



2021-2022

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE
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CEEB 394-147

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Covid 19 impact updates / info are listed in blue.

SCHOOL HISTORY and POPULATION

BERKS CATHOLIC H.S. opened in 2011 as a result of the merger of Reading Central Catholic H.S. (CEEB 394-140) and Holy Name H.S. (CEEB 394-147). Berks Catholic HS is located in Reading, PA, the seat of Berks County, 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

Reading has, for several years, been identified as a city in financial distress. Beyond Reading and its suburbs, Berks is primarily a rural county. The biggest industries in the county are manufacturing, retail & wholesale trade, professional & business services, government, health care, education and social services.

Reading is 5th most-populated city in PA and is home to a population that is approximately 52% persons of color. Because Berks Catholic HS draws approximately 1/3 of its population from Reading and 2/3 from across Berks County, the student-body reflects the richly diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic community of the City of Reading and Berks County. Berks Catholic historically enjoyed a robust number of international students, however recent geo-political circumstances have contributed to a decline in that number. Please see details below.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT / DEMOGRAPHIC / SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

ENROLLMENT: **644 Students Grades 9-12** GENDER: **48% Male 52% Female**

FAITH BACKGROUND: **Catholic 80% Non-Catholic / Non-Christian 20 %**

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE-BOUND: **7-8% (approximation)** FREE & REDUCED LUNCH ELIGIBLE: **27%**

RECEIVING NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID TO ATTEND: **58%**

STUDENT POPULATION - RACE / ETHNICITY: *DOMESTIC* **Caucasian 60.7 % Hispanic / Latino 25.7 %**
Black/African-American 3.9 % Asian / Indian 4.8%
Multi-Racial: 4.8%
INTERNATIONAL **1 % (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)** *NOT IDENTIFIED n/a*

CONTINUING EDUCATION & POST GRADUATION TRENDS / ACADEMIC PROFILE

Historically, Berks Catholic H.S. sends an average of 94% of its graduates to 4 and 2 year colleges immediately after graduation. Approximately 85-90% go immediately to 4 year institutions. *The effects of Covid 19 pandemic -economically, in-person instruction uncertainty, international student issues, socio-political climate of the overall United States are all reflected in the college-bound numbers for the Class of 2021.*

- 88% of the Class of 2021 is pursuing higher education. A full report can be found at berkscatholic.org
- 90% plus of the Class of 2022 reporting that they plan to attend college immediately following graduation

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Berks Catholic provides a rigorous, comprehensive, college preparatory curriculum to all students. Interested students may also opt to pursue a vocational-technical curriculum beginning in the Junior Year.

GRADING SCALE

w/ Corresponding, Unweighted G.P.A. Ranges

G.P.A and Decile Position calculated after each semester based on rigor of curriculum in Academic Core / Major Classes only

A: 93-100 (3.44 – 4.0) B: 85 – 92 C: 75 – 84 D: 70 – 74 F: 69 and lower

RANKING Decile position is based on weighted G.P.A. and rigor of curriculum and is calculated at the end of each semester.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

The GPA for students who have transferred into Berks Catholic includes grades from the sending school(s) converted to a Berks Catholic scale for the purposes of having a BC GPA and class positioning. A copy of the transcript from their previous high school(s) will accompany the BC transcript.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Berks Catholic students must complete the following academic requirements as well as 40 hours of service over 4 years:

English(4) Math(4) Science(3) Foreign Language(2) Social Studies(3) Theology(4)

All classes run for the full academic year on an 8 -Period Day, 6-Day Cycle, 2- Semester calendar.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic Berks Catholic HS began on-line, synchronous instruction on March 18. The decision was made to continue using the numeric grade scale above to evaluate student course-work and assessments for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year. This policy remained in effect in the 2020-21 Academic Year when Berks Catholic offered the following instructional options: In-Person, All-Virtual, Hybrid.

STANDARDIZED TESTING * DECILE BANDING * GRADE DISTRIBUTION * CURRICULUM

CLASS of 2021: 175 Total in Class 100% Graduation Rate. 51.02% had SAT (51%) and ACT (0.02%) scores sent to Berks Catholic HS

C'2021 SAT Totals: Middle 50%: 970 - 1180 Top 25%: 1250-1520 Mean Score: 1075 Score Range: 760 - 1520
 C' 2021 ACT Composite*: Middle 50% n / a Top 25%: Mean Score: 22 Score Range: 19, 20, 24, 25

CLASS of 2022: 153 Total in Class

As of Aug. 1, 2021 65% of the Class of 2022 sat for the SAT at least once. No ACT data available at this time.

