



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2020-2021

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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: 1037; Grade 12 – 255, Grade 11 – 263, Grade 10 – 243, Grade 9 – 276

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 credit

ACADEMIC COURSES

Advanced Courses (17 Total)

- English I Advanced
- Geometry Advanced
- Algebra II Advanced
- Pre-Calculus Advanced
- Computer Science (Python) Advanced
- Physics Advanced
- Biology Advanced
- Chemistry Advanced
- Anatomy & Physiology Adv.
- Abnormal Psychology Adv.
- We the People/Gov't Adv.
- Spanish III, IV, V
- German III, IV, V

AP Courses (25 total)

- AP Seminar/English II
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Comp. Sci. Principles
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History: Modern
- AP United States History
- AP US Gov't & Politics
- AP European History
- AP Psychology
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP German Language
- AP Studio Art 2-D
- AP Music Theory

FT Launch: Professional Studies Program

Launch allows Highlands High School students to delve more deeply into specific content and foster relationships with community and business partners giving them an authentic real-world career experience. Students engage in cross-disciplinary projects in a flexible, creative environment. There are 4 Flight Paths that students can choose from.

- Entrepreneurship
- Business Analytics
- Health Innovation
- App Development

<https://www.fortthomas.kyschools.us/content/launch>

Class of 2020 Statistics

The graduating class of 2020 numbered 241.

- 79.2%: 4-year institution
- 8.2%: 2-year institution
- 2.9%: Military
- 4.9%: Apprenticeship/Career Education
- 2%: Workforce
- 1%: Gap Year Experience
- 1.8%: Other/Unknown
- 3 National Merit Finalist
- 6 Commended Students

Average Weighted GPA = 3.718
Average Unweighted GPA = 3.367

ACT Scores, mean

Reading	24.84
English	24.95
Math	23.84
Science	23.73
Composite	24.47

All students tested at least once.

SAT Scores, mean

Reading	613.48
Math	607.20
Writing	30.74
Composite	1220.69

43 students tested

AP Scores (school wide)

Total AP Tests	1093	
Total Students Tested	556	
Score of 5	118	14%
Score of 4	215	25%
Score of 3	295	35%
Average Score	3.2	
AP Scholars	229	
AP Capstone Diploma	12	
% seniors who scored 3+ on at least one exam	68.3%	

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Through partnership with universities, the following courses are offered at Highlands High School during the school day. Students are also permitted to take online dual credit college courses in addition to their full schedule and/or one of their class periods, which may be reflected on their transcript in addition to the courses listed below.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY		WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY
CMST 101/POP 205 BIO 208/BIO 209 GLY 110 BUS 101 ENTP 201	ENT 212 MUS 100 MUSM 110/MUSM 111 EDU 104/EDU 305/ EDU 300 EDU 316/EDU 592	LEAD 200	ENG 150/ENG 250

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 each semester based upon all courses taken. Students' *weighted and unweighted GPA* is reported on all transcripts. Class rank is determined by using a students' *weighted GPA*.

QUALITY POINTS

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES	A+ = 5.25	A = 5.00	B+ = 4.25	B = 4.00	C+ = 3.25	C = 3.00	D = 2.00	F = 0.00
ADVANCED COURSES	A+ = 4.75	A = 4.50	B+ = 3.75	B = 3.50	C+ = 2.75	C = 2.50	D = 1.50	F = 0.00
REGULAR COURSES	A+ = 4.25	A = 4.00	B+ = 3.25	B = 3.00	C+ = 2.25	C = 2.00	D = 1.00	F = 0.00

GRADING SCALE	
<i>2018-2019 and beyond</i>	
97-100	A+
90-96	A
87-89	B+
80-86	B
77-79	C+
70-76	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

GRADING SCALE	
<i>prior to 2018-2019</i>	
95-100	A
92-94	B+
85-91	B
82-84	C+
75-81	C
70-74	D
0-69	F

MATH GRADING SCALE	
<i>prior to 2018-2019</i>	
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; 4 full-time professional school counselors and 1 college and career counselor. Students in grades 9-12 must take a minimum of 6 courses per year with opportunities to take additional courses before the school day and through online dual credit opportunities. All high school level courses (except for physical education and health, which are semester courses) are year-long courses and can earn one credit. Dual credit courses are semester-long and earn one high school credit in addition to college articulated credits. 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

- US News & World Report – #2 High School in the State of Kentucky, #242 Nationally, Gold Ranking
- Niche.com – #3 Best Public High School in the State of Kentucky
- Forbes.com – Top 25 Public Schools Districts in America
- Cincinnati Magazine - #1 Kentucky school in the tri-state
- Background Checks.org - #1 District in the State
- 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®

COLLEGE MATRICULATION: CLASS OF 2020

University of Alabama, Huntsville
American University
Art Academy of Cincinnati
Ball State University
Belmont University
Bowling Green State University
Brigham Young University, Provo
University of California, Los Angeles
Campbellsville University
Centre College
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
University of Cincinnati, Main Campus
University of Cincinnati, Clermont
University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash
Columbia University, New York
Converse College
University of the Cumberlands
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Kentucky University
University of Evansville

Florida International University
Gateway Community & Technical College
George Washington University
Georgetown College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hanover College
Harvard University
Heidelberg University
Heritage Christian University
Indiana University, Bloomington
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
Miami University, Oxford
Miami University, Hamilton
University of Michigan
Middle Tennessee State University
Milligan College
University of Mississippi
Morehead State University
Muskingum College

University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Northern Kentucky University
Oberlin College
Ohio University
Purdue University
Siena Heights University
University of South Florida
Southern State Community College
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Thomas More University
Transylvania University
United State Coast Guard Academy
Vanderbilt University
Wellesley College
Western Kentucky University
University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
Xavier University