



A Tradition of Faith, Knowledge, Service

PROFILE 2025-2026

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SCHOOL MISSION

As a Catholic diocesan high school established in 1925, Father Ryan's mission is to be an experience of the living Gospel while challenging students to reach their spiritual, academic, and personal potential.

Paul Davis '81, President

Francisco M. Espinosa, Jr., Principal

Erin Vallett '95, Registrar

Christina Williams, Director of College Counseling

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ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

Father Ryan was the first school in Tennessee to receive dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

Memberships:

- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Cognia
- The College Board
- *Cum Laude Society*
- Independent Schools of the Nashville Area
- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Catholic Education Association
- National Honor Society
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Association for College Admission Counseling
- Southern Association of Independent Schools
- Tennessee Association of Independent Schools

FACULTY

- Father Ryan has 80 full-time and two part-time faculty members.
- Sixty-six percent of faculty hold master's degrees or higher.
- There is a ratio of one faculty member to 11 students, and the average class size is 16.

COMMUNITY

- Father Ryan High School is located in the quiet residential neighborhood of Oak Hill in Nashville, the capital of Tennessee.
- Father Ryan's more than 800 students benefit from the educational, cultural, athletic, corporate, and governmental opportunities that are offered by Nashville.
- Father Ryan is proud to celebrate a broad diversity of academic ability through its nonrestrictive admission practice. Acceptance into Father Ryan is not based on academic ability.
- We field athletic teams in 21 girls' varsity sports and 17 boys' varsity sports.
- At the heart of Father Ryan's student life is the House System, implemented in 2020. The House System is dedicated to developing peer-to-peer mentoring, student leadership, and individual spiritual growth while enhancing our school community. Each student is assigned membership in one of six Houses, and in one Mentor Group, for all four years. Mentor Groups meet daily and are student-directed and student-led.

CURRICULUM

- More than 200 courses are offered at four different academic levels. Twenty-eight of these courses are Advanced Placement.
- Four course levels are offered, in order of increasing rigor: College Preparatory, Honors, High Honors, Advanced Placement.
- Beginning with the 2024-2025 year, we added Dual Enrollment courses through Trevecca Nazarene University. Nine DE courses are offered.
- In the fall of 2021, a cohort of incoming freshmen were selected as inaugural Hayes Scholars based upon their previous academic performance. The 23 Hayes Scholars in the class of 2026 have received dedicated advising and additional programming.
- A Cooperative Support Program and an Academic Support Program are offered for students with learning challenges as an integral part of Father Ryan's mission.

ENROLLMENT

- Total enrollment (9-12): 814, Senior Class: 206
- Student Diversity (self-identified): African American: 6%, Asian American: 3%, Caucasian: 80%, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: <1%, Hispanic: 5%, Multiracial: 4%, Other: 2%
- Twenty-six percent of our students receive need-based Tuition Assistance to attend Father Ryan.
- Sixty different zip codes are represented by our student body.



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CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A minimum of 28 credits is required for graduation.

English – 4 credits

Mathematics – 4 credits (*Algebra I, II, Geometry, and 4th math*)

Social Studies – 3 credits (*one World History, one U.S. History, and one other*)

Science – 3 credits (*Biology, Chemistry, and 3rd science*)

World Languages and Cultures – 2 credits (*in the same world language*)

Theology – 4 credits

Wellness – 1 credit

Fine or Performing Arts – 1 credit

Health – 1/2 credit

Computer Science – 1/2 credit

Electives – Sufficient to meet graduation requirements

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100; **B** = 80-89; **C** = 70-79; **F** = Below 70

RANKING POLICY

Father Ryan does not rank its students.

WEIGHTED GPA

Father Ryan GPAs are weighted and calculated on a 100-point scale. Final semester grades listed on the transcript are weighted. The average of the weighted grades is the student's GPA. Final semester grades are weighted to reflect the rigor of the different academic levels as follows:

- College Preparatory—semester grade (no weight added)
- Honors—semester grade +1
- High Honors—semester grade +3
- Dual Enrollment – semester grade +4
- Advanced Placement—semester grade +5

For example, in a High Honors class where a student earns a 91, the grade of 94 will be printed on the transcript. Weight is only added to grades of 70 and above. Students who do not earn credit in the course based on raw averages will not have weight added to their grade. Grades earned at other high schools are not included in the "Weighted FR Cum" GPA listed on our transcript.

TESTING

- In 2025, 440 Advanced Placement (AP) exams were taken by 27% of our students. AP scores: 91% were qualifying scores of 3 or better. Any student enrolled in an AP course is required to take the AP exam.
- Middle 50% of composite ACT scores is 20 – 28 for students in the class of 2025 who took the ACT (n = 198).
- Because Tennessee is an ACT-dominant state, fewer than 25% of our seniors choose to take the SAT. For this reason, we include ACT data only to give a view of the entire class.

