



# HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2022-2023

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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: 979; Grade 12 – 261, Grade 11 – 231, Grade 10 – 254, Grade 9 – 233

## 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
- 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 Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP German Language
- AP Studio Art 2-D
- AP Studio Art 3D
- AP Music Theory

## Professional Studies Program

The Professional Studies Program 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 Exploration
- Health Innovation
- App Development

## Class of 2022 Statistics

The graduating class of 2022 numbered 254.

- 78.8%: 4-year institution
- 1%: 2-year institution
- 1%: Military
- 3%: Apprenticeship/Career Education
- 2.7%: Workforce
- 2 National Merit Finalist
- 2 Commended Students

Average Weighted GPA = 3.84  
Average Unweighted GPA = 3.50

### ACT Scores, mean

Reading	25
English	23.1
Math	22.7
Science	23.4
Composite	23.3

All students tested at least once.

### SAT Scores, mean

Reading	624
Math	620
Composite	1244

10 students tested

### AP Scores (school wide)

Total AP Tests 1022		
Total Students Tested	501	
Score of 5	82	8%
Score of 4	194	19%
Score of 3	266	26%
AP Scholars	216	
AP Capstone Diploma	4	
% seniors who scored 3+ on at least one exam	63%	



## 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	EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
CMST 101/POP 205 BIO 208/BIO 209 GLY 130 BUS 101 ENTP 201/FLC 101 EGT 116/EGT 212 INF 120/ 284 ARTH 100 LDR 208 PSC 319	MGT 306 JPN 101 HEA 135 HSC 101 EDU 104/EDU 305/ EDU 300 EDU 316/EDU 592 STA 205 CRE 115 FRE 101	LEAD 200	ENG 105/ENG 250	AVN 150/AVN 170

## 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 an 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

- National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence
- Niche.com – A+ rating and 2nd Best Public High School in the State of Kentucky
- Cincinnati Magazine: #1 high school in Kentucky
- Forbes.com: top 25 public school districts in the country
- COSN: 2021 District Technology Team of the Year
- US News & World Report – #5 High School in the State of Kentucky, #492 Nationally

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION: CLASS OF 2022

Asbury University	Miami University (Oxford)	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Auburn University	Morehead State University	Thomas More University
Bellarmine University	Mount Saint Joseph University	Transylvania University
Butler University	New York University	University of Chicago
Cedarville University	Northern Kentucky University	University of Cincinnati (Blue Ash)
Centre College	Occidental College	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College	Ohio University (Main Campus)	University of Dayton
Coastal Alabama Community College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Kentucky
Eastern Kentucky University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Louisville
Gateway Community & Technical College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi
Georgetown College	Saint Louis University	University of Oregon
Grand Valley State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of South Carolina
Hanover College	Texas State University	Western Kentucky University
Illinois State University	The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Wheaton College
Indiana University (Bloomington)	The New School	Wittenburg University
LaSalle University	The Ohio State University (Main Campus)	Xavier University