



A Tradition of Faith, Knowledge, Service

PROFILE 2026-2027

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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

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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 nearly 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-three of these courses are Advanced Placement.
- Four course levels are offered, in order of increasing rigor: College Preparatory, Honors, High Honors, and Advanced Placement.
- Beginning with the 2024-2025 year, we added Dual Enrollment (DE) courses through Trevecca Nazarene University. Six Dual Enrollment courses are offered in 2026-2027.
- The Hayes Scholars Program identifies a select group of incoming freshmen based upon their previous academic performance and provides them with dedicated advising and additional programming. The second cohort of Hayes Scholars includes 23 members of the Class of 2027.
- 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): 792, Senior Class: 193
- Student Diversity (self-identified): African American: 5%, Asian American: 3%, Caucasian: 80%, HPI: 1%, Hispanic: 6%, Multiracial: 4%, Other: 1%
- Twenty-nine percent of our students receive need-based Tuition Assistance to attend Father Ryan.
- Fifty-eight 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
- 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 2026, 417 Advanced Placement (AP) exams were taken by 28% 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 21 – 29 for students in the class of 2026 who took the ACT (n = 195).
- Fewer than 25% of our seniors choose to take the SAT. 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 2026

- Collectively, the Class of 2026 was awarded more than \$35 million in merit-based scholarships. College plans for the class include:
- 92% have enrolled at a 4-year institution, 6% have enrolled at a 2-year institution
 - 5% are attending Catholic institutions
 - 43% are attending college out of state

CLASS OF 2027 SIX SEMESTER WEIGHTED AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION (193 STUDENTS)	
Highest	99.2174
Top 25%	94.6000
Median	91.8667
Bottom 25%	88.8222

COURSES WITH ENROLLMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2027

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) 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*	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 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) STEAM I, II, III	AP FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE AP SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE 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) SPANISH TOPICS*
SOCIAL SCIENCES	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	THEOLOGY	WELLNESS
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 AP WORLD HISTORY (MODERN) CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE CIVIL WAR* CONTEMPORARY U.S. HISTORY: THE VIETNAM WAR* ECONOMICS* ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES* GEOGRAPHY GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND ETYMOLOGY* INTRODUCTION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT* MODERN WORLD HISTORY NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES* PERSONAL FINANCE* PSYCHOLOGY U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (HH) U.S. HISTORY (CP, H, HH) WORLD HISTORY (CP, H, HH)	AP 2-D ART AND DESIGN AP DRAWING BACH TO ROCK BAND CHAMBER CHOIR CLAY HAND BUILDING* 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 I PAINTING* STRINGS STUDIO ART (HH) TECH DESIGN: COSTUMES AND PROPS* TECH DESIGN: SCENIC AND LIGHTING* THEATRE I, II 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 WORLD RELIGIONS*	FOUNDATIONS OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING* STRENGTH TRAINING* STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ATHLETES* TEAM SPORTS CONDITIONING PERIODS WELLNESS A I* WELLNESS A II* WELLNESS C (HEALTH)*

*One Semester Course

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2026 WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Adams State University
Alabama A&M University
American Academy of Dramatic Arts
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Baldwin Wallace University
Ball State University
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Bemidji State University
Benedictine College
Boston University
Butler University
Campbellsville University
Canisius University
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Centre College
Clemson University
Cleveland State Community College
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia State Community College
Concord University
Cumberland University
Dean College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University,
Daytona Beach
Emory University
Erskine College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Hampden-Sydney College
High Point University
Hofstra University

Holy Cross College
Howard University
Indiana University
Iona University
Johns Hopkins University
Kennesaw State University
Kentucky Wesleyan College
King University
LIM College
Lincoln Memorial University
Lindsey Wilson College
Lipscomb University
London College of Fashion
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Marquette University
Maryville College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Millikin University
Mississippi State University
Montclair State University
Morehead State University
Morehouse College
Muskingum University
Nashville State Community College
New York University
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical
State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Kentucky University
Northern Michigan University
Norwich University
Nova Southeastern University
Oklahoma City University
Otterbein University
Pace University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pellissippi State Community College
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
Polimoda
Providence College
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte
Rhodes College
Rider University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University, Madrid
Saint Mary's College of California
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
Samford University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: The University of the South
South College
Southern Methodist University
Spring Hill College
St. John's University
St. Norbert College
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
**Tennessee College of Applied
Technology**
Tennessee State University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
The Citadel—The Military College of
South Carolina
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa
**The University of Tennessee at
Chattanooga**
**The University of Tennessee,
Knoxville**
The University of Tennessee at Martin
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Thomas More University
Transylvania University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Tulane University
Tusculum University
Tuskegee University
Union University
United States Military Academy at
West Point
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California Davis
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder

University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Lynchburg
University of Maine
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Rochester
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of New England
University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of West Georgia
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University
Volunteer State Community College
Washington University in St. Louis
Webster University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
Wheaton College (Illinois)
Whittier College
Wingate University
Wofford College
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana

*Colleges in bold indicate matriculation.



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