



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Rev. John D. Merkelis, O.S.A., President ~ Mr. Paul Houston, Principal

Jesus Christ is the reason for our school

School and Community

Providence Catholic High School is a co-educational, college preparatory school located in New Lenox, Illinois, approximately 40 miles southwest of Chicago. It is administered by the Augustinian Order. The students come from over seventy elementary and junior high schools within a radius of thirty miles. The area contains suburban Chicago towns, a small city (Joliet) and a growing community that is changing from rural/suburban to suburban. The student body is ethnically diverse, though predominantly Caucasian.

Accreditation and Membership

Illinois State Board of Education • North Central Association – Accrediting Division of AdvancED
The Augustinian Secondary Education Association • National Catholic Education Association

Curriculum

A Providence Catholic High School education provides each student with a four-year college preparatory program. A Providence education is one unified program of instruction, which emphasizes a fundamental understanding of the basic skills and disciplines in the liberal arts. The Providence Catholic curriculum emphasizes excellence in theology, language arts, social science, mathematics, world language, the sciences, the arts, computer education, physical education and business education. Providence Catholic graduates are expected to demonstrate mastery of many skills and disciplines.

Grading Scale

Percent Earned	Letter Grade Earned	College Prep Level GPA Points	Honors Level GPA Points	AP Level GPA Points
100-97%	A+	4.33	5.33	5.83
96-93%	A	4.17	5.17	5.67
92-90%	A-	4.00	5.00	5.50
89-87%	B+	3.67	4.67	5.17
86-83%	B	3.33	4.33	4.83
82-80%	B-	3.0	4.00	4.50
79-77%	C+	2.67	3.67	4.17
76-73%	C	2.33	3.33	3.83
72-70%	C-	2.0	3.00	3.50
69-67%	D+	1.67	1.67	1.67
66-63%	D	1.33	1.33	1.33
62-60%	D-	1.00	1.00	1.00
59 or below	F	0.00	0.00	0.00

Graduation Requirements

Twenty-two credits are the minimum needed to graduate. Each year a student must take and pass courses worth at least 5 and 1/2 credits.

The requirements for the Class of 2025 include:

- 4 years of Theology
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Social Science (including U.S. History & American Government)
- 3 years of Laboratory Science
- 2 years of World Language (same & consecutive)
- 1 semester of Economics or Macro-Economics
- 1 semester of Technology
- 1 year of Physical Education or Band
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Civics (included in Amer. Government)

Students must also complete a minimum of 60 service hours. (10 hours freshman year; 10 hours sophomore year, 15 hours junior year and 25 hours senior year) However, many students complete many more hours than what is required.

ACT Results: Class of 2024

Participants: 189
Composite Mean: 23.3

ACT Composite by Groups	
Top 10 %	31.2
Honors	31.2
Top 50%	28.1

Enrollment (2024-2025)

Freshmen – 211 Sophomores – 199
Juniors – 170 Seniors – 177

The faculty totals 59 with
over 68% with advanced degrees.

Graduation Outcomes

97% of the Class of 2024 plan to continue their education.
93% attending four-year colleges
5% attending two-year colleges
2 students entering a trade program
1 student entering the workforce

National and Illinois Testing Results

Since 2000, Providence Catholic High School has had:

1233 Illinois State Scholars
1 National Merit Winner
13 National Merit finalists
1 National Merit semi-finalist
75 National Merit commended students
11 National Achievement Scholarship Program recipients

Since 2023, Providence Catholic High School has had:

11 Illinois State Seal of Bilingualism in Spanish
38 Illinois State Commendation Towards Bilingualism
in Spanish
1 Illinois State Commendation Towards Bilingualism
in French

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are available for students who are capable of sustaining the demands these courses impose. All students taking Advanced Placement courses are required to complete the Advanced Placement examination at the end of the year. Students must receive permission to take one or more Advanced Placement courses.

Providence Catholic reserves the right to add or delete Advanced Placement courses. There are currently (20) AP courses offered to the Class of 2025.

AP Biology	AP Music Theory
AP Calculus AB	AP Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics
AP Chemistry	AP Psychology
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Spanish Language
AP English Language & Composition	AP Statistics
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP European History	AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
AP French	AP US Government & Politics
AP Microeconomics	AP US History

Transcript Information

Official Providence Catholic High School transcripts are only released directly to an accredited educational institution or the NCAA or NAIA Eligibility Centers. The transcript reflects only the information that is a part of the permanent record.

School Contact Information

The Counseling Office is open from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. College representatives may schedule a visit via RepVisits, or by contacting Laura Brassil, Counseling Department Administrative Assistant, at (815) 717-3182 or lbrassil@providencethecatholic.org. Visits should preferably be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

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