

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**. Operating under the auspices of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the school enrolls 424 students in grades 6 - 12, including 217 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 physics, biology, and chemistry**. **Over 65 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 **90 percent** completing **Trigonometry/Precalculus**, and **52 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 **81 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

Before 8/2015	8/2015
A = 93 – 100	A = 93 – 100
B = 85 – 92	B = 85 – 92
C = 75 – 84	C = 77 – 84
D = 70 – 74	D = 69 – 76
F = below 70	F = below 69

Academic Assessment

- 100% of seniors take SAT and/or ACT
- 100% of sophomores and juniors take PSAT
- 100% of freshmen and sophomores take Terra Nova
- 100% of freshman take PSAT 8/9

Courses and Graduation Requirements

All courses are taught at a minimum of a college preparatory level. 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 (9), Introduction to American Literature (10), American Literature (11), British Literature (12), Creative Writing, Journalism, Philosophy, Mythology, AP English Language, Literature/Film, 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 AB/BC, AP Computer Science
- **Science: (3 credits)** Physics, **Biology, Chemistry**, Anatomy/Physiology, Astronomy, Biology II, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Biology
- **History/Social Sciences: (3 credits)** World History to 1900, US History to 1900, 20th/21st Century, Military History, Criminal Justice, AP Human Geography, AP United States Government and Politics, AP Economics, AP Psychology, AP European History, AP United States History, 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 Art History**
- **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 2016 - % of CCHS students scoring 3, 4, or 5

Bio	Calc. AB	Calc. BC	Comp. Sci.	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	U.S. History
86%	83%	100%	86%	92%	70%	68%

36% of the Class of 2016 earned AP Scholar Awards, recognizing their performance on AP exams.

Senior Class Profiles

	2016
# seniors	56
National Merit	
Semi-Finalists	5
\$ Merit-Based	
Scholarships	10.1

SAT Scores - Class of 2016

	CCHS
% of seniors	89%
Critical Reading Mean	554
CCHS mid 50% range	470-620
Math Mean	577
CCHS mid 50% range	500-640
Writing Mean	558
CCHS mid 50% range	480-620

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

Critical Reading Mean	642
Math Mean	639
Writing Mean	611

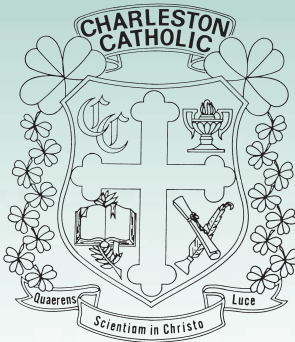
ACT Scores - Class of 2016

	CCHS
% of seniors tested	95%
Composite	25.7
CCHS mid 50% range	23-30

Class GPA Distribution (end of junior year)

Class of	2016
4.0+	35%
3.5-3.9	21%
3.0-3.4	25%
2.0-2.9	19%

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2016-2017 Profile
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Accreditation and Memberships

- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement
- West Virginia Board of Education (Policy 2330)
- National Catholic Education Association
- West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission
- National Association for College Admission Counseling

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

58% hold master's degrees; average teaching experience is 14 years; 90% are club sponsors and/or coaches, many in more than one capacity. Teacher-student ratio is 1:9.

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 Club
- Art exhibits and competitions
- Attendance at athletic events
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Choir
- Drama Club
- French Club
- Homecoming activities
- Housing Outreach Project Express
- Inspire West Virginia
- Junior Classical League
- Literary Magazine
- Music Appreciation
- Pax Christi
- Prom Committee
- Quiz Bowl
- Retreats
- Robotics Club
- Salsa Club
- School dances
- Science Book Club
- Sewing Club
- Ski and Snowboard Club
- Spanish Club
- 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?

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Four-year colleges and universities	98%	98%	100%	100%
West Virginia institutions	52%	55%	49%	54%
Out-of-state institutions	48%	45%	51%	46%

College Admissions

Members of the class of 2016 were accepted by 98 colleges and universities and are attending 27 different colleges and universities across the United States.

Students from CCHS classes 2003 through 2016 have been accepted to colleges and universities such as: American, Appalachian State, Auburn, Baylor, Bellarmine, 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, Centre College, Chapman, Citadel, Clemson, Colby, Colgate, College of Charleston, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Concord, Cornell University, Denison, DePaul, Drexel, Duke, Duquesne, Earlham, Eastern Florida, Eastern Kentucky, Eckerd, Elon, Emerson, Emory, Fairmont State, Flagler, Florida State, Fordham, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Guilford, Hampden-Sydney, Haverford, High Point, Hillsdale, Hollins, Holy Cross, James Madison, John Carroll, Johns Hopkins, Juniata, Kenyon, Lehigh, Loyola, Marietta, Marist, Marshall, Marymount, MIT, McGill, Miami of Ohio, Middlebury, Mount Holyoke, New York University, Notre Dame, North Carolina State, Northeastern, Northwestern, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Penn State, Point Park, Princeton, Purdue, Queens, Radford, Reed, Rhodes, Ringling College of Art and Design, Roanoke, St. Louis University, Sarah Lawrence, Savannah College of Art and Design, Shepherd, SMU, Southern Florida, Syracuse, Swarthmore, Texas A&M, TCU, Trinity, Tufts, Tulane, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, University of California-Berkeley, University of Central Florida, University of Charleston, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Dayton, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, University of Oklahoma, 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, Ursinus, Vanderbilt, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Commonwealth, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Warren Wilson, Washington & Jefferson, Washington & Lee, Washington University, Wellesley, Wesleyan, West Virginia State, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Wheaton, Wheeling Jesuit, William and Mary, Wittenberg, Wofford, Wooster, Xavier, Yale