



KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Profile 2020-2021

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Student Enrollment: 646

Class of 2020: 149

Student Demographics:

Caucasian: 78%

Hispanic/Latino: 10%

Asian/Pacific Islander: 4%

Black/African American: 6%

American Indian/Native American: 0.5%

Multi-Racial: 1.5%

Student Athletes: 420

Students with Support Plan: 110

School Mission

Knoxville Catholic High School, in partnership with parents and supporting parishes, is dedicated to teaching the Gospel, igniting love for learning, and nurturing individual growth in body, mind, and spirit, as students are prepared to be Disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world.

Accreditations, Memberships, and Honors

- In 2014, the Cardinal Newman Society recognized Knoxville Catholic High School as a "School of Excellence" - an honor given to less than five percent of our nation's Catholic high schools.
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Tennessee Department of Education
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville
- Member of the National Catholic Education Association
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

School Overview

Knoxville Catholic High School, a Roman Catholic coeducational secondary school, began in 1932 in a Victorian house in east Knoxville with a student body of 98. For the 2020- 2021 school year, enrollment at Knoxville Catholic is 646 students with a student/teacher ratio of 12:1. The faculty comprises 52 full and part-time teachers, and seven full-time guidance staff, three of whom work exclusively with special needs students. Fifty-four percent of our faculty hold advanced degrees. Normally 100 percent of our graduates plan to continue their education after high school.

Student Body

Knoxville Catholic High School is a diocesan school that exists primarily for the education of Catholic students. Students of any race, gender, creed, color, religion, or national origin may apply and may be admitted as space permits. Currently 76 percent of our student body is Catholic. We have a total of 646 students in grades 9 - 12, with 149 seniors. Students in our school hail from a variety of socio-economic and family educational backgrounds, and span a wide range of academic abilities. Approximately 17% percent of our students are being served due to a diagnosed learning difference. Those students receive a Student Support Plan and work as needed with our Learning Center staff to ensure that they have appropriate accommodations for a positive learning experience. Knoxville Catholic High School benefits from a rich community of families with diverse cultural backgrounds. We are proud of our diversity, and our goal is to promote an inclusive student body .

Extracurricular

Sixty-five percent of KCHS students are involved with school-sponsored athletics, and a majority of all students are highly involved in some school-related extracurricular activities. KCHS is competitive in the state of Tennessee in several sports, and our athletic teams frequently win district and regional honors. Additionally, many KCHS organizations, such as, Irish Streaming Network, Band, Robotics, Mock Trial, Model UN, Latin Club, Scholar's Bowl, and Yearbook, have also earned recognition at advanced levels. Students are intensely supportive of each others' efforts and talents whether musical, athletic, or academic.

Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

On March 13, 2020, students were released from school one day early for Spring Break and returned to asynchronous virtual learning on March 25th. The grading structure remained the same. Students returned to classes for the 2020-2021 school year on August 3, 2020 to a synchronous, hybrid in-person/virtual learning structure with an option for students to choose full time virtual learning. KCHS continues to re-evaluate our learning structure for any necessary changes.

Graduation Requirements, Class of 2021

4	Religion*
4	English
4	Math
3	Science (4 recommended, Biology 1 and Chemistry 1 are required)
2	Foreign Language (2 years of the same language, 3+ recommended)
3	Social Studies (U.S. History, World History, U.S. Government, and Economics)
1.5	Lifetime Wellness (.5 of Health and 1 of P.E.)
1	Fine Art (.5 must be a Performing or Production Art)
.5	Personal Finance
3	Electives
26	TOTAL CREDITS

*Students not enrolled at the time these classes are normally taken are not responsible for these credits.

Service Requirement: Students complete 50 hours (over 4 years) of community service with a minimum of 10 hours being given directly to those in our community who are in need.

Typical Course of Study, Class of 2021

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Religion I	Religion 2	Religion 3	Religion 4
English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Foreign Language	Foreign Language	Foreign Language*	Foreign Language*
Biology	Chemistry	Science	Science*
Health**	World History/ European History	U.S. History	U.S. Government**
Physical Education**	2 Credits of Elective/ Fine Art**	2 credits of Elective/ Fine Art**	Economics**
2.0 credits Elective/Fine Art**			Personal Finance**
			1.5 credits of Electives

* Strongly recommended in the year indicated.

** One semester class.

Levels of Study

College Prep: Independent study and a fast learning pace characterize this level. Students selected for these classes are expected to accept a rigorous college preparatory course of study. CP classes are not weighted.

Honors: Courses for gifted students to pursue their studies in greater depth and at an accelerated pace. Intense independent study, research, analysis, and critical thinking characterize courses at this level. To be admitted to an Honors class, students must meet the requirements specified in the course description. Honors classes are weighted .5 quality points.

Advanced Placement: In these courses, structured on the standards of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), teachers and students operate on the assumption that many juniors and seniors can complete college level courses in secondary school. Upon completion of these courses, students are expected to take the Advanced Placement examinations in May. Advanced Placement classes are weighted 1 quality point.

Dual Enrollment: KCHS offers options for Dual Enrollment including English 1010/1020 and other student-driven opportunities for enrichment. The college credit may be transferable at the discretion of the receiving institution. Dual Enrollment classes are weighted 1 quality point.

Student Schedule

Students enroll in eight courses each semester. KCHS has an eight modified block schedule so that each class generally meets for 75 minutes two or three days per week. One semester counts as one-half credit (.5). Study Halls are strongly encouraged.

