

2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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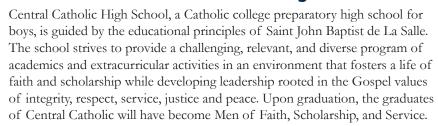
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School & Community



The student body reflects the rich ethnic, cultural, economic, and racial diversity of the Pittsburgh area. Last year, 35% of our students received over \$2.0 million in financial aid. Students come from the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs and represent more than 150 grade schools and 105 parishes. Current enrollment is 746 students with a typical graduating class of about 195 seniors each year. Traditionally, 96% of graduates continue their education beyond high school.

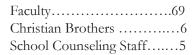
Located in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh, the school is in the center of the educational and cultural district of the city, within walking distance of the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and the Carnegie Museums. The school's location allows students to take advantage of nearby museums, cultural centers, libraries, and places of historical interest.

Central Catholic High School is accredited by the PA Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The U.S. Department of Education has recognized Central Catholic as one of the nation's "outstanding secondary schools."



Students & Faculty





Graduation Requirements

Students must complete the following curriculum, a minimum of 26 credits, to receive a diploma from Central Catholic High School:







English Social Studies





3 Science

Foreign Language H Pl Ec

Health / Physical Education

0.5 Fine Arts

0.5 Technology Elective

Year-long courses earn a student 1 credit. At minimum, students are required to take the equivalent of 6 year-long courses, in addition to half-year courses such as Physical Education, Health, Music, and Art.



Academics at Central Catholic

Academic Weighting and Grading

The courses taught at Central Catholic High School are weighted to reflect the difficulty of the course content. **All courses are divided into five levels of difficulty.** Over the course of their four years and within the same academic year, many students select courses from more than one level of difficulty.

Level 1 = Regular Level 2 = Intermediate Level 3 = Advanced Level 4 = Honors Level 5 = AP

Grading Philosophy

The faculty of Central Catholic does its best to limit grade inflation in our core academic courses. It is rare for any student to graduate with all A's in their academic classes over the course of four years. Some core courses award very few 'A' grades.

Cumulative GPA Weighting

The Cumulative GPA reported on the transcript is on a weighted 4.0 scale. Central Catholic does weight advanced courses (Honors, AP, etc), so it is possible for a student to earn a weighted cumulative GPA above a 4.0. However, the basis for our grading scale in standard-track course is that an A = 4.0. As a result, for most of our students, earning all A's throughout high school would result in a GPA above a 4.0 but below a 5.0.

A+	A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C-	D+	D	D-	F
100-98	97-95	94-93	92-90	89-87	86-85	84-82	81-78	77-75	74-73	72-71	70	<69



Advanced Placement Courses

For most AP courses, only one section of each course is taught each year.

All students enrolled in an AP class are required to sit for the AP Exam.

It is uncommon for a student to graduate with more than 4-5 AP courses.

Students must meet prerequisites and be recommended by a teacher to enroll in any Advanced Placement course.

The following 16 **Advanced Placement courses** are available at Central Catholic:

American Government Art History Biology Calculus AB, BC

Chemistry
Computer Science
English Language and Composition
English Literature

European History French Human Geography Physics C Spanish Statistics U.S. History

Bishop McDowell Program

Designed to facilitate student success through the development and reinforcement of necessary skills, the Bishop McDowell Program encourages students, through a variety of individually designed activities, to become thoroughly familiar with their own learning styles. Students in the Bishop McDowell Program attend regular classes and participate fully in the co-curricular life of the school, but have scheduled time for assistance and skill-building to enable them to progress in the college preparatory curriculum. When students understand how they learn best, they can then begin to apply strategies that work for them in the classroom, while completing homework, and when preparing for exams. Concurrently, the Director of the Bishop McDowell Program works with the Central Catholic faculty to help them understand each student's learning style and the related implications for classroom practices.



Brother David S. Baginski, FSC Scholars Program

The goal of the Brother David S. Baginski, FSC Scholars Program is to prepare students for advanced studies at the university level through a liberal arts curriculum that is interdisciplinary and multi-faceted. Students work closely with their advisors, teachers and peers on exploring the humanities and understanding their intersection with science and technology through issue-oriented investigations. Having shown an interest in the liberal arts, students apply to the program in the spring of their sophomore year through a competitive process. Once admitted, students enroll in a humanities seminar in their junior year to engage in critical inquiry and social justice perspectives. In their senior year, they write, defend and present a college-level, research-based thesis. Students in the program also participate in a multitude of enrichment activities offered by the Scholars Forum in addition to traveling domestically and abroad, thus, their intellectual development is bridged with a responsibility to be global citizens.



Curriculum Offerings

Central Catholic will offer the following course options during the 2021-2022 academic year. Level 1-3 courses are indicated below. Available AP courses are also listed separately on the opposite page.

