



POPE FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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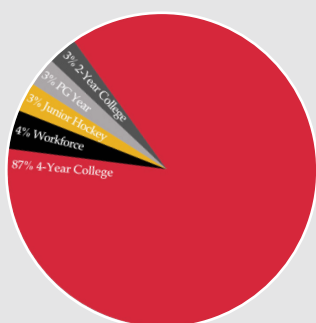
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ENROLLMENT

445 Total Students

MATRICULATION

Class of 2026



THE SCHOOL

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a private, four-year, coeducational, college-preparatory high school serving the Diocese of Springfield. Pope fosters a diverse and inclusive community in which students are challenged to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Through a rigorous educational experience grounded in faith, students develop the critical-thinking skills, character, and leadership qualities needed to become compassionate, faith-filled leaders who embody the values of justice, peace, service, and mercy in an ever-changing global community.

PORTRAIT OF A POPE FRANCIS GRADUATE

A Pope graduate is curious, compassionate, confident, and grounded in purpose. They are prepared to think critically, communicate thoughtfully, and engage with the world around them with openness and empathy. They understand that education is not simply about what they know, but about how they use their knowledge, talents, and experiences to contribute to something greater than themselves.

STUDENT BODY

Pope is a regional Catholic high school welcoming students from fifty cities and towns across Massachusetts and Connecticut. Our diverse student body represents students from eighty-six different middle and high schools, bringing together young people with a wide range of experiences, perspectives, backgrounds, and interests. Students of all ethnicities and religious traditions are welcomed and considered for admission based on their academic record, standardized testing, and interview. This diversity enriches our school community, creating an environment where students learn from one another, form meaningful connections, and grow together.

FAITH & SERVICE

At Pope, education is about more than what students know—it is about who they are becoming. We empower young people to understand their God-given gifts, discover their purpose, and have the courage to become who they are called to be.

All students are required to complete 25 hours of **community service** yearly. By graduation, students have completed 100+ hours of service in their communities, at Pope, and at times even abroad. As a community, Pope students performed 12,500+ hours of service in the 2025-2026 school year.

Our **Christian Leadership** program invites students to put faith into action and embrace leadership as a call to service. Students must apply and be selected to participate in this senior-led program, through which they help shape the spiritual life of our school community by welcoming and mentoring younger students, leading liturgies and retreats, and organizing service initiatives. Through these experiences, students learn that true leadership is not about position or recognition, but about accompanying others, building community, and using their God-given gifts in service to others and the greater good.

AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Students at Pope are encouraged to participate, contribute, and find meaningful ways to connect with others. Engagement extends well beyond the classroom through athletics, clubs, performing arts, service, faith formation, and a wide range of co-curricular opportunities.

- The Special Olympics Support Club is our largest student club with 150 members during the 2025-2026 school year. In 2026, the club hosted the Regional Special Olympics Track and Field Qualifier on campus, welcoming 170 Special Olympics athletes.
- Boys' Hockey won the Division I State Championship during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Boys' Basketball won the Class A Western Mass Basketball Championship during the 2025-2026 school year, winning the highly competitive tournament for four consecutive years.
- Girls' Soccer, Girls' Hockey, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Hockey and Baseball consistently compete at the highest levels of MIAA competition.

PATHWAYS - CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Pathways allows motivated students to set their career path in motion. Students in the program are provided opportunities to participate in trips to local colleges, 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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & COURSE OFFERINGS

Department	Course Offerings
English <i>4 years required</i>	English 1-2 (Honors), English 3: American Literature (Honors), English 4: World Literature (Honors), Film Studies, Creative Writing, Fantasy and Sci-Fi, Murder, The Educated Mind, Public Speaking AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature and Composition
Mathematics <i>4 years required</i>	Pre-AP Algebra 1 (Honors), Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics (Honors), Pre-AP Algebra 2 (Honors), Precalculus (Honors), Financial Mathematics, Statistics AP Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics
Theology <i>4 years required</i>	Theology 1-3, World Religions, Christian Leadership
Science <i>3 years required</i>	Biology (Honors), Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry (Honors), Honors Biochemistry, Physics, Forensic Science, Forensic Applications, Oceanography, Environmental Science, Principles of Design AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C
Social Studies <i>3 years required</i>	World History (Honors), Civics (Honors), U.S. History Survey (Honors), Psychology, Sociology, Genocide & Human Rights, Community and Civic Engagement, Introduction to Economics AP U.S. History, AP Psychology
World Language <i>2 years required</i>	Latin 1-2, Honors Latin 3-4, Spanish 1-3, Honors Spanish 2-4 AP Spanish Language and Culture
Wellness <i>1 year required</i>	Wellness 1-2, Strength and Conditioning, Martial Arts for Health and Well-Being, Fitness for Life, Sports Management
Technology <i>.5 year required</i>	Digital Literacy Foundations, Makerspace: Design, Create, Make It Real, Python Programming: Game Design, Artificial Intelligence Unmasked: The Tech Behind the Magic, Robotics: Build It, Code It, Drive It, Web Design AP Computer Science Principles

CURRICULUM

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

GPA & CLASS RANK

Pope reports weighted GPA's based on quality points for our three instructional levels. Pope does not publish class rank.

TRANSCRIPTS

A minimum of 28 credits are required for graduation for students who attended Pope for all four years of high school.

Pope 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.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Grade	AP	Honors	College Prep
100	5.7	5.2	4.7
95	5.2	4.7	4.2
90	4.7	4.2	3.7
85	4.2	3.7	3.2
80	3.7	3.2	2.7
75	3.2	2.7	2.2
70	2.7	2.2	1.7
65	2.2	1.7	1.2
60	1.7	1.2	0.7

AP DATA

22 AP CLASSES OFFERED	267 TOTAL AP EXAMS TAKEN	87% AP SCORES OF 3 OR HIGHER
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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
Ana Maria College
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Babson University
Bay Path University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
California Institute of the Arts
Central Connecticut State University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Coastal Carolina University
Cornell University
Connecticut College
Dean College
Eastern Carolina University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Elms College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franciscan University Steubenville
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University

Howard University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Keene State College
Lasell University
Le Moyne College
Maine Maritime Academy
Manhattan College
Marist College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Mount Holyoke College
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Pennsylvania State University
Plymouth State University
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rivier University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael's College
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Simmons University
Southern Connecticut State University
Southern New Hampshire University

Springfield College
St. John's University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
The George Washington University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Union College
United States Merchant Marine Academy
University of Alabama
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Notre Dame
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of Saint Joseph
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Westfield State University
Western New England University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State University