



# KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Academic Profile 2023-2024

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**Student Enrollment:** 676

**Class of 2023:** 152

### Student Demographics:

Caucasian: 74.5%

Hispanic/Latino: 8%

Asian/Pacific Islander: 4%

Black/African American: 7.5%

American Indian/Native American: 1%

Multi-Racial: 5%

**Student Athletes:** 439

**Students with Support Plan:** 115

### School Mission

Knoxville Catholic High School, in partnership with parents and supporting parishes, is dedicated to teaching the Gospel, igniting love for learning, and nurturing individual growth in body, mind, and spirit, as students are prepared to be Disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world.

### Accreditations, Memberships, and Honors

- In 2014, the Cardinal Newman Society recognized Knoxville Catholic High School as a "School of Excellence" - an honor given to less than five percent of our nation's Catholic high schools.
- Cognia
- Tennessee Department of Education
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville
- Member of the National Catholic Education Association
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

### School Overview

Knoxville Catholic High School, a Roman Catholic coeducational secondary school, began in 1932 in a Victorian house in east Knoxville with a student body of 98. For the 2023- 2024 school year, enrollment at Knoxville Catholic is 676 students with a student/teacher ratio of 11:1. The faculty comprises 59 full and part-time teachers, and seven full-time guidance staff, three of whom work exclusively with special needs students. Fifty-four percent of our faculty hold advanced degrees. Normally 100 percent of our graduates plan to continue their education after high school.

### Student Body

Knoxville Catholic High School is a diocesan school that exists primarily for the education of Catholic students. Students of any race, gender, creed, color, religion, or national origin may apply and may be admitted as space permits. We have a total of 676 students in grades 9 - 12, with 152 seniors. Students in our school hail from a variety of socio-economic and family educational backgrounds, and span a wide range of academic abilities. Approximately 17% percent of our students are being served due to a diagnosed learning difference. Those students receive a Student Support Plan and work as needed with our Learning Center staff to ensure that they have appropriate accommodations for a positive learning experience. Knoxville Catholic High School benefits from a rich community of families with diverse cultural backgrounds. We are proud of our diversity, and our goal is to promote an inclusive student body .

### Extracurricular

Sixty-five percent of KCHS students are involved with school-sponsored athletics, and a majority of all students are highly involved in some school-related extracurricular activities. KCHS is competitive in the state of Tennessee in several sports, and our athletic teams frequently win district and regional honors. Additionally, many KCHS organizations, such as, Irish Media Network, Band, Robotics, Mock Trial, Model UN, Scholar's Bowl, and Yearbook, have also earned recognition at advanced levels. Students are intensely supportive of each others' efforts and talents whether musical, athletic, or academic.

## Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

On March 13, 2020, students were released from school one day early for Spring Break and returned to asynchronous virtual learning on March 25th. The grading structure remained the same. Students returned to classes for the 2020-2021 school year on August 3, 2020 to a synchronous, hybrid in-person/virtual learning structure with an option for students to choose full time virtual learning. On September 30, 2021, KCHS returned to regular in-person learning and continues in person for the 2022-23 school year.

## Graduation Requirements, Class of 2023

4	Religion*
4	English
4	Math
3	Science (4 recommended, Biology 1 and Chemistry 1 are required)
2	World Language (2 years of the same language, 3+ recommended)
3	Social Studies (U.S. History, World History, U.S. Government, and Economics)
1.5	Lifetime Wellness (.5 of Health and 1 of P.E.)
1	Fine Art (.5 must be a Performing or Production Art)
.5	Personal Finance
3	Electives
26	TOTAL CREDITS

\*Students not enrolled at the time these classes are normally taken are not responsible for these credits.

**Service Requirement:** The Class of 2024 are required to complete 20 hours of service, either Indirect (20) OR Direct (10) or any combination thereof. Students have a minimum service hour requirement of 20 hours (10 direct) each school year beginning post-covid in 2022-2023.

