



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2016-2017

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: 1001; Grade 12 – 241, Grade 11 – 232, Grade 10 – 267, Grade 9 – 261

CLASS OF 2016

The graduating class of 2016 numbered 252.

- 87.7% will attend a 4-year institution
- 6.5% will attend a 2-year institution
- 4.4% joined the military or workforce
- 3 National Merit Finalist & 3 National Merit Commended Students

PSAT Scores, mean	
Reading	47
Math	49
Writing	44
229 students tested	

ACT Scores, mean	
Reading	24.5
English	24.3
Math	23.7
Science	24.0
Comp	24.7
243 students tested	

SAT Scores, mean	
Reading	622
Math	631
Writing	590
23 students tested	

AP Scores	
Total AP Tests	1317 (3.01 avg.)
Score of 5	176 (13%)
Score of 4	280 (21%)
Score of 3	438 (33%)
AP Scholars	126
Equity & Excellence	62.5%



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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 Advanced
- 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 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 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

- KIN 200, KIN 260, ATP 101 – Northern Kentucky University
- EDU 101 – Thomas More College
- THEA 151 – Western Kentucky University
- THEA 101 – Western Kentucky University
- PERF 121/PERF 220 – 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

- P21 Exemplar School – Partnership for 21st Century Skills
- US News & World Report – #2 High School in the State of Kentucky, #271 Nationally, Gold Ranking
- Newsweek – #2 High School in the State of Kentucky “America’s Top High Schools”, #274 Nationally
- Washington Post – #1 High School in the State of Kentucky, #123 Nationally
- Niche.com – #2 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 2016

Art Academy of Cincinnati
Auburn University
Babson College
Bellarmine University
Berea College
Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Brigham Young University
Central Michigan University
Centre College
Cincinnati State Tech and Community College
Columbia College Chicago
Daytona State University
Denison University
DePauw University
Eastern Kentucky University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Florida State University
Freed-Hardeman University
Gateway Community and Technical College
Hanover College
Ivey Tech Community College
Jacksonville University
John A. Logan College
Kent State University
Lindsey Wilson College
Marietta College
Methodist University
Miami University, Oxford

Morehead State University
Mount St. Joseph University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Purdue University
Southern State Community College
Southern Union State Community College
Taylor University
Thomas More College
Union College
University of the Arts
University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash/Clermont College
University of Dayton
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of South Carolina
University of Virginia
Virginia Military Institute
Western Kentucky University
Wittenberg University
Xavier University