



2025-2026

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

CEEB 394-147

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SCHOOL HISTORY and POPULATION

BERKS CATHOLIC H.S. opened in 2011 as the merger of Reading Central Catholic H.S. (CEEB 394-140) and Holy Name H.S. (CEEB 394-147). Berks Catholic HS is located in Reading, PA, the seat of Berks County, 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Reading has, for several years, been identified as a city in financial distress. Beyond Reading and its suburbs, Berks is primarily a rural county. The biggest industries in the county are manufacturing, retail & wholesale trade, professional & business services, government, health care, education and social services.

Reading is 5th most- populated city in PA and is home to a population that is approximately 52% persons of color. Because Berks Catholic HS draws approximately 1/3 of its population from Reading and 2/3 from across Berks County, the student-body reflects the richly diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic community of the City of Reading and Berks County. Berks Catholic historically enjoyed a robust number of international students, however recent geo-political circumstances have contributed to a decline in that number. Please see details below.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT / DEMOGRAPHIC / SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

Prior Year Data

ENROLLMENT: 603 (605) Students Grades 9-12	GENDER: Male 49% (51%) 296 (310) Female 51% (49%) 307 (295)
FAITH BACKGROUND: Catholic 74% (79%)	Non-Catholic / Non-Christian 26% (21%)
RECEIVING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID TO ATTEND: 44 %	FREE & REDUCED LUNCH ELIGIBLE: 19 %
FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE-BOUND: 15% (approximation)	
STUDENT POPULATION - RACE / ETHNICITY: DOMESTIC	Caucasian: 55% (57%) Hispanic / Latino: 29% (27%)
	Black/African-American: 7% (6%) Asian / Indian: 4% (4%)
	Multi-Racial: 5% (5.5%) Native Hawaiiin / Pac. Islndr: na (5%)
INTERNATIONAL 1 % (1%) (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)	NOT IDENTIFIED n/a

CONTINUING EDUCATION & POST GRADUATION TRENDS / ACADEMIC PROFILE

Historically, Berks Catholic H.S. sends an average of 94% of it's graduates to 4 and 2 year colleges immediately after graduation. Approximately 85-90% go immediately to 4 year institutions. Over the past 3 years, demographic shifts in our student-body as well as socio-economic, geo-political issues at home and abroad have affected the college-bound numbers.

- 91% of the Class of 2025 is pursuing higher education. A full report is available upon request
- 90% + of the Class of 2026 report that they plan to attend college immediately following graduation

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Berks Catholic provides a rigorous, comprehensive, college preparatory curriculum to all students. Interested students may also opt to pursue a vocational-technical curriculum beginning in the Junior Year.

GRADE SCALE / REPORTING

Berks Catholic HS reports numeric averages for each semester and a final grade, as well as weighted and unweighted GPAs.

WEIGHTING: HONORS .4 point AP .8 point

G.P.A and Decile Position calculated after each semester based on rigor of curriculum in Academic Core Classes only and Theology.

Art Classes and Intro to Business are considered major electives. They may only be taken in JR and/ or SR Year in place of an academic core class. They also factor into GPA.

Please see next page for a comprehensive look at the newly adopted grade scale.

RANKING Decile position is based on weighted G.P.A. and rigor of curriculum and is calculated at the end of each semester.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The GPA for students who have transferred into Berks Catholic includes grades from the sending school(s) converted to a Berks Catholic scale for the purposes of having a BC GPA and class positioning. A copy of the transcript from their previous high school(s) will accompany the BC transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Berks Catholic students must complete the following academic requirements as well as 40 hours of service over 4 years:

English(4) Math(4) Science(3) Foreign Language(2) Social Studies(3) Theology(4)

All classes run for the full academic year on an 8 -Period Day, 6-Day Cycle, 2- Semester calendar.

STANDARDIZED TESTING * DECILE BANDING * GRADE DISTRIBUTION * CURRICULUM

C'2025 SAT Data (49% of class took SATs) Score Total Middle 50%: 940 – 1150 Top 25%: 1160 – 1560 Mean: 1044 Range: 400 - 1560

CLASS of 2026: 162 Total in Class

As of Aug. 1, 2025 43% of the Class of 2026 sat for the SAT at least once. No ACT data available at this time.