DISCIPLINE REPORTING POLICY

College Counseling will report any instance of a student's school-initiated withdrawal, expulsion, or a second violation of the Personal Integrity Code, when asked. In the instance of a second violation of the Personal Integrity Code, both the first and second violation will be reported.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Collectively, the Class of 2025 was awarded more than \$38 million in merit-based scholarships. College plans for the class include:

- 91% have enrolled at a 4-year institution, 8% have enrolled at a 2-year institution
- 6% are attending Catholic institutions
- 44% are attending college out of state

CLASS OF 2026 SIX SEMESTER WEIGHTED AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION (206 STUDENTS)

Highest	101.062
Top 25%	95.1364
Median	92.9149
Bottom 25%	88.5778

COURSES WITH ENROLLMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2026

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES
AMERICAN LITERATURE (CP, H, HH) AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE (MAY ONLY BE TAKEN AS AN ELECTIVE; DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE ENGLISH GRADUATION REQUIREMENT) AP ENGLISH LITERATURE BRITISH LITERATURE (CP, H, HH) DUAL ENROLLMENT SPEECH COMMUNICATION* ENGLISH I (CP, H, HH) ENGLISH IV (CP, H, HH) JOURNALISM- NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM- YEARBOOK MEDIA MATERIALS THROUGH THE AGES* MILITARY LITERATURE OF THE WORLD WARS* SPEECH AND DEBATE TOPICS* WOMEN'S VOICES IN LITERATURE*	ALGEBRA I (CP, H, HH) ALGEBRA II (CP, H, HH) AP CALCULUS AB AP CALCULUS BC AP STATISTICS CALCULUS (HH) COLLEGE ALGEBRA AND TRIGONOMETRY DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE ALGEBRA/ PRE-CALCULUS FINANCIAL ALGEBRA PRE-CALCULUS (H, HH) STATISTICS UNIFIED GEOMETRY (CP, H, HH)	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (CP, H, HH) AP BIOLOGY AP CHEMISTRY AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AP PHYSICS 1: ALGEBRA- BASED AP PHYSICS 2: ALGEBRA- BASED ASTRONOMY BIOLOGY (CP, H, HH) BIOTECHNOLOGY (HH) CHEMISTRY (CP, H, HH) CODING IN PYTHON DIGITAL LITERACY AND CITIZENSHIP* DIGITAL SPORTS MEDIA DUAL ENROLLMENT BASIC COLLEGE PHYSICS I & II ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (CP, H) INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING* INTRODUCTION TO STEAM* PHYSICS (CP, H) PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING* STEAM I, II, III	AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE AP SPANISH LITERATURE DUAL ENROLLMENT INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I & II FRENCH I (CP, HH) FRENCH II (CP, HH) FRENCH III (CP, HH) LATIN I (CP, H, HH) LATIN II (CP, H, HH) LATIN III (HH) LATIN IV (HH) SPANISH I (CP, H, HH) SPANISH I FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS (H) SPANISH II (CP, H, HH) SPANISH II FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS (H) SPANISH III (CP, H, HH) SPANISH IV (CP, H)
SOCIAL SCIENCES	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS		THEOLOGY
20TH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH FILM* AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AP EUROPEAN HISTORY AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AP MACROECONOMICS* AP MICROECONOMICS* AP PSYCHOLOGY AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS AP U.S. HISTORY CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE CIVIL WAR* CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE VIETNAM WAR* ECONOMICS* ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES* GEOGRAPHY GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND ETYMOLOGY* HISPANIC STUDIES* INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT* LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES* MODERN WORLD HISTORY NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES* PERSONAL FINANCE* PRE-AP U.S. HISTORY (HH) PRE-AP WORLD HISTORY, MODERN (HH) PSYCHOLOGY U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (HH) U.S. HISTORY (CP, H, HH) WORLD HISTORY (CP, H, HH)	ACTING (CP, H) AP MUSIC THEORY AP STUDIO ART DRAWING ART HISTORY BACH TO ROCK BAND CHAMBER CHOIR (CP, H) CLAY HAND BUILDING* COLOR GUARD, WINTER GUARD, AND MOVEMENT* DANCE I, II, III DANCE IV (H) DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY* DRAWING* FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION* HISTORY OF ROCK N ROLL INTRODUCTION TO ART INTRODUCTION TO FILM STUDIES MOSAIC (HH)	MUSIC TECH MUSIC THEORY MUSICAL THEATRE PAINTING* PERCUSSION PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT (H) SHOW CHOIR (H) STRINGS STUDIO ART (HH) SURVEY OF THE ARTS TECH DESIGN: COSTUMES AND PROPS* TECH DESIGN: SCENIC AND LIGHTING* THEATRE I, II THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN WOMEN'S CHOIR WOODWINDS & BASS WORLD MUSIC AND DRUMMING*	CATHOLICISM: ART AND ARCHITECTURE* INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY* JESUS CHRIST: MISSION IN THE CHURCH* SENIOR SERVICE* SOCIETY AND THE HUMAN PERSON* THEOLOGY I THEOLOGY II THEOLOGY III THEOLOGY IN SPORTS* WORLD RELIGIONS*
			WELLNESS
			ATHLETIC CONDITIONING PERIODS* FOUNDATIONS OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING* STRENGTH TRAINING* STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ATHLETES* WELLNESS A I* WELLNESS A II* WELLNESS C (HEALTH)*