H = Honors

AP = Advanced Placement

Science Department

Biology -2, 3, H, AP Chemistry -2, 3, H, APChemistry II Organic Chemistry - H Physics -2, 3, H, AP (C)

Environmental Science – 3

Biotechnology/Bioengineering - 3, H

Social Studies Department

Human Geography – 2, 3, AP World History I - 2 World History II − 3, H United States History - 2, 3, H, AP AP European History - AP American Government – AP History of Pittsburgh & Western PA -3 Psychology – 3 History of Modern America – 3 Sociology - 3 AP Art History – AP The Story of World War II -3Introduction to Leadership – 3

Physical Education Department

Physical Education – 1 Health - 3A Personal Approach to Physical Education & Nutrition - 3 Advanced Physical Fitness – 3 Essential Concepts in Athletic Training – 3

Business Department

Accounting I - 3, H, CHSIntro to Technology for the 21st Century – 3 Financial Algebra – 3 Principles of Entrepreneurship – 3 Personal Finance – 3 Business Law & Ethics – 3, CHS

English Department

Exploring Literature and Writing I – 2, 3, H Exploring Literature and Writing II – 2, 3, H Survey of American Literature – 2, 3, H Survey of World Literature: 2, H AP Language and Composition - AP AP English Literature – AP, CHS Junior Seminar - AP Scholarship: Senior Thesis - H World Literature: Topics Courses - 3 Cartooning – 3 Journalism & Newspaper Design – 3 Creative Writing – 3 Yearbook Design – 3 Literature of Film Criticism – 3

Foreign Languages Department

Spanish I - 3Advanced Spanish I - 3Spanish II – 2, 3, H Spanish III – 3, H Spanish IV: Advanced Language Development – 4 Spanish V: Culture & History - 4 AP Spanish – AP French I, II, III – 3 French IV - 4 Latin I, II, III – 3 Latin IV – H, CHS

Religion Department

Religion I - 3 Religion II - 3 Religion III - 3 A Man of Faith – 3 Peer Ministry – 3

Italian I - 3

CHS = College in High School

Fine Arts Department

Studio Art I, II, III – 3 Studio Art IV - H Principles of Art & Design – 3 Vocal Music I (Viking Chorus) – 3 Vocal Music II (Concert Choir) – 3 Instrumental Music (Band) – 3, H Vocal Music (Chamber Singers) - H Instrumental Music (Honors Band) – H Jazz Band − 3, H Fundamentals of Musicianship I, II – 3 String Ensemble – 3 Audio Engineering I: Live Sound Reinforcement – 3 Audio Engineering II: Recording and Production – 3

Engineering Design - 4 CNC Programming – 3

Math Department Algebra I -2, H Advanced Algebra I – 3 Algebra II -2, 3, HAdvanced Algebra II - 3 Advanced Geometry – 3 Geometry – 1, 2, 3, H Trigonometry -2, 3Pre-Calculus - 3 Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus – H Calculus - H, AP Probability and Statistics - 3 AP Statistics - AP AP Computer Science - AP Engineering I - 3, 4Experiential Engineering – 3 Principles of Robotics – 3, 4 Computer and Network Architecture – 3, 4 Algorithmic Thinking & Computer Programming -3, 4Computer Aided Design (CAD) and 3D Modeling - 3, 4



	# of students	% of class		# of students	% of class
Four-year college	181	92%	Catholic Colleges	38	19%
Two-year college			Private, non-Catholic Colleges	20	10%
Armed Services			Public Colleges	120	60%
Other/Undecided			Out-of-State Colleges	81	41%

Recent College Matriculations 2017 - 2021

Names in bold indicate colleges where three or more graduates have matriculated in the most recent five-year period.

Alderson-Broaddus College

Allegheny College American University Andrews University Arizona State University

Baldwin Wallace College

Bates College Baylor University Bethel University Boston College **Boston University Bucknell University**

California University of Pennsylvania

Canisius College Carlow University

Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University

Chatham University

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Clark Atlanta University Clarkson University Clemson University Cleveland State University Coastal Carolina University

Colgate University College of Charleston College of the Holy Cross College of William and Mary Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Columbia University **Cornell University**

The Curtis Institute of Music

Dartmouth College **Denison University** DePaul University Dickinson College **Drexel University Duquesne University**

East Carolina University **Elon University**

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Gulf Coast University Florida State University

Fordham University Fort Lewis College

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Gannon University Geneva College George Mason University George Washington University Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Gettysburg College Gonzaga University Grove City College Hamilton College Hampton University Haverford College **High Point University** Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hofstra University **Howard University**

Indiana University at Bloomington Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Ithaca College

James Madison University John Carroll University Kent State University Kenyon College

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

La Salle University Lackawanna College Lafayette College Lincoln University

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Long Island University, Post Louisiana State University Loyola University Chicago Manhattan College Marietta College

Marist College Marquette University McGill University Mercyhurst University Miami University (OH)

Mount Aloysius College Mount St. Mary's University New York University

North Carolina A&T State University North Carolina State University

Ohio University

The Ohio State University

Penn State University – Multiple Campuses

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Pepperdine University Point Park University Princeton University Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Robert Morris University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rollins College Saint Francis University Saint Joseph's University Saint Vincent College Seton Hall University Seton Hill University

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Southern Methodist University St. Bonaventure University St. John Fisher College

St. John's University – Queens Campus

Stanford University

SUNY Buffalo State College

Swarthmore College Syracuse University **Temple University** Thiel College Trine University

Tufts University

United States Coast Guard Academy United States Military Academy United States Naval Academy

The University of Akron

The University of Alabama University at Albany

The University of Arizona The University of Montana, Missoula

University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Los Angeles

University of Chicago University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Dayton University of Delaware University of Florida University of Kentucky

University of Maryland, College Park University of Massachusetts - Multiple

Campuses

University of Miami University of Michigan University of Mount Union

University of North Carolina – Multiple

Campuses

University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh – Multiple

Campuses

University of Rochester University of South Carolina

University of Southern California

University of the Sciences The University of Texas at Tyler University of Toledo

University of Toronto University of Utah University of Vermont University of Washington University of Wyoming Vanderbilt University Villanova University Virginia Military Institute

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia

Tech)

Wake Forest University

Washington & Jefferson College Washington University in St. Louis

Waynesburg University Weslevan University West Virginia University Western Michigan University Westminster College

Wheeling University Willamette University **Xavier University** Yale University

Youngstown State University