## Typical Course of Study, Class of 2023

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Religion I	Religion 2	Religion 3	Religion 4
English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
World Language	World Language	World Language*	World Language*
Biology	Chemistry	Science	Science*
Health**	World History/ European History	U.S. History	U.S. Government**
Physical Education**	2 Credits of Elective/ Fine Art**	2 credits of Elective/ Fine Art**	Economics**
2.0 credits Elective/Fine Art**			Personal Finance**
			1.5 credits of Electives

\* Strongly recommended in the year indicated.

\*\* One semester class.

## Levels of Study

**College Prep:** Independent study and a fast learning pace characterize this level. Students selected for these classes are expected to accept a rigorous college preparatory course of study. CP classes are not weighted.

**Honors:** Courses for gifted students to pursue their studies in greater depth and at an accelerated pace. Intense independent study, research, analysis, and critical thinking characterize courses at this level. To be admitted to an Honors class, students must meet the requirements specified in the course description. Honors classes are weighted .5 quality points.

**Advanced Placement:** In these courses, structured on the standards of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), teachers and students operate on the assumption that many juniors and seniors can complete college level courses in secondary school. Upon completion of these courses, students are expected to take the Advanced Placement examinations in May. Advanced Placement classes are weighted 1 quality point.

**Dual Enrollment:** KCHS offers options for Dual Enrollment including English 1010/1020 and other student-driven opportunities for enrichment. The college credit may be transferable at the discretion of the receiving institution. Dual Enrollment classes are weighted 1 quality point.

## Student Schedule

Students enroll in eight courses each semester. KCHS has a six period schedule so that each class generally meets for 55 minutes three or four days per week. One semester counts as one-half credit (.5). Study Halls are strongly encouraged.

## ACT and SAT Profiles, Class of 2024

### SAT

21 students tested through May 2023

Section	Evidence Based Reading/Writing	Math	Composite
Middle 50%	590-650	530-640	1080-1310
Mean	610	583	1190

### ACT

120 students tested through July 2023

Composite
20-28
24.3

### Class Rank

KCHS strives to keep the academic environment at Knoxville Catholic High School appropriately challenging at each level of study. Most students meet that challenge with excellent grades. KCHS believes that ranking students by GPA increases academic competition, increases pressure on students, and undermines students' love of learning. In addition, KCHS believes that students' achievements cannot be fully communicated by this particular statistic. **It is, therefore, the policy of Knoxville Catholic High School to refrain from tracking class rank.**

Weighted Grade Point Averages at the end of 6 semesters for the Class of 2023

Highest	Top 5%	Top 25%	Mean	75%	Lowest
4.53	4.33	4.0	3.55	3.17	2.05

August, 2019-May 2022 Grading Scale					July, 2022-Current Grading Scale				
		AP/ *DE	Honors	CP			AP/ *DE	Honors	CP
93 - 100	A	5.0	4.5	4.0	90-100	A	5.0	4.5	4.0
85 - 92	B	4.0	3.5	3.0	80-89	B	4.0	3.5	3.0
75 - 84	C	3.0	2.5	2.0	70-79	C	3.0	2.5	2.0
70 - 74	D	2.0	1.5	1.0	60-69	D	2.0	1.5	1.0
0 - 69	F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0 - 59	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

\*Dual Enrollment

National Merit Competition					
Class	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Semifinalists	0	2	2	2	1
Commended		2	5	5	4
# Students	152	164	144	149	152

### Honors Classes, Class of 2024

English 1 Honors	Spanish 1 Honors	Biology 1 Honors	2D Art and Design Honors
English 2 Honors	Spanish 2 Honors	Chemistry 1 Honors	Drawing Honors
English 3 Honors	Spanish 3 Honors	Chemistry 2 Honors	Ceramics 1 Honors
English 4 Honors	Spanish 4 Honors	Ecology Honors	Ceramics 2 Honors
Algebra 1 Honors	Spanish for Heritage Speakers	Physiology Honors	Digital Photography Honors
Geometry Honors	2 Honors	Physics Honors	Band Honors
Algebra 2 Honors	Spanish for Heritage Speakers	Digital Media II Honors	KCHS Singers Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors	3 Honors	Digital Media III Honors	Scene Study Honors
Calculus Honors	French 1 Honors	Digital Media IV Honors	Advanced Dance Honors
World History Honors	French 2 Honors	Yearbook Editing Honors	
U.S. History Honors	French 3 Honors	Graphic Design 2 Honors	
U.S. Government Honors	French 4 Honors	Java 2 Honors	