*One Semester Course

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Alabama A&M University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Rollins College	University of Colorado Denver
American University	Franklin Pierce University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Appalachian State University	Furman University	Sacred Heart University	University of Dallas
Arizona State University	George Washington University	Saint Louis University	University of Dayton
Auburn University	Georgia Southern University	Saint Louis University, Madrid	University of Denver
Augusta University	Georgia State University	Saint Mary's College	University of Florida
Austin Peay State University	Grand Canyon University	Samford University	University of Georgia
Ball State University	Hampden-Sydney College	San Diego State University	University of Indianapolis
Bard College	Hendrix College	Seton Hall University	University of Iowa
Barry University	High Point University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Kentucky
Baylor University	Holy Cross College	Skidmore College	University of Louisville
Bellarmine University	Hope College	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Minnesota
Belmont University	Indiana University	Southern Methodist University	University of Mississippi
Berklee College of Music	Iowa Central Community College	Southern Union State Community College	University of Missouri
Berry College	Johnson & Wales University	Spelman College	University of Nevada
Bethel University	Kentucky Wesleyan College	Stetson University	University of New England
Boston College	Kenyon College	Suffolk University	University of North Alabama
Boston University	Knox College	Susquehanna University	University of North Carolina Asheville
Brescia University	LeTourneau University	Syracuse University	University of North Texas
Butler University	Lindsey Wilson College	Temple University	University of Notre Dame
California State University, Long Beach	Lipscomb University	Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Murfreesboro	University of Oklahoma
California State University, Los Angeles	Louisiana State University	Tennessee Technological University	University of Oregon
Carson-Newman University	Loyola Marymount University	Texas A&M University	University of Pittsburgh
Catholic University of America	Loyola University Chicago	Texas Christian University	University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Centre College	Marist University	Texas State University	University of Rhode Island
Chapman University	Marquette University	The Ohio State University	University of Richmond
Chattanooga State Community College	Marymount Manhattan College	The University of Alabama	University of Rochester
Christian Brothers University	Menlo College	The University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Mercyhurst University	The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	University of South Florida
Coastal Carolina University	Miami University	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	University of Southern Maine
College of Charleston	Michigan State University	The University of Tennessee, Martin	University of Utah
Colorado School of Mines	Middle Tennessee State University	The University of Texas	University of Vermont
Columbia State Community College	Mississippi State University	Trevecca Nazarene University	University of Washington
Concordia University, Montreal	Montclair State University	Trinity University	Vanderbilt University
Creighton University	Morehead State University	Truman State University	Villanova University
Cumberland University	Mount St. Mary's University	Tulane University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Davis & Elkins College	Murray State University	United States Naval Academy	Volunteer State Community College
Denison University	Nashville State Community College	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Wabash College
DePaul University	New York Institute of Technology	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	North Carolina State University	University of Arizona	West Virginia University
Duquesne University	Northwestern University	University of Arkansas	Western Carolina University
East Tennessee State University	Oklahoma State University	University of California, Riverside	Western Kentucky University
Elizabeth City State University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of California, San Diego	Wheaton College
Elon University	Pellissippi State Community College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Wingate University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Chicago	Xavier University
Emerson College	Purdue University	University of Cincinnati	York College of Pennsylvania
Fairfield University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Colorado Boulder	York University
Fisk University	Rend Lake College	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	
Flagler College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute		
Florida Gulf Coast University	Rhode Island College		
Florida Institute of Technology	Rhodes College		
Florida State University	Roanoke College		
Fordham University	Robert Morris University		
	Rochester Institute of Technology		

*Colleges in bold indicate matriculation.



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