



A Tradition of Faith, Knowledge, Service

PROFILE 2024-2025

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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 77 full-time and two part-time faculty members.
- Sixty-eight percent of faculty hold master's degrees or higher.
- There is a ratio of one faculty member to 10 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 830 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 18 girls' varsity sports and 14 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.
- Four Dual Enrollment courses, offered through Trevecca Nazarene University, were added to the curriculum beginning with the 2024-2025 year.
- 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): 831, Senior Class: 209
- Student Diversity (self-identified): African American: 5%, Asian American: 3%, Caucasian: 81%, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: <1%, Hispanic: 6%, Multiracial: 4%, Other: 2%
- Twenty-five percent of our students receive need-based Tuition Assistance to attend Father Ryan.
- Fifty-nine different zip codes are represented by our student body.

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 2024, 350 Advanced Placement (AP) exams were taken by 22% of our students. AP scores: 87% 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 2024 who took the ACT (n = 194).
- 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 2024

Collectively, the Class of 2024 was awarded more than \$29 million in merit-based scholarships. College plans for the class include:

- 93% have enrolled at a 4-year institution, 3% have enrolled at a 2-year institution
- 8% are attending Catholic institutions
- 49% are attending college out of state

CLASS OF 2025 SIX SEMESTER WEIGHTED AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION (209 STUDENTS)

Highest	101.00
Top 25%	94.2222
Median	91.5333
Bottom 25%	87.4444

COURSES WITH ENROLLMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025

ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	SOCIAL SCIENCES
<p>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 MILITARY LITERATURE OF THE WORLD WARS* SPEECH AND DEBATE TOPICS* WOMEN'S VOICES IN LITERATURE*</p>	<p>ALGEBRA I (CP, H, HH) ALGEBRA II (CP, H, HH) AP CALCULUS AB AP CALCULUS BC AP MACRO ECONOMICS* AP MICRO ECONOMICS* 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)</p>	<p>ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (CP, H, HH) AP BIOLOGY AP CHEMISTRY AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AP PHYSICS 1: ALGEBRA- BASED AP PHYSICS 2: ALGEBRA- BASED AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES 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* PHYSICS (CP, H) PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING* STEAM I, II, III</p>	<p>20TH CENTURY AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH FILM* AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AP EUROPEAN HISTORY AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AP MACRO ECONOMICS* AP MICRO ECONOMICS* AP PSYCHOLOGY AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS AP U.S. HISTORY AP WORLD HISTORY, MODERN BYZANTINE STUDIES CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE CIVIL WAR* CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE VIETNAM WAR* ECONOMICS* GEOGRAPHY HISPANIC STUDIES* INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES* MODERN WORLD HISTORY NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES* PRE-AP U.S. HISTORY (HH) PRE-AP WORLD HISTORY, MODERN (HH) U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (HH) U.S. HISTORY (CP, H, HH) WORLD HISTORY (CP, H, HH)</p>
World Languages & Cultures	Visual & Performing Arts	Theology	Wellness
<p>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, HH)</p>	<p>ACTING (CP, H) AP MUSIC THEORY AP STUDIO ART 2-D DESIGN ART HISTORY BACH TO ROCK CHAMBER CHOIR (CP, H) COLOR GUARD, WINTER GUARD, AND MOVEMENT* DANCE I, II, III DANCE IV (H) INTRODUCTION TO ART INTRODUCTION TO FILM STUDIES MUSIC TECH MUSIC THEORY PERCUSSION PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT (H) SHOW CHOIR (H) 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</p>	<p>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*</p>	<p>ATHLETIC CONDITIONING PERIODS* STRENGTH TRAINING* STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ATHLETES* WELLNESS A I* WELLNESS A II* WELLNESS C (HEALTH)*</p>

*One Semester Course

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2024 WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Aberystwyth University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Connecticut
Alabama A&M University	Florida State University	Pellissippi State Community College	University of Dayton
American University	Fordham University	Penn State University	University of Denver
Appalachian State University	Furman University	Pepperdine University	University of Florida
Arizona State University	George Washington University	Providence College	University of Georgia
Auburn University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Austin Peay State University	Georgian Court University	Purdue University Northwest	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Averett University	Grand Canyon University	Roanoke College	University of Indianapolis
Barton College	Guilford College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Iowa
Baylor University	Hampton University	Saint Louis University	University of Kansas
Bellarmine University	Harding University	Saint Louis University, Madrid	University of Kentucky
Belmont Abbey College	High Point University	Samford University	University of Louisville
Belmont University	Hillsdale College	Santa Clara University	University of Miami
Benedict College	Holy Cross College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Minnesota
Benedictine College	Howard University	Seton Hall University	University of Mississippi
Berry College	Huntingdon College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Bluffton University	Indiana University	St. John's University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Boise State University	James Madison University	Stetson University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Butler University	Judson University	Suffolk University	University of North Georgia
California Polytechnic State University	Kennesaw State University	Syracuse University	University of Notre Dame
California State University, San Marcos	Lawrence Technological University	Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Nashville	University of Oregon
Capital University	Lincoln Memorial University	Tennessee Technological University	University of San Diego
Carson-Newman University	Lindenwood University	Texas A&M University	University of South Carolina
Case Western Reserve University	Lipscomb University	The University of Alabama	University of South Florida
Catholic University of America	Louisiana State University	The University of Tampa	University of Southern Mississippi
Centre College	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	University of Utah
Chapman University	Loyola University Chicago	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	University of Wisconsin
Chattanooga State Community College	Loyola University New Orleans	The University of Tennessee, Martin	Vanderbilt University
Christian Brothers University	Lynn University	The University of Texas at Austin	Villanova University
Clemson University	Marquette University	Thiel College	Virginia Military Institute
Coastal Carolina University	Mars Hill University	Thomas Jefferson University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Charleston	Marshall University	Transylvania University	Volunteer State Community College
College of Staten Island CUNY	Maryville College	Trevecca Nazarene University	Washington State University
Colorado School of Mines	Mercer University	Tuskegee University	Webster University
Colorado State University	Miami University	United States Military Academy at West Point	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Columbia College Chicago	Michigan State University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Western Carolina University
DePaul University	Middle Tennessee State University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Western Kentucky University
DePauw University	Mississippi State University	University of Arizona	Westfield State University
Drury University	Missouri University of Science and Technology	University of Arkansas	Winston-Salem State University
East Carolina University	Montana State University	University of California, Berkeley	Wittenberg University
East Tennessee State University	Motlow State Community College	University of California, San Diego	Wofford College
Eastern Kentucky University	Murray State University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Xavier University
Elon University	Nashville State Community College	University of California, Santa Cruz	Xavier University of Louisiana
Emerson College	New York University	University of Cincinnati	
Ferris State University	Newberry College	University of Colorado, Boulder	
Fisk University	North Carolina State University	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	
Flagler College	Northeastern University		
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Ohio University		
Florida Atlantic University	Ohio Wesleyan University		
	Pace University		

*Colleges in bold indicate matriculation.



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