

School Description

Charleston Catholic High School, known in West Virginia and the region for its **tradition of academic and personal excellence** since 1923, is a Catholic, private, coeducational school offering a **rigorous college preparatory program for all students**. Located in West Virginia's capital city, the school enrolls 413 students in grades 6-12, including 215 in grades 9-12, representing diverse Christian and non-Christian faith traditions and a variety of ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Typically **100 percent of our seniors enroll in four-year colleges and universities across the United States**. Large percentages **continue on to graduate school**, earning advanced degrees in medicine, business, dentistry, law, education, computer science, languages, and other areas. Our 5,000 alumni are civic, professional, and community leaders, contributing in their daily lives to our global society.

Charleston Catholic High School challenges students intellectually, spiritually, and personally in a supportive atmosphere. Daily theology classes provide opportunities for faith development, personal growth, and an understanding of others' viewpoints. Our graduates develop **solid work ethics, generous hearts, and confidence through their high school experiences**. **Over 90 percent of our students participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities**, building leadership, teamwork, and other skills that will benefit them now and in the future. **One hundred percent of our students participate in community service efforts**, with a majority of their efforts focusing on the disadvantaged and underserved. **Attendance at cultural arts events** is a requirement.

The Charleston Catholic curriculum is solid with a well-defined core of required courses. **One hundred percent** of our graduates have completed **full-year courses in physical science, biology, and chemistry**. **Over 76 percent** have completed additional science courses in Biology II, AP Biology, AP Physics, General Physics and Anatomy/Physiology. **One hundred percent** have completed **math courses beyond Algebra II**, with **86 percent** completing **Trigonometry/Precalculus**, and **59 percent** completing **Calculus**. **One hundred percent** have completed at least two years of a **foreign language** during their high school years (Latin, French and Spanish) and **57 percent** have completed three or more years. Students must earn **29 credits for graduation** from Charleston Catholic High School.

Class Rank and GPAs

*Charleston Catholic High School does not rank its students. All students follow a college preparatory curriculum. All courses are included in the computation of the GPA. **Honors, advanced honors, and Advanced Placement courses are weighted.** Placement in all courses is based on achievement, aptitude, and motivation.*

Grading Scale

A = 93 – 100
B = 85 – 92
C = 75 – 84
D = 70 – 74
F = below 70

Academic Assessment

- 100% of seniors take SAT and/or ACT
- 100% of sophomores and juniors take PSAT
- 100% of freshmen and sophomores take PLAN

Courses and Graduation Requirements

(Courses in bold are required plus additional credits to total 29 Carnegie Units for graduation.)

- *Theology: (4 credits)* **Old Testament/Sacraments; New Testament/Sacraments; Morality, Peace, and Social Justice; World Religions and Christian Lifestyles**
- *English: (4 credits)* **World Literature, Introduction to American Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Philosophy, Mythology, Speech, AP English Language, AP English Literature**
- *Mathematics: (4 credits)* **Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Math Functions, Precalculus I/Trigonometry, Trigonometry/Precalculus, Precalculus II/Calculus A, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science**
- *Science: (3 credits)* **Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry II, General Physics, Anatomy/Physiology, AP Physics, AP Biology, Astronomy**
- *History/Social Sciences: (3 credits)* **World History to 1900, US History to 1900, 20th/21st Century, Military History, Criminal Justice, AP Human Geography, AP Economics, AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP Psychology, AP World History**
- *Foreign Language: (2 credits)* **Latin, French, or Spanish** (each offered through level IV)
- *Others:* **Physical Education, Health, Business and Finance, Art I and II, Art for Portfolio, AP Studio Art, Child Development, AP Art History, and others**
- *Focus on the Arts: (1 credit)* 12 events in 4 years
- *Community Service:* at least 90 required hours in grades 9-12

Advanced Placement Scores

Spring 2011 - % of CCHS students scoring 3, 4, or 5

Calc. AB	Calc. BC	Comp. Sci.	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Human Geog.	Physics Mech.
77%	100%	100%	95%	71%	67%	75%

39% of the Class of 2011 earned AP Scholar Awards, recognizing their performance on AP exams.