C'2026 SAT EBRW / M Totals:	Middle 50%	Top 25%	Mean	Score Range:
TOTAL:	960 – 1200	1210 – 1420	1090	820 – 1420
EBRW:	510 – 630	640 – 740	590	420 – 720
MATH:	450 – 560	560 – 690	500	390 – 690

HONORS / AP DISTRIBUTION. Please see below for Honors / AP Policies (prior year)

90% (92%) of the Class of 2026 have taken Honors Classes	57% (46%) have taken AP Classes
65% (na) have taken 4+ Honors Classes	29% (na) have taken 4+ AP Classes
74% (74%) have taken 2+ Honors Classes	35% (31%) have taken 2+ AP Classes
15% (18%) have taken 1-2 Honors Classes	22% (16%) have taken 1-2 AP Classes

GRADE SCALE

BERKS CATHOLIC GPA / DECILE DISTRIBUTION: Class of 2026 (as of August 1, 2025)

DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)	DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)
1 st	4.14 – 4.33*	6 th	3.52 – 3.64
2 nd	4.02 – 4.13	7 th	3.35 – 3.51
3 rd	3.88 – 4.01	8 th	3.0 – 3.34
4 th	3.76 – 3.87	9 th	2.75 – 2.98
5 th	3.65 – 3.74	10 th	1.61 – 2.69

* updated on 11/20/25 post 1Q grade update

C 2026 GPA DISTRIBUTION (number of students)

4.0+(34) 3.5 - 3.99 (65) 3.0 - 3.49(31) 2.5 - 2.99(21) 2.0 – 2.49(9) 1.5 – 1.99(2) 1.0 – 1.49 (0)

Berks Catholic HS / Diocese of Allentown Unified Grade Scale as of 2020-21 AY

LETTER GRADE RANGE	GRADE POINT RANGE CP (CPM)	GRADE POINT RANGE HON.	GRADE POINT RANGE AP
A 90-100	3.7 – 4.0 (3.3-3.6)	4.1 – 4.4	4.5 – 4.8
B 80 – 89	2.8 - 3.4 (2.4-3.0)	3.2 – 3.8	3.6 – 4.2
C 72 – 79	1.9 – 2.5 (1.5-2.1)	2.3 – 2.9	2.7 – 3.3
D 70 – 71	1.6 (1.2)	2.0	2.4

MAJOR COURSE OFFERINGS

OVERVIEW:	Berks Catholic H.S. offers College Preparatory, Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
HONORS (H, Honors, Hon):	Qualified students may take Honors level classes beginning in 9 th Grade
EXPERIENCED (Exp):	Carries same weight and expectations as Honors
ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)	Qualified students may take AP classes beginning in 10 th Grade. 3 AP classes (max) / year is advised.
VHS or VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL:	Students may supplement BC curriculum by taking classes via Virtual High School vhs.org
CPM:	College Preparatory Modified. College prep classes taught at a pace to accommodate student learning.

2025 – 2026 ACADEMIC DEPT. / COURSES BC Offers 22 Honors and 11 AP Courses “in-house”

ENGLISH

Intro to Literature /Lit (CPM, CP, Hon) * World Literature/Lit (CP, Hon). * American Literature (CP, Hon).
British Literature/Lit (CP, Hon) * AP Language & Composition * AP Literature & Composition * Reading Strategies

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I (CPM, CP, Experienced) * Geometry (CPM, CP, Hon). * Algebra II (CPM, CP, Hon).
Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry (CP) * Topics in Math (CP) * Pre-Calculus (CP, Hon) * AP Statistics * AP Calculus AB

SCIENCES

All Listed Below Are Lab Classes or Have Lab Components with Physical Science being the exception

Biology I (CPM, CP, HON, Pre-AP) * Chemistry (CP, Hon) * Physics I (CP, Hon) *
AP Biology * AP Chemistry * AP Physics AB * Genetics & Disease (CP) * Forensic Science (CP) *
Environmental Sci /Meteorology (CP) * Physical Science (CPM)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Civics (CP) * World Cultures (CP, Hon) * Modern American History (CP, Hon) * Citizen and the Law (CP, Hon)
Introduction to Psychology (CP) * World War II & Holocaust (CP) * AP World History * AP United States History
AP US Government & Politics * AP European History

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I (CP, Hon). * French II (CP, Hon) * French III, French IV (Hon) *
Spanish I (CP). * Spanish II (CP, Hon) * Spanish III (CP, Hon) * Spanish IV (Hon)

THEOLOGY / ELECTIVES

Theology * Art (including Film & Media) * Computer Science * Music * Intro to Business * 9th Grade (STEM, Study Skills, etc) are CP