



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2018-2019

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: 1030; Grade 12 – 251, Grade 11 – 249, Grade 10 – 255, Grade 9 – 275

CLASS OF 2018

The graduating class of 2018 numbered 234.

- 81.3% will attend a 4-year institution
- 8.1% will attend a 2-year institution
- 1.7% joined the military
- 0.4% started an apprenticeship program
- 8.5% joined the workforce or a gap year
- 1 National Merit Finalist & 4 National Merit Commended Students

ACADEMIC COURSES

Advanced Courses (17 total)

- 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

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

- CMST 101/POP 205
- BIO 208/BIO 209
- KIN 200/KIN 260/ATP 101
- GLY 110
- ENTP 201
- ENT 212
- MUSM 100
- EDU 104/EDU 305/EDU 300

Western Kentucky University

- THEA 151
- THEA 101
- PERF 121
- PERF 220

**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

Class of 2018 Statistics

Average Weighted GPA = 3.517
Average Unweighted GPA = 3.189

TEST SCORES

ACT Scores, mean (Class of 2018)	
Reading	26.3
English	25.8
Math	24.4
Science	25.3
Comp	25.0
232 students tested	

SAT Scores, mean (Class of 2018)	
Reading	660
Math	640
Writing	34
Comp	1305
18 students tested	

AP Scores (school wide)	
Total AP Tests	1212
Score of 5	148
Score of 4	271
Score of 3	398
Average Score	3.675
AP Scholars	100
Equity & Excellence	70%
AP Capstone Diploma	6

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 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; 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, #308 Nationally, Gold Ranking
- Washington Post – #2 High School in the State of Kentucky, #182 Most Challenging High Schools
- Niche.com – #1 Best Public High School in the State of Kentucky
- Forbes.com – Top 25 Public Schools Districts in America
- MSN.com – 2018 Best Public High School in Kentucky
- 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®
- Highlands High School holds memberships in the following:
 - National Association for College Admissions Counselors
 - Kentucky 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 2018

Arizona State University
 Baldwin Wallace University
 Bellarmine University
 Berea College
 Bluegrass Community & Technical College
 Boston College
 Butler University
 Capital University
 Central Washington University
 Centre College
 DePaul University
 Eastern Kentucky University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Gateway Community and Technical College
 Hanover College
 Harvard University
 Marietta College
 Miami University, Oxford
 Middle Tennessee State University
 Morehead State University

Mount St. Joseph University
 Mount St. Mary's University
 Northern Kentucky University
 Paul Mitchell School
 Purdue University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 The Ohio State University
 Thomas More College
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Cincinnati Blue Ash/Clermont College
 University of Kentucky
 University of Louisville
 University of Michigan
 University of South Carolina
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
 University of the Cumberland
 Utah Valley State University
 Western Kentucky University
 Wittenberg University