



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

A Marist Brothers High School 1958



2025-26 SCHOOL PROFILE

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OUR MISSION

Brotherhood, Faith, and Scholarship define the Marist Brothers Catholic education at Christopher Columbus High School. By making Jesus Christ known and loved and creating an inspiring academic and extracurricular environment, we prepare young men for higher learning and a life-long commitment to leadership and service through Gospel and Marist values.

THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY

As Marist educators, we foster three distinct traditions: the pursuit of academic excellence, the heritage of Catholic education and the unique spirit and mission of the Marist Brothers, which aims to nurture the growth of the whole student in heart, mind, and body.

As a progressive college preparatory high school, we offer curriculum pathways in Artistic Design & Production, Biomedical Science, Business & Entrepreneurship, Computer Science, Engineering, Law & Civic Engagement, Multimedia Journalism and Sports Management. A Columbus education comes with the seamless integration of cutting-edge technology in the learning process. This includes a two-to-one student Macbook and iPad program, virtual reality, interactive classroom displays, and other state of the art technology. Our facilities include state-of-the-art labs and studios for robotics & engineering, science, art, music recording & production, band rehearsal, and broadcast journalism. A digital-based library, tiered lecture hall, media center and various outdoor plazas are also found on our sprawling campus.

A member of the Florida High School Athletic Association and the Greater Miami Athletic Conference, Columbus is the only private school in the state of Florida to compete at the highest level, which means that our Explorers play in the most competitive districts and have the greatest amount of exposure to college coaches. Our outstanding athletic facilities include a fully equipped wellness and fitness center, a football/soccer field, a baseball complex, gymnasium, and state-of-the-art athletic training and conditioning areas.

ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS



PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Marist Brothers:	11
Laypersons:	145
20+ years' Experience:	36
Advanced Degrees:	55%
Columbus Alumni:	45%

CALENDAR

Christopher Columbus is on a semester academic calendar on a modified block schedule school day with three 85-minute periods, a 45-minute traditional standard period, and a 15-minute homeroom every day.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY

All students are expected to answer truthfully questions regarding disciplinary violations. When requested, Christopher Columbus will report to colleges any incidents in grades 9-12 that result in probation, suspension, or expulsion.

FACTS & FIGURES

Total School Enrollment: 1,740

U.S. Citizens: 99.5%
Non-U.S. Citizens: .5%

Racial & Ethnic Breakdown:

- African American: 4%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 95%
- Hispanic: 85%

20% of students receiving financial aid
17% of students receiving free or reduced lunch

Student-to-faculty ratio: 16:1

Average class size: 23

99 Active Clubs & 17 Honor Societies

PROGRAMS OF DISTINCTION

Miami Herald/el Nuevo Herald Silver Knight Award: Columbus has had 23 Silver Knight Award winners and 32 honorable mentions in the last 12 years.

Athletics: Columbus was ranked #1 on Niche's 2025 Best High Schools for Athletes in America. The school won the 2025 Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All Sports Award, representing the "Best Boys Athletic Program in Florida" (8 wins in the last 16 years), and the Miami Herald Major Sports Award for the "Best Boys Sports Program" in Miami-Dade County for the last eight consecutive years. The Basketball Team won the 2025 Chipotle National Championship, and both Basketball and Track & Field are current state champions.

CCNN Live: Winner of the Student Television Network National Championship for the past three years. In 2025, the program earned 3 NATAS National Emmys (for a total of 18) and 13 NATAS Regional Emmys (for a total of 109). It was also named the Sunshine State Standout Program of the state of Florida for the 7th year in a row.

Jazz Band: 2025 WorldStrides National Music Festival First Place Winner.

Debate Team: 2025 Florida Forensics League State Champions (Small Schools Category).

Future Business Leaders of America: Three Columbus FBLA members were 2025 state champions in Business Law, Networking Infrastructures, and Intro. to Business Concepts.

Performing Arts: In 2023, the CCHS Theater Troupe earned all-superior ratings at the Florida State Thespian Festival Competition in Tampa and qualified for nationals.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service during their four years of high school and earn **28.5** credits while maintaining at least a **2.0** unweighted grade point average (GPA) on a **4.0** scale.

GRADING SYSTEM & CLASS RANK

The courses taught at Christopher Columbus are weighted to reflect the difficulty of the course content. **Christopher Columbus High School does not rank for purposes of college admission.**

Range	Letter Grade	College Prep	Honors/Dual Enrollment	Advanced Placement	Florida*
97-100	A+	4.33	5.33	6.33	4
90-96	A	4	5	6	4
87-89	B+	3.33	4.33	5.33	3
80-86	B	3	4	5	3
77-79	C+	2.33	3.33	4.33	2
70-76	C	2	3	3	2
60-69	D	1	1	1	1
Less than 60	F	0	0	0	0

*The Florida GPA is used for reporting to the State of Florida in reference to graduation and Florida Bright Futures requirements.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

End of quarter academic honors fall into the following categories:

- **Principal's List:**
 - A+, A in every subject
- **First Honors:**
 - minimum GPA of 3.66 and no grade below a B+
- **Honors:**
 - minimum GPA between of 3.33 and no grade below a B

Graduation Requirements	
Subject Area	Credits
English	4
Math (including Algebra 1)	4
Science (minimum of 2 lab courses)	3
Social Studies	3
Theology	4
World Languages	2
Personal Fitness & Physical Education	1
Communications	1
Fine & Performing Arts	0.5
Personal & Family Finance	0.5
Critical Thinking & Study Skills	0.5
Electives	5
TOTAL CREDITS	28.5

CURRICULUM

Our school curriculum is designed to meet the needs, interests, and career goals of all our students. Indicating the rigor and pace of the course, all courses are designated as: **College Preparatory, Accelerated College Prep, Honors, and Advanced Placement**. We also offer **Dual Enrollment (DE)** courses through our partnership with **Barry University, Florida International University, Marymount University, New York Film Academy, and Miami-Dade College**. A student must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and obtain teacher or departmental approval to enroll in an Honors, AP or DE course.