### Dual Enrollment, Class of 2024

English 4 Dual Enrollment—  
Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC)  
Other PSCC Dual Enrollment Opportunities

AP Scholars	2022	2023
AP Scholar	30	31
AP Scholar with Honor	9	9
AP Scholar with Distinction	18	21

### Advanced Placement Classes, Class of 2024

Biology  
Calculus AB  
Calculus BC  
Chemistry  
Comparative Government and Politics  
English 3 (Language and Literature)  
English 4 (Literature and Composition)  
European History  
French Language  
Human Geography

Physics 1  
Physics C: Mechanics  
Physics C: EM  
Spanish Language  
Statistics  
Art and Design:  
2-D, 3-D, and Drawing  
U.S. Government and Politics  
U.S. History  
World History Modern

### Knoxville Catholic High School Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2023

In 2023, 234 students took a total of 372 exams; 69% of exam scores were a 3 or higher.

96 of 152 Seniors (63%) in the Class of 2024 took 328 Advanced Placement courses.

Total Number of AP Classes Taken	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Number of Students, Class of 2024	0	1	1	3	5	2	3	6	6	11	7	12	38

### College Matriculation, Class of 2023

#### Top 10% Matriculation—Classes of 2021-2023

American University	Pellissippi State
Belmont Abbey College	Rhodes College
Belmont University	Samford University
Clemson University	SCAD
Emory University	Tennessee Technological
Florida State University	The University of Alabama
Furman University	The University of Tampa
Georgia Tech	The University of Tennessee
Hofstra University	West Point
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Georgia
MIT	University of Notre Dame
MTSU	University of Toledo
Northwestern University	Vanderbilt University

#### Matriculation to Tennessee Colleges—Classes of 2021-2023

Belmont University	Roane State
Bethel University	Sewanee: The University of the South
Carson-Newman University	TN College of Applied
Chattanooga State	Tech Tennessee Tech
Christian Brothers University	Tennessee Wesleyan
ETSU	UT Chattanooga
Johnson University	UT Knoxville
King University	UT Martin
Lincoln Memorial University	Tusculum University
Maryville College	Union University
MTSU	University of Memphis
Milligan University	Vanderbilt University
Motlow State	Volunteer State
Pellissippi State	

