

2025-2026 School Profile



POPE
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PREPARATORY
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ENROLLMENT

451 Total
104 Freshmen
137 Sophomores
113 Juniors
97 Seniors

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 2D Art, AP 3D Art, AP Drawing, AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government and Politics

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.

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 world language. Theology is required during all four years and one credit in Fitness is an additional requirement for graduation. All students must 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 GRADIG 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 University	Jacksonville University	Southern New Hampshire University
Ana Maria College	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Springfield College
Arizona State University	Keene State College	Springfield Technical Community College
Assumption University	Lasell University	St. John’s University
Bay Path University	Lawrence University	Stonehill College
Baylor University	Le Moyne College	Suffolk University
Bentley University	Lesley University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Maine Maritime Academy	Temple University
Boston University	Manhattan College	The George Washington University
Brandeis University	Marist College	Trinity College
Brown University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Tufts University
Bryant University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science	Union College
California Institute of the Arts	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of Alabama
Catholic University	Merrimack College	University of Connecticut
Central Connecticut State University	North Carolina State University	University of Hartford
Clark University	Northeastern University	University of Kentucky
Clarkson University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Maine
Clemson University	Pratt Institute	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
College of Charleston	Providence College	University of Massachusetts, Boston
College of the Holy Cross	Purdue University	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Coastal Carolina University	Quinnipiac University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Dean College	Regis College	University of New England
Eastern Carolina University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of New Hampshire
Eckerd College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of New Haven
Elms College	Rivier University	University of Notre Dame
Elon University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Rhode Island
Emmanuel College	Roger Williams University	University of Rochester
Endicott College	Sacred Heart University	University of Saint Joseph
Fairfield University	Saint Anselm College	University of South Florida
Florida Atlantic University	Saint Joseph’s College Maine	University of Southern California
Florida Institute of Technology	Saint Michael’s College	University of Tampa
Florida Southern College	Salem State University	University of Vermont
Fordham University	Salve Regina University	Villanova University
Framingham State University	Savannah College Art and Design	Virginia Tech
Franciscan University Steubenville	Seton Hall University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
George Mason University	Siena College	Westfield State University
High Point University		Western New England University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hofstra University		Worcester State University
Holyoke Community College		
Howard University		
Ithaca College		