C'2022 SAT EBRW / M Totals: Middle 50%: 940 - 1180 Top 25%: 1190 - 1570 Mean: 1090 Score Range: 740 - 1570
 EBRW: Middle 50%: 490 - 600 Mean: 570 Score Range: 380 - 780. MATH: Middle 50%: 430 - 560 Mean: 520 Score Range: 330 - 790

C' 2021 ACT Composite: Middle 50%: n/a Top 25%: n/a Mean Score: n / a Score Range: n / a

* Scores may appear on transcripts at the discretion of the student.

Honors Classes taken since 9th Grade: Total; 82% 1-4 Honors classes: 29% 5-9 Honors classes: 24% 10-15 Honors classes: 29%
 AP Classes taken since 10th Grade: Total: 32% 1-2 APs: 18 % 3-4 APs: 6% 5-7 APs (maximum allowed): 8%

BERKS CATHOLIC GPA / DECILE DISTRIBUTION: CLASS of 2022 (as of August 1, 2021)

DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)	DECILE	GPA RANGE (weighted GPA)
1 st	3.91 – 4.28	6 th	3.2 – 3.31
2 nd	3.72 – 3.89	7 th	3.008 – 3.14
3 rd	3.608 – 3.71	8 th	2.697 – 2.98
4 th	3.49 – 3.604	9 th	2.28 – 2.693
5 th	3.34 – 3.48	10 th	1.16 – 2.26

C 2022 GPA DISTRIBUTION (number of students)

4.0 - 4.21 (13)	3.8 - 3.99 (13)	3.6 - 3.79 (25)	3.4 - 3.59 (18)
3.2 – 3.39 (24)	3.0 – 3.19 (16)	2.8 – 2.99 (10)	2.6 – 2.79 (10)
2.4 – 2.59 (5)	2.2 – 2.39 (9)	2.0 - 2.19 (4)	1.5 – 1.99 (5)
1.0 – 1.49 (1)			

MAJOR COURSE OFFERINGS

OVERVIEW: Berks Catholic H.S. offers College Preparatory, Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

HONORS: Qualified students may take Honors level classes beginning in 9th Grade (H, Hon. Or Honors on Transcript)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP): Qualified students may take AP classes beginning in 10th Grade. 3 AP classes (max) / year is advised. (AP on Trx)

2020 – 2021 ACADEMIC DEPT. / Classes

ENGLISH

CP (College Prep) CPM* (College Prep Modified)

Intro to Literature (Lit) * World Literature * American Literature * British Literature

HON (Honors)

Intro to Literature (Lit) * World Literature * American Literature * British Literature

AP (Advanced Placement)

Language & Composition * Literature & Composition

Remedial (Aquinas learning support program)

Reading & Study Skills * Reading Strategies

MATHEMATICS

CP (College Prep) CPM* (College Prep Modified)

Algebra I * Algebra II * Geometry * Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry * Topics in Math

HON (Honors)

Algebra I * Algebra I Experienced (Hon equivalent) * Algebra II * Geometry * Pre-Calculus

AP (Advanced Placement)

Statistics * Calculus AB

SCIENCES

CP (College Prep) CPM* (College Prep Modified)

Biology I * Chemistry * Physics I * Genetics & Disease * Forensic Science * Environmental Science & Meteorology

HON (Honors)

Biology I * *Biology I (Pre AP) * Biology II * Chemistry I * Chemistry II * *Physics I

AP (Advanced Placement)

Biology * Chemistry * Physics

General:

Physical Science

SOCIAL SCIENCES

CP (College Prep) CPM* (College Prep Modified)

Civics * World Cultures * Citizen and the Law * Modern American History * Contemporary Issues
 Introduction to Psychology * World War II & Holocaust

HON (Honors)

World Cultures * Modern American History * World War II & Holocaust

AP (Advanced Placement)

World History * United States History * US Government & Politics * Western European History

WORLD LANGUAGES

CP (College Prep) CPM* (College Prep Modified)

French I, II, III, IV * German I, II, III, IV * Spanish I, II

HON (Honors)

French III * French IV * German III * German IV * Spanish II * Spanish III * Spanish IV *

THEOLOGY

CP (College Prep) Theology I, II, III, IV Specific course names listed on transcript may vary

* CPM (College Prep Modified): College-Prep classes taught at a learner-modified pace.