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## Twice Recognized U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School

Established in 1960, St. Francis DeSales High School is a coeducational, college-preparatory Catholic high school in Columbus, Ohio. Dedicated to providing a rigorous, holistic educational experience in the Catholic tradition, DeSales prepares the mind, body, and spirit of each student to seek truth, love God, and live virtuously.

## GRADE INTERPRETATION

The official grade point average is a weighted GPA, which indicates strength of schedule. .5 is added for Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses (College Credit Plus), Anatomy & Physiology, and Foreign Languages IV, V.

<i>Scale</i>		<i>Advanced Placement Courses</i>		
A	93-100 4.0	Art History	English Lit and Composition	Spanish Language & Culture
A-	90-92 3.7	Biology	European History	Statistics
B+	87-89 3.3	Calculus AB/BC	French Language & Culture	U.S. Government & Politics
B	83-86 3.0	Chemistry	Italian Language & Culture	U.S. History
B-	80-82 2.7	Chinese Language & Culture	Latin	
C+	77-79 2.3	Computer Science A	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
C	73-76 2.0	Computer Science Principles	Physics C: Mechanics	
C-	70-72 1.7	English Language & Composition	Psychology	
D	65-69 1.0			
F	<64 0.0			

  

***College Credit***  
College credit is earned through Ohio's College Credit Plus Program at The Ohio State University, University of Findlay, and Columbus State Community College.

***Honors and Advanced Placement Track Courses (non-weighted)***

Honors Algebra	Honors Chemistry
Honors Algebra