Senior Class Profiles

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
# seniors	58	69	59	64	63
National Merit					
Semi-Finalists	5	8	2	8	3
\$ Merit-Based					
Scholarships	4.5M	5.3M	4.1M	6.1M	TBA

SAT Scores - Class of 2011

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors	92%	16%	50%
Critical Reading Mean	572	514	497
CCHS mid 50% range	510-640		
Math Mean	584	501	514
CCHS mid 50% range	520-640		
Writing Mean	573	497	489
CCHS mid 50% range	480-640		

Average SAT scores for CCHS students who also took SAT Subject Tests:

Critical Reading	664
Math	662
Writing	686

ACT Scores - Class of 2011

	CCHS	WV	US
% of seniors tested	90%	62%	49%
Composite	25.8	20.6	21
CCHS mid 50% range	22-29		

Class GPA Distribution (end of junior year)

Class of	2009	2010	2011	2012
4.0+	26%	14%	20%	36%
3.5-3.9	18%	32%	33%	21%
3.0-3.4	22%	24%	16%	27%
2.5-2.9	20%	15%	17%	13%
2.0-2.4	14%	15%	14%	3%

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



2011-2012 Profile

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Accreditation and Memberships

- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement
- National Catholic Education Association
- West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission

Academic Year

2 semesters; 182-185 school days per year; daily classes of 45-50 minutes; all students carry 7 academic courses each year

High School Faculty

80% hold master's degrees; average teaching experience is 15 years; 90% are club sponsors and/or coaches, many in more than one capacity. Teacher-student ratio is 1:18.

Student Activities

Life at Charleston Catholic High School includes a wide range of activities and service opportunities. Participation in clubs, activities, and athletic teams is quite high, typically involving over 90% of the student body.

Athletics:

- Boys' and Girls' cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, track, tennis, golf
- Boys' baseball
- Girls' volleyball, cheerleading, and softball

Activities and Organizations:

- Art exhibits and competitions
- Attendance at athletic events
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Bowling Club
- Choir
- Drama Club
- French Club
- Homecoming activities
- Housing Outreach Project Express
- Junior Classical League
- Literary Magazine
- Open Mic Events
- Pax Christi
- Pep Band
- Prom Committee
- Quiz Bowl
- Retreats
- Robotics Club
- School dances
- Sewing Club
- Showcase of Talent
- Ski & Snowboard Club
- Spanish Club
- Speech and Forensics
- State and regional academic competitions
- Student Activities Council

Service

100% of students are involved in volunteer service in addition to school-wide community service projects. Seniors complete 30 hours during their senior year. Each year students typically contribute over 11,500 hours outside the school day in service to the community.

Where Do Our Graduates Go?

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Four-year colleges and universities	100%	98%	100%	98%
West Virginia institutions	40%	38%	46%	55%
Out-of-state institutions	60%	62%	54%	45%

College Admissions

Members of the class of 2011 were accepted by 195 colleges and universities and are attending 34 different colleges and universities across the United States.

Students from CCHS classes 2003 through 2011 have been accepted to colleges and universities such as: Appalachian State, American, Asbury, Ashland University, Auburn, Baylor, Belmont-Abbey, Berea, Berklee College of Music, Bethany, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, Brown, Bowdoin, Bucknell, Butler, California Institute of Technology, Carleton, Carnegie-Mellon, Case Western, Catholic University, University of Central Florida, Centre College, Citadel, Clemson, Colby, Colgate, College of Charleston, Concord, Cornell College, Cornell University, Denison, DePaul, Drexel, Duke, Duquesne, Earlham, Eastern Kentucky University, Eckerd, Elon, Emerson, Emory, Fairmont State University, Flagler, Fordham, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Greensboro, Hampden-Sydney, Haverford, High Point, Hollins, Holy Cross, James Madison, Johns Hopkins, John Carroll, Kenyon, Lehigh, Loyola, Marietta, Marshall, McGill, MIT, Miami of Ohio, Middlebury, Mount Holyoke, New York University, Notre Dame, Northeastern, Northwestern, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Penn State, Princeton, Point Park, Purdue, Queens, Radford, Randolph Macon, Reed, Rhodes, Ringling College of Art and Design, Roanoke, St. Mary's of Maryland, St. Vincent, Salem, Sarah Lawrence, Savannah College of Art and Design, Sewanee: University of the South, Shepherd, Smith, Southern Methodist, Southern Florida, Syracuse, Swarthmore, Texas A&M, Texas Christian University, Tufts, Tulane, US Military Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Naval Academy, University of California-Berkeley, University of Charleston, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Dayton, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of St. Andrews, University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, Washington University, Washington & Jefferson, Wesleyan, WVU Tech, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Wheaton, Wheeling Jesuit, William and Mary, Wittenberg, Wofford, Wooster, Xavier, Yale