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2026-2027 **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: 560 *(603)* Students Grades 9-12 GENDER: Male 50.4% *(49%)* 282 *(295)* Female 49.6% *(51%)* 278 *(307)*

FAITH BACKGROUND: Catholic 79% *(74%)* Non-Catholic / Non-Christian 20% *(26 %)*

RECEIVING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID TO ATTEND: 51.6 % *(44%)* FREE & REDUCED LUNCH ELIGIBLE: 20.5 % *(19%)*

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE-BOUND: 15% *(approximation)*

STUDENT POPULATION - RACE / ETHNICITY: DOMESTIC White: 55% *(55 %)* Hispanic / Latino: 29.8% *(29 %)*
Black/African-American: 5.5% *(7%)* Asian / Indian: 3.5% *(4%)*
Multi-Racial: 4% *(5%)* Native Hawaiin / Pac. Islndr: 1

INTERNATIONAL 1 % *(1%)* (S. Korea 5, Spain 2, Vietnam 1) 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.

- 90% + of the Class of 2027 report that they plan to attend college immediately following graduation
- 93% of the Class of 2026 *(91% C'25)* is pursing higher education. A full report is available upon request

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 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'26 SAT Takers 43% 8/1/25 (*57% 6/11/26*) Mid 50%:960 –1200 *(940-1200)* ^ 25%:1210–1420 *(1210-1470)* Mn:1090 *(1080)* Range:820-1420 *(680-1470)*

CLASS of 2027: 137 Total in Class *(C'26 162)*

As of Aug. 1, 2026 43% *(43%)* of the Class of 2027 sat for the SAT at least once. No ACT data available at this time.

C'2027 SAT EBRW / M Totals:	Middle 50%	Top 25%	Mean	Score Range:
TOTAL:	960 – 1170	1180 – 1430	1110	800 – 1430
EBRW:	520 – 620	640 – 750	590	330 – 750
MATH:	470 – 560	570 – 680	520	350 – 680

HONORS / AP DISTRIBUTION. Please see below for Honors / AP Policies

C 2027 4 Year Distribution of Advanced Curriculum:

Taking HONORS 129 / 137 *94%* Students *(C '26 90%)* *.05%* 14-16 *8%* 13-15 *17%* 10-12 *28%* 7-9 *15%* 4-6 *20%* 1-3

Taking AP 81 / 137 *59%* Students *(C '26 57%).* *.05%* 10 *17%* 6-9 *22%* 3-5 *19%* 1-2

BERKS CATHOLIC GPA / DECILE DISTRIBUTION: *Class of 2027* *(as of August 1, 2026)*

DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)	DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)
1st	4.27 – 4.35	6th	3.49 – 3.69
2nd	4.17 – 4.25	7th	3.29 – 3.47
3rd	4.02 – 4.16	8th	3.03 – 3.28
4th	3.87 – 3.99	9th	2.49 – 3.02
5th	3.72 – 3.85	10th	1.93 – 2.31

C 2027 GPA DISTRIBUTION number of students Weighted *(Unweighted)*

4.2 - 4.3 23 *(0)* 4.0 - 4.19 20 *(0)* 3.7 - 3.99 28 *(55)* 3.5 - 3.69 14 *(20)* 3.2 - 3.49 22 *(31)* 3.0 – 3.19 8 *(10)*
2.7 – 2.99 8 *(9)* 2.5 - 2.69 7 *(3)* 2.2 - 2.49 2 *(5)* 2.0 – 2.19 4 *(3)*
1.7 – 1.99 1 *(0)* 1.5 – 1.69 0 *(0)* 1.2 – 1.49 0 *(0)* 1.0 – 1.29 0 *(0)*

GRADE SCALE

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 9th Grade
EXPERIENCED (Exp):	Carries same weight and expectations as Honors
ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)	Qualified students may take AP classes beginning in 10th 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.

2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC DEPT. / COURSES *BC Offers 22 Honors and 12 AP Courses "in-house"*

ENGLISH

AP Offered: AP Language & Composition * AP Literature & Composition

CPM, CP, Hon Offered: Intro to Literature /Lit (*CPM, CP, Hon*) * World Literature/Lit *(CP, Hon)* * American Literature (*CP, Hon*). British Literature/Lit *(CP, Hon)*

MATHEMATICS

AP Offered: AP Pre-Calculus * AP Calculus AB * AP Statistics

CPM, CP, Hon Offered: Algebra I *(CPM, CP)* * Algebra II *(CPM, CP, Hon)* * Geometry *(CPM, CP, Hon)* * Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry *(CP)* * Topics in Math *(CP)*

SCIENCES

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

AP Offered: AP Biology * AP Chemistry * AP Physics AB

CPM, CP, Hon Offered: Biology I *(CPM, CP, Hon)* * Biology II: Anatomy & Physiology (*Hon)* * Chemistry *(CP, Hon)* Physics AB *(CP, Hon)* Genetics & Disease *(CP)* * Forensic Science *(CP)* Environ. Sci /Meteorology (*CP)* * Physical Science *(CPM)* * STEM Research & Innovation *(Hon)*

SOCIAL SCIENCES

AP Offered: AP European History. * AP US History * AP US Government & Politics * AP World History

CPM, CP, Hon Offered: Civics (CP) * World Cultures (CP, Hon) * Modern American History (CP, Hon) * Citizen and the Law *(CP, Hon).* * Introduction to Psychology *(CP)*

WORLD LANGUAGES

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