Honors Classes, Class of 2021

English 1 Honors
 English 2 Honors
 English 3 Honors
 English 4 Honors
 Yearbook Editing Honors

Algebra 1 Honors
 Geometry Honors
 Algebra 2 Honors
 Pre-Calculus Honors
 Calculus Honors

Biology 1 Honors
 Chemistry 1 Honors
 Chemistry 2 Honors
 Ecology Honors
 Physiology Honors
 Physics Honors

World History Honors
 U.S. History Honors
 U.S. Government
 Honors

Spanish 1 Honors
 Spanish 2 Honors
 Spanish 3 Honors
 Spanish 4 Honors
 Spanish for Heritage
 Speakers 2 Honors
 Spanish for Heritage
 Speakers 3 Honors

French 1 Honors
 French 2 Honors
 French 3 Honors
 French 4 Honors

Latin 1 Honors
 Latin 2 Honors
 Latin 3 Honors

Ceramics Honors
 Portfolio Honors
 Band Honors
 Irish Ensemble Honors
 Scene Study Honors
 Advanced Dance Honors
 Digital Media Live Honors
 Digital Media Newscast
 Honors

Dual Enrollment, Class of 2021

Computer Applications Dual Enrollment (PSCC course on KCHS campus)
 English 4 Dual Enrollment—Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC)
 Other PSCC Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Advanced Placement Classes, Class of 2021

Biology
 Calculus AB
 Calculus BC
 Chemistry
 Comparative Government and Politics
 English 3 (Language and Literature)
 English 4 (Literature and Composition)
 European History
 French Language and Culture
 Human Geography

Physics 1
 Physics C (Mechanics)
 Spanish Language
 Statistics
 Studio Art
 U.S. Government
 U.S. History
 World History: Modern

84 of 149 Seniors (56%) in the Class of 2021 took 323 Advanced Placement courses.

Total Number of AP Classes Taken	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Number of Students, Class of 2021	0	1	2	4	1	3	6	4	10	4	9	13	26

Knoxville Catholic High School Advanced Placement Exam Results, May 2020

In 2020, 225 students took a total of 382 exams; 73.3% of students scored a 3 or above.

AP Scholars	2020	2019
AP Scholar	25	25
AP Scholar with Honor	12	9
AP Scholar with Distinction	29	25
National AP Scholar	3	4

ACT and SAT Profiles, Class of 2021

SAT

10 students tested through December 2019

Section	Evidence Based Reading/Writing	Math
Middle 50%	620-670	620-700
Mean	646	643

ACT

108 students tested through July 2020

Composite
25
21-30

Class Rank

KCHS strives to keep the academic environment at Knoxville Catholic High School appropriately challenging at each level of study. Most students meet that challenge with excellent grades. KCHS believes that ranking students by GPA increases academic competition, increases pressure on students, and undermines students' love of learning. In addition, KCHS believes that students' achievements cannot be fully communicated by this particular statistic. **It is, therefore, the policy of Knoxville Catholic High School to refrain from tracking class rank.**

Weighted Grade Point Averages at the end of 6 semesters for the Class of 2021

Highest	Top 5%	Top 25%	Mean	75%	Lowest
4.55	4.48	4.07	3.59	3.19	1.96

Grading Scale				
		AP/ *DE	Honors	CP
93 - 100	A	5.0	4.5	4.0
85 - 92	B	4.0	3.5	3.0
75 - 84	C	3.0	2.5	2.0
70 - 74	D	2.0	1.5	1.0
0 - 69	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

*Dual Enrollment

National Merit Competition					
Class	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Semifinalists	2	1	3	3	1
Commended	5	4	5	5	5
# Students	149	152	159	142	152

**Colleges and Universities
Accepting
Knoxville Catholic High
School Students
2018-2020**
(Bold = Matriculation)

Agnes Scott College
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Asbury University
Auburn University
Austin Peay State University
Ave Maria University
Bellarmine University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Berea College
Berry College
Birmingham Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brevard College
Bridgewater College
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Central Michigan University
Centre College
Chapman University
Chattanooga State Community College
Christendom College
Citadel Military College of SC
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coker College
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of Coastal Georgia
College of DuPage
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Columbia University
Cornell University
Covenant College
Creighton University
CUNY City College
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Davis & Elkins College
DePaul University
Duke University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Erskine College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Grand Canyon University
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hanover College
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Hiwassee College
Hofstra University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
King University
King's College
La Salle University
Lee University
Lees-McRae College
Lehigh University
Lincoln Memorial University
Lindenwood University
Lindsey Wilson College
Lipscomb University
Lipscomb University
Long Island University (Post)
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marquette University
Marshall University
Maryville College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Milligan College
Mississippi State University
Molloy College
Morehead State University
Mount Saint Joseph University
Nashville State Community College
New York University
Newberry College
Nicholls State University
North Carolina State University
Northeast Community College
Northeast State Community College
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Olivet Nazarene University
Otterbein University
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University (New York City)
Pellissippi State Community College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue University
Radford University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Roane State Community College

Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Roosevelt University
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Salem State University
Samford University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shepherd University
Southwest Tennessee Community College
St John's University (New York)
Stanford University
Suffolk University
SUNY at Purchase College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee Technological University
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
The College of Saint Scholastica
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of Tennessee (Martin)
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of the Arts
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Transylvania University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Tusculum University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Los Angeles)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Cambridge
University of Charleston
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi

University of Missouri
University of Nevada (Las Vegas)
University of New Orleans
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Florida
University of Northwestern Ohio
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pikeville
University of Portland
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of the Cumberland
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Upper Iowa University
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Volunteer State Community College
Wake Forest University
Walters State Community College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
Willamette University
William and Mary
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University
Yale-NUS College
Young Harris College

Top 10% Matriculation Classes of 2018-2020

Belmont University
Berry College
Centre College
Christendom College
Clemson University
Duke University
Fordham University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Oklahoma State University
Rice University
Tennessee Technological University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
United States Naval Academy
University of Notre Dame
University of South Carolina
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Wofford College