## Colleges and Universities Accepting Knoxville Catholic High School Students , Classes 2021-2023

\***Bold**=Matriculation

Carnegie Mellon University	Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ. Indianapolis	Sacred Heart University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Carthage College	Iowa State University	Saint Louis University	University of Indianapolis
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	<b>Ithaca College</b>	Saint Mary's College	<b>University of Kentucky</b>
Catholic University of America	Jacksonville University	<b>Salve Regina University</b>	University of Louisville
Centre College	James Madison University	<b>Samford University</b>	University of Lynchburg
Champlain College	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	<b>Savannah College of Art and Design</b>	University of Maryland (Baltimore)
Charleston Southern University	<b>Kennesaw State University</b>	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Maryland (College Park)
Chipola College	<b>Kent State University</b>	Seattle Pacific University	<b>University of Massachusetts (Amherst)</b>
Christopher Newport University	Kenyon College	Seminole State College of Florida	University of Miami
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Lake Forest College	Seton Hall University	University of Michigan
Clark University	Lee University	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	<b>University of Mississippi</b>
Clarke University	Lehigh University	Southwest Virginia Community College	<b>University of Mount Union</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	<b>Liberty University</b>	Spring Hill College	University of New England
Cleveland Institute of Art	Lindsey Wilson College	St. John's University	University of New Haven
<b>Coastal Carolina University</b>	Lipscomb University	St. Olaf College	University of North Alabama
College of Charleston	Long Island University (Post)	Stillman College	<b>University of North Carolina at Asheville</b>
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	<b>Louisiana State University</b>	Swarthmore College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Columbia College (Chicago)	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>	Sweet Briar College	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Converse University	Marquette University	<b>Syracuse University</b>	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Cornell University	Mars Hill University	<b>Temple University</b>	<b>University of N. Carolina School of the Arts</b>
<b>Culinary Institute of America</b>	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Denison University	Mercer University	Texas A&M University at Galveston	University of North Florida
DePaul University	<b>Mercyhurst University</b>	<b>Texas Christian University</b>	<b>University of North Georgia</b>
Drexel University	Merrimack College	Texas State University	<b>University of Notre Dame</b>
East Carolina University	<b>Miami University (Oxford)</b>	<b>Texas Tech University</b>	University of Oklahoma
Eastern Illinois University	Millsaps College	The College of Wooster	University of Oregon
<b>Eastern Kentucky University</b>	<b>Mississippi State University</b>	The Ohio State University	University of Pennsylvania
Eckerd College	Missouri Valley College	<b>The University of Alabama</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>Montana State University</b>	<b>The University of Tampa</b>	University of Puget Sound
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Montreat College	<b>The University of Virginia's College at Wise</b>	University of Rhode Island
Emory & Henry College	Morehead State University	The University of West Florida	University of Richmond
<b>Emory University</b>	<b>Murray State University</b>	Transylvania University	<b>University of South Carolina</b>
Fashion Institute of Technology	Niagara University	Trevecca Nazarene University	University of South Florida
Flagler College	North Carolina State University	Trinity College	University of Southern Indiana
<b>Florida Atlantic University</b>	North Carolina Wesleyan University	<b>Tulane University of Louisiana</b>	University of Southern Mississippi
Florida Gulf Coast University	Northeastern University	United States Coast Guard Academy	<b>University of the Cumberland</b>
Florida Institute of Technology	<b>Northwestern University</b>	<b>United States Military Academy at West Point</b>	<b>University of Toledo</b>
Florida International University	Nossi College of Art	<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham</b>	University of Virginia
<b>Florida State University</b>	Oberlin College	<b>University of Alabama in Huntsville</b>	University of Washington
Fontbonne University	<b>Oglethorpe University</b>	University of Arizona	Villanova University
Fordham University	<b>Ohio University (Main Campus)</b>	<b>University of California (Berkeley)</b>	Virginia Peninsula Community College
<b>Franciscan University of Steubenville</b>	Oklahoma State University	University of California (Davis)	Virginia Polytechnic Inst. and State University
Freed-Hardeman University	Oregon State University	University of California (Irvine)	Wake Forest University
Full Sail University	<b>Penn State University (University Park)</b>	University of California (Los Angeles)	Walsh University
<b>Furman University</b>	Piedmont University	University of California (San Diego)	Walters State Community College
<b>George Mason University</b>	Portland State University	University of California (Santa Barbara)	Washington State University
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	Presbyterian College	University of Central Florida	Washington University in St. Louis
Georgia Military College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Chicago	<b>West Virginia University</b>
Georgia State University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)	Western Carolina University
Goucher College	Quinnipiac University	University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)	<b>Western Kentucky University</b>
<b>Grand Canyon University</b>	Radford University	<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b>	<b>Western Washington University</b>
Gulf Coast State College	<b>Randolph-Macon College</b>	University of Colorado Denver	Willamette University
High Point University	Reed College	University of Connecticut	William & Mary
<b>Hofstra University</b>	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	<b>University of Dayton</b>	Wilmington College
Holy Cross College	Rice University	University of Delaware	Wingate University
Howard University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Florida	Winthrop University
<b>Illinois Institute of Technology</b>	Rochester Institute of Technology	<b>University of Georgia</b>	<b>Wofford College</b>
Illinois State University	Rollins College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Xavier University
Indiana State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Houston	<b>Young Harris College</b>
<b>Indiana University (Bloomington)</b>	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of Illinois at Chicago	