Course Type	Total Offered
Honors	113
Dual Enrollment	25
Advanced Placement	32

Our course curriculum framework is aligned with standards and guidelines set forth by the Florida Department of Education, the Archdiocese of Miami, the Marist Brothers, the national councils for each subject area, the College Board's AP Audit, and the respective universities awarding the DE credits.

Please consult the [Explorers Course Guide](#) for the complete listing of all our courses.

SPECIAL CURRICULAR FEATURES

Mas Family Program

The Mas Family Program is one of Florida's most prestigious and intellectually enriching academic programs, inviting highly motivated and academically gifted students based on GPA, class rigor, conduct, and teacher recommendations.

This dynamic program offers two distinct tracks: **Mas Scholars** and **Mas Honors**. **Mas Scholars** embark on the **AP Capstone** curriculum in 10th grade, while **Mas Honors** students follow a specialized path designed to meet their academic aspirations.

Beyond the classroom, Mas Family Program students engage in a range of enriching activities, including business etiquette seminars, externships, and community service initiatives that are student-created and led.

Celebrating 20 years of excellence, the program also offers top-tier tutoring, nationwide college tours, and comprehensive guidance and counseling throughout all four years of high school. With its nationally recognized reputation, the Mas Family Program continues to challenge students to reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Externship Program



At Columbus, we compliment future career paths with Externships for current students. Similar to Internships, but generally shorter, Externships are experiential learning opportunities provided by school partnerships to give students practical experiences in their field of study or area of interest. The Externship Program, which works hand in hand to support the curriculum pathways, complements and further enhances the student's instructional process beyond the classroom experience.

Desmond Family Success Center

Guided by the Marist Brothers of the School, the Desmond Family Success Center serves as a cross-area initiative that meets the ever-growing needs of our diverse student body. Our mission is to cater to the whole student through all-inclusive wraparound services, which equip our students with the necessary skills, resources, and support to become young men of character in the classroom and the community.

CLASS OF 2025 DATA

Class Size **453** **\$30M+** in Scholarships **8,312** Total Service Hours Completed

GPA	Middle 50%
Unweighted	3.11 - 3.66
Weighted	3.60 - 4.67

In compliance with the Principles of Good Practice of the National Association of College Admissions Counseling, mean scores are not reported.

SAT	Middle 50%
Total	1070 - 1290
EBRW	550 - 660
Math	520 - 640

ACT	Middle 50%
Composite	19 - 29
English	18 - 27
Reading	19 - 32
Math	18 - 27
Science	20 - 29

The test ranges for middle 50% of the Class of 2025 for whom scores were reported.

AWARDS & TESTING

College Board National Recognition Programs (Class of 2021-25)

39 Commended Students **9** National Merit Finalists

2025 Advanced Placement Scores Summary

Exams **2,149** **716** **90.22%** Pass Rate
Test Takers



The Pat Call & Irene Culmo
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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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Alabama State University
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University - District of Columbia
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Barry University
Baylor University
Benedict College
Berry College
Bethune-Cookman University
Boston College - Massachusetts
Boston University
Brevard College
Bucknell University
Chowan University
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Colby College
College of Central Florida
College of Charleston
Columbia University in the City of New York
Concordia College at Moorhead
Culinary Institute of America
Curry College
Dean College
DePaul University
Dordt University
Drake University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Eckerd College
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Emmanuel College - Massachusetts
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Eureka College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Guilford College
Harcum College
Hawaii Pacific University
Heidelberg University - Ohio
Hilbert College
Hofstra University
Howard University
IE University - Madrid Campus
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indian Hills Community College
Indiana University Indianapolis
Indiana University-Bloomington
Iona University
Iowa State University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kean University
Kennesaw State University
Knox College
La Salle University
Lake Erie College
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Manhattan University
Marquette University
Marshall University
Marymount Manhattan College
Mercer University
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Miami Dade College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Minnesota State University-Mankato
Mississippi State University
Monmouth College
Morehead State University
Mount St. Mary's University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University-Main Campus
Oklahoma State University-Main Campus
Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Palm Beach State College
Pratt Institute-Main
Providence College
Purdue University-Main Campus
Regis College
Reinhardt University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Ripon College
Rivier University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Ambrose University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Johns University (College of Saint Benedict)
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
Santa Fe College
Santa Fe Community College
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Shaw University
South Carolina State University
Southern Methodist University
Springfield College
St. John's University-New York
St. Thomas University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
SUNY Buffalo State
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Tallahassee State College
Temple University
Texas A & M University-College Station
Texas Christian University
The Catholic University of America
The Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of the South
The University of West Florida
Thiel College
Thomas College
Trine University
Truman State University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Florida-Online
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Idaho
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Montevallo
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
University of Oregon
University of Richmond
University of Scranton
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Virginia-Main Campus
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
The Honors College at Miami Dade
Washington University in St Louis
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania

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