

2024-2025 School Profile



POPE
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PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

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MISSION STATEMENT

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a Catholic co-educational, college-preparatory school which instills Gospel values and fosters academic excellence in a diverse community of learners. Our mission is to challenge students to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically to become critical thinkers and faith-based leaders who embody justice, peace, service and mercy in the global community.

THE SCHOOL

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a private, four-year co-educational, college preparatory high school of the Diocese of Springfield. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The school moved to its new state of the art facility in September of 2018. The campus boasts a 122,000 square foot building situated on a 38-acre campus. It is located in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, the city of Springfield is the largest city in western New England, and the urban, economic, and cultural capital of Massachusetts' Connecticut River Valley. It is a regional high school serving students from forty-one cities and towns. Students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds are accepted on the basis of standardized testing, grades, and interviews.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students are required to complete 25 hours of community service yearly. By graduation, students have completed 100+ hours of service in their communities, at PFPS, and at times even abroad.

CURRICULUM

Three instructional levels based on student ability and achievement: College Prep, Honors, and AP.

In English, math, social studies, world languages and science, students are placed according to ability and performance. Several Virtual High School courses are available in a variety of disciplines.

Advanced Placement courses offered: AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP Psychology, AP Studio Art, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government

Honors Classes offered: H English 1-4, H Pre-AP Algebra 1, H Pre-AP Algebra 2, H Pre AP Geometry with Statistics, H Calculus, H Biology, H Chemistry, H Physics, H Principles of Design 2, H Civics, H World History, H U.S. History Survey, H Latin 3-4, H Spanish 2-5

The **Academic Pathways Program** allows motivated students to set their career path in motion. Students in the program are provided opportunities to participate in trips to local colleges, email mentorships, internships, access to a variety of workshops, advice from local business people and one on one coaching from the program advisor. The Academic Pathways: Civic Engagement, Communications, Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Performance and Fine Arts, S.T.E.M., and Vocations.

ENROLLMENT

452 Total
140 Freshmen
117 Sophomores
107 Juniors
88 Seniors

TRANSCRIPTS

A minimum of 28 credits are required for graduation: four in English and math, three in science including Biology, three in social studies including Civics, and two years of the same foreign language. Theology is required during all four years and one credit in fitness is an additional requirement for graduation. Class of 2025 and beyond will be required to earn .5 credit in Digital Literacy.

PFPS reports semester grades. Mid semester grade reports are issued for the purposes of eligibility and to serve as a benchmark of progress and will be sent to colleges as a representative of the first quarter grade.

CLASS RANK

In light of Pope Francis Preparatory School's rigorous curriculum, beginning with the Class of 2024, rank will no longer be calculated or reported.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	ADV. PL.	Honors	College Prep
100	5.7	5.2	4.7
99	5.6	5.1	4.6
98	5.5	5.0	4.5
97	5.4	4.9	4.4
96	5.3	4.8	4.3
95	5.2	4.7	4.2
94	5.1	4.6	4.1
93	5.0	4.5	4.0
92	4.9	4.4	3.9
91	4.8	4.3	3.8
90	4.7	4.2	3.7
89	4.6	4.1	3.6
88	4.5	4.0	3.5
87	4.4	3.9	3.4
86	4.3	3.8	3.3
85	4.2	3.7	3.2
84	4.1	3.6	3.1
83	4.0	3.5	3.0
82	3.9	3.4	2.9
81	3.8	3.3	2.8
80	3.7	3.2	2.7
79	3.6	3.1	2.6
78	3.5	3.0	2.5
77	3.4	2.9	2.4
76	3.3	2.8	2.3
75	3.2	2.7	2.2
74	3.1	2.6	2.1
73	3.0	2.5	2.0
72	2.9	2.4	1.9
71	2.8	2.3	1.8
70	2.7	2.2	1.7
69	2.6	2.1	1.6
68	2.5	2.0	1.5
67	2.4	1.9	1.4
66	2.3	1.8	1.3
65	2.2	1.7	1.2
64	2.1	1.6	1.1
63	2.0	1.5	1.0
62	1.9	1.4	0.9
61	1.8	1.3	0.8
60	1.7	1.2	0.7

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Our students applied to and were accepted at more than 125 schools in each of the past three years. The following is a sampling of those colleges and universities:

American International College	Holyoke Community College	Siena College
Ana Maria College	Howard University	Simmons University
Arcadia University	Ithaca College	Southern New Hampshire University
Arizona State University	Jacksonville University	Springfield College
Assumption University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Springfield Technical Community College
Bay Path University	Keene State College	St. John's University
Baylor University	Lasell University	Stetson University
Belmont University	Lawrence University	Stonehill College
Bentley University	Lemoyne College	Suffolk University
Berklee College of Music	Lesley University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Manhattan College	Temple University
Boston University	Marist College	The George Washington University
Bridgewater State University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Trinity College
Brown University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science	Tufts University
Bryant University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Union College
Carnegie Mellon University	Merrimack College	University of Alabama
Catholic University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut
Central Connecticut State University	New York University	University of Hartford
Clark University	Nichols College	University of Maine
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
College of Charleston	Pennsylvania State University	University of Massachusetts, Boston
College of the Holy Cross	Pratt Institute	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Connecticut College	Providence College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Curry College	Purdue University	University of New England
Dartmouth College	Quinnipiac University	University of New Hampshire
Dean College	Regis College	University of New Haven
Eckerd College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Notre Dame
Elms College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island
Elon University	Roger Williams University	University of Rochester
Emmanuel College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Saint Joseph
Endicott College	Sacred Heart University	University of Southern California
Fairfield University	Saint Anselm College	University of Tampa
Florida Atlantic University	Saint Francis University	University of Vermont
Florida Institute of Technology	Saint Joseph's College Maine	Villanova University
Florida Southern College	Saint Michael's College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	Westfield State University
Framingham State University	Savannah College Art and Design	Western New England University
Franciscan University Steubenville	Seton Hall University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Mason University		Worcester State University
Georgia Institute of Technology		
High Point University		
Hobart and William Smith Colleges		
Hofstra University		

