



KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Profile 2023-2024

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Student Enrollment: 709

Class of 2025: 172

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: 460

Students with Support Plan: 156

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 2024- 2025 school year, enrollment at Knoxville Catholic is 709 students with a student/teacher ratio of 11:1. The faculty comprises 65 full and part-time teachers, and seven full-time guidance staff, three of whom work exclusively with special needs students. Sixty-three 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 709 students in grades 9 - 12, with 172 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 22% 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 2023-24 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 2025 are required to complete 30 hours of service, either Indirect (30) OR Direct (15) or any combination thereof. Students have a minimum service hour requirement of 10 hours (5 direct) each school year beginning post-covid in 2022-2023.

Typical Course of Study, Class of 2025

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 2025

SAT

21 students tested through May 2024

Section	Evidence Based Reading/Writing	Math	Composite
Middle 50%	590-690	500-670	1100-1330
Mean	630	590	1220

ACT

138 students tested through July 2024

Composite
21-27
24

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 2025

Highest	Top 5%	Top 25%	Mean	75%	Lowest
4.57	4.47	4.12	3.68	3.30	2.18

August, 2021-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	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Semifinalists	TBD	0	2	2	2
Commended	TBD	5	2	5	5
# Students	172	152	164	144	149

Honors Classes, Class of 2025

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

Dual Enrollment, Class of 2025

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

Advanced Placement Classes, Class of 2025

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

AP Scholars	2024	2023
AP Scholar	23	31
AP Scholar with Honor	20	9
AP Scholar with Distinction	30	21

Knoxville Catholic High School Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2024

In 2024, students took a total of exams; 80% of exam scores were a 3 or higher.

103 of 172 Seniors (60%) in the Class of 2025 took 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	1	2	2	1	2	10	7	3	8	7	16	18	26

Top 10% Matriculation—Classes of 2022-2024

American University	Purdue University
Belmont Abbey College	Rhodes College
Clemson University	The University of Alabama
Coastal Carolina University	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Elon University	The University of Tennessee, Martin
Emory University	West Point
Furman University	University of Georgia
Georgetown University	University of Illinois
Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Kentucky
Maryville College	University of Notre Dame
MIT	University of South Carolina
Murray State University	University of Toledo

Matriculation to Tennessee Colleges—Classes of 2022-2024

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

Colleges and Universities Accepting Knoxville Catholic High School Students , Classes 2022-2024 *Bold=Matriculation

American University	Furman University	Pepperdine University	University of Delaware
Anderson University	George Mason University	Piedmont University	University of Florida
Appalachian State University	Georgetown University	Portland State University	University of Georgia
Arizona State University (Phoenix)	Georgia Institute of Technology	Presbyterian College	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Arizona State University (Tempe)	Georgia Military College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Houston
Asbury University	Georgia Southern University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Illinois at Chicago
Auburn University	Georgia State University	Quinnipiac University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Austin Peay State University	Goucher College	Radford University	University of Indianapolis
Averett University	Grand Canyon University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Kentucky
Barry University	Hampden-Sydney College	Reed College	University of Louisville
Baylor University	High Point University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Lynchburg
Bellarmine University	Holy Cross College	Rhodes College	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
Belmont Abbey College	Howard University	Rice University	University of Maryland (College Park)
Belmont University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Benedictine College	Illinois State University	Rollins College	University of Memphis
Berry College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Miami
Bluefield University	Indiana State University	Sacred Heart University	University of Michigan
Bluffton University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Saint Louis University	University of Mississippi
Boston College	Ithaca College	Saint Mary's College	University of Mount Union
Bowling Green State University	Jacksonville University	Salve Regina University	University of North Alabama
Brandeis University	James Madison University	Samford University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Brenau University	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Santa Fe College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brevard College	Johnson University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Bryan College	Kennesaw State University	Seattle Pacific University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Butler University	Kent State University	Seton Hall University	University of North Florida
Campbellsville University	King University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Georgia
Capital University	Lee University	Southern Methodist University	University of Notre Dame
Carson-Newman University	Liberty University	Spring Hill College	University of Oklahoma
Case Western Reserve University	Lincoln Memorial University	St. Olaf College	University of Oregon
Catholic University of America	Lindsey Wilson College	SUNY at Purchase College	University of Pennsylvania
Centre College	Lipscomb University	Swarthmore College	University of Pittsburgh
Charleston Southern University	Louisiana State University	Sweet Briar College	University of Richmond
Christian Brothers University	Loyola Marymount University	Temple University	University of Saint Mary
Christopher Newport University	Loyola University Chicago	Tennessee State University	University of South Carolina
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Loyola University New Orleans	Tennessee Technological University	University of South Florida
Clarke University	Marquette University	Tennessee Wesleyan University	University of Southern Indiana
Clemson University	Mars Hill University	Texas A&M University	University of Southern Mississippi
Coastal Carolina University	Marymount Manhattan College	Texas Christian University	University of the Cumberlands
College of Charleston	Maryville College	Texas Tech University	University of Toledo
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The College of Wooster	University of Virginia
Columbia College (Chicago)	Mercyhurst University	The Ohio State University	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Cornell University	Merrimack College	The University of Alabama	Vanderbilt University
Culinary Institute of America	Miami University (Oxford)	The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)	Villanova University
Cumberland University	Middle Tennessee State University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Virginia Military Institute
Denison University	Milligan University	The University of Tennessee (Martin)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
DePaul University	Millsaps College	The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	Mississippi State University	The University of West Florida	Walsh University
East Carolina University	Missouri Valley College	Transylvania University	Warren Wilson College
East Tennessee State University	Montana State University	Trinity College	Washington State University
Eastern Illinois University	Montreat College	Tulane University of Louisiana	Washington University in St. Louis
Eastern Kentucky University	Motlow State Community College	Tusculum University	West Virginia University
Eckerd College	Murray State University	Union Commonwealth University	Western Carolina University
Elon University	Niagara University	Union University	Western Kentucky University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	North Carolina State University	United States Coast Guard Academy	Western Washington University
Emerson College	North Carolina Wesleyan University	United States Military Academy at West Point	Willamette University
Emmanuel University	Northern Arizona University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	William & Mary
Emory & Henry College	Northern Illinois University	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Wilmington College
Emory University	Northwestern University	University of Arizona	Wingate University
Flagler College	Oberlin College	University of Central Florida	Winthrop University
Florida Atlantic University	Oglethorpe University	University of Chicago	Wofford College
Florida Gulf Coast University	Ohio University (Main Campus)	University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Institute of Technology	Oklahoma State University (Main Campus)	University of Colorado Boulder	Xavier University
Florida International University	Oregon State University	University of Colorado Denver	Young Harris College
Florida State University	Pace University (New York City)	University of Connecticut	
Fordham University	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Dayton	
Freed-Hardeman University			
Full Sail University			