



# HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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## HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2017-2018

### OVERVIEW & MISSION

Highlands High School is a public four-year high school located in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, a residential community of 17,000 and part of the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan area. Rich in tradition and focused on the future, the Fort Thomas Independent School District provides engaging and challenging learning experiences which foster creativity, curiosity and innovation, while inspiring all students to pursue lifelong learning and become productive members of the global community.

### SCHOOL PROFILE

Enrollment in grades 9-12: 1015; Grade 12 – 233, Grade 11 – 256, Grade 10 – 259, Grade 9 – 267

### CLASS OF 2017

The graduating class of 2017 numbered 247.

- 87.1% will attend a 4-year institution
- 4.6% will attend a 2-year institution
- 8.3% joined the military, and apprenticeship program or workforce
- 2 National Merit Finalist & 3 National Merit Commended Students

### ACADEMIC COURSES

#### Advanced Courses

- Pre-AP English I
- Geometry Advanced
- Algebra II Advanced
- Pre-Calculus Advanced
- Computer Science Advanced
- Physics Advanced
- Biology Advanced
- Chemistry Advanced
- Anatomy & Physiology Advanced
- Abnormal Psychology Advanced
- We the People/ Government Adv.
- Spanish III, IV, V
- German III, IV, V

#### AP Courses (23 total)

- AP Seminar/ English II
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP American History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Spanish
- AP German
- AP Studio Art
- AP Music Theory

### Dual Credit College Courses

Northern Kentucky University	Thomas More College	Western Kentucky University
ENG 101	EDU 101	THEA 151
ENG 231		THEA 101
ENG 302		PERF 121
CMST 101		PERF 220
BIO 208/BIO 209		
KIN 200/KIN 206		
ATP 101		

### Graduation Credit Requirements 22 credits total

- English – 4 credits
- Mathematics – 4 credits
- Science – 3 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Physical Education – ½ credit
- Health – ½ credit
- Humanities – 1 credit
- Electives – 6 credits

### TEST SCORES

#### ACT Scores, mean

Reading	26.4
English	25.7
Math	25.3
Science	25.7
Comp	25.3
235 students tested	

#### SAT Scores, mean

Reading	640
Math	700
Writing	34
Comp	1360
23 students tested	

#### AP Scores

Total AP Tests	1268
Score of 5	131
Score of 4	271
Score of 3	472
Average Score	3.01
AP Scholars	134
Equity & Excellence	72.5%
AP Capstone Diploma	7

## CLASS RANK & GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Individual class rank and grade point averages (GPA) shall be calculated for students in grades nine through twelve at the end of the fourth, sixth and eighth semesters based on all courses taken. Students' *weighted GPA* is reported on all transcripts; Class rank is determined by using a students' *weighted GPA*.

## QUALITY POINTS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT	A = 5.00	B+ = 4.25	B = 4.00	C+ = 3.25	C = 3.00	D = 2.00	F = 0.00
ADVANCED COURSES	A = 4.50	B+ = 3.75	B = 3.50	C+ = 2.75	C = 2.50	D = 1.50	F = 0.00
REGULAR COURSES	A = 4.00	B+ = 3.25	B = 3.00	C+ = 2.25	C = 2.00	D = 1.00	F = 0.00

GRADING SCALE		MATH GRADING SCALE	
95-100	A	90-100	A
92-94	B+	87-89	B+
85-91	B	80-86	B
82-84	C+	77-79	C+
75-81	C	70-76	C
70-74	D	60-69	D
0-69	F	0-59	F

Highlands students benefit from a rigorous curriculum and extensive extra-curricular opportunities. The student teacher ratio is 24:1. There are 60 full-time teachers in which 95% hold Masters Degrees or higher; 2 full-time counselors and one 2/3-time counselor. Students in grades 9-12 must take a minimum of 6 courses per year with opportunities to take a 7<sup>th</sup> course. All courses (except for physical education and health, which are semester courses) are year-long courses and can earn one credit. There are no study halls. School Board policy states that any student not passing the second semester of a full year course shall receive no credit for that course.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- P21 Exemplar School – Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- US News & World Report – #3 High School in the State of Kentucky, #273 Nationally, Gold Ranking
- Washington Post – #1 High School in the State of Kentucky, #123 Nationally
- Washington Post - #182 Most Challenging High Schools
- Niche.com – #2 Best Public High School in the State of Kentucky
- Forbes.com – Top 25 Public Schools Districts in America
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- High Schools that Work – Pacesetter Award
- High Schools that Work – Gold Achievement
- McGraw-Hill Digital Showcase School
- Future Ready School®
- Highlands High School holds memberships in the following:
  - National Association for College Admissions Counselors
  - Kentucky Association of College Admissions Counselors
  - Ohio Association of College Admissions Counselors
  - The College Board
  - The College Board Academic Assembly
  - The College Board Scholarship Assembly
  - Cum Laude Society

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION: CLASS OF 2017

Art Academy of Cincinnati  
 Auburn University  
 Belmont University  
 Campbellsville University  
 Capital University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Centre College  
 Cincinnati State Tech and Community College  
 Columbus College of Art and Design  
 Columbus State Community College  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Gateway Community and Technical College  
 Hanover College  
 Kentucky Wesleyan College  
 Miami University, Oxford  
 Morehead State University  
 Murray State University  
 Northern Kentucky University  
 Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences  
 Oberlin Conservatory of Music  
 Ohio University

Otterbein University  
 Purdue University  
 Shawnee State University  
 The Art Institute of Cincinnati  
 The University of Alabama  
 Thomas More College  
 Union College  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Cincinnati Blue Ash/Clermont College  
 University of Dayton  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Louisville  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of South Florida, Tampa  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 University of Toledo  
 Western Kentucky University  
 Wheaton College IL  
 Wright State University  
 Youngstown State University