



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2015-2016

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: 996; Grade 12 – 249, Grade 11 – 234, Grade 10 – 244, Grade 9 – 269

CLASS OF 2015

The graduating class of 2015 numbered 220.

- 88% will attend a 4-year institution
- 4% will attend a 2-year institution
- 8% joined the military or workforce
- 2 National Merit Semi-Finalist & 3 National Merit Commended Students

PSAT Scores, mean	
Reading	46.6
Math	48.9
Writing	44.5

ACT Scores, mean	
Reading	24.3
English	24.1
Math	23.5
Science	23.7
Comp	24.0

SAT Scores, mean	
Reading	620
Math	643
Writing	579

AP Scores	
Total AP Tests	1284 (3.01 avg.)
Score of 5	188 (15%)
Score of 4	273 (21%)
Score of 3	425 (33%)
AP Scholars	99
Equity & Excellence	60.3%



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ACADEMICS

Graduation Credit Requirements – 22 credits total

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

Advanced Courses

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

AP Courses

- AP Seminar/English II
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science
- 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

- Anatomy & Physiology – Northern Kentucky University
- Exercise Science/Kinesiology – Northern Kentucky University
- Introduction to Education – Thomas More College
- Introduction to Theatre – Western Kentucky University
- Acting – Western Kentucky University
- Foundations of Technical Theatre – Western Kentucky University



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

95-100	A
92-94	B+
85-91	B
82-84	C+
75-81	C
70-74	D
0-69	F

MATH GRADING SCALE

90-100	A
87-89	B+
80-86	B
77-79	C+
70-76	C
60-69	D
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 7th 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

- KDE Distinguished School of Excellence – 2012
- P21 Exemplar School – Partnership for 21st Century Skills
- US News & World Report – #1 High School in the State of Kentucky, #197 Nationally, Gold Ranking
- Newsweek – One of “America’s Top High Schools”
- Washington Post – #1 High School in the State of Kentucky
- Niche.com – Top High Schools in 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
- 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 2015

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowling Green State University Brigham Young University California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Centre College Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Cincinnati State Tech and Community College Columbia College Chicago Eastern Kentucky University Foothill College Gateway Community and Technical College Georgetown College Kentucky Wesleyan College Lindsey Wilson College Miami University Morehead State University Mount St. Joseph University Northern Kentucky University Otterbein University Purdue University Roosevelt University - Schaumburg Spalding University St. Catharine College The College of Wooster | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New School - Eugene Lang College The Ohio State University Thomas More College Transylvania University United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy, West Point Universal Technical Institute University of California, Berkeley University of Cincinnati University of Cincinnati Blue Ash/Clermont College University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music University of Dayton University of Kentucky University of Louisville University of South Carolina University of Southern California University of Southern Indiana Vanderbilt University Virginia Tech Washington University in St. Louis West Virginia University, Institute of Technology Western Kentucky University Wittenberg University |
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