 624 Math: 603

ACT Profile, Class of 2026
Mean Scores
Composite: 24.3

Total National Merit Honorees, past 3 years
2025: 10
2024: 11
2023: 6

Due to the competitiveness of Bishop Watterson High School, we do not report class rank.

GPA	Honor
4.15 +	Summa Cum Laude
3.90-4.14	Magna Cum Laude
3.70-3.89	Cum Laude

GPA Quartiles
1st decile: 3.94-4.32
2nd decile: 3.56-3.93
3rd decile: 3.10-3.55
4th decile: 1.28-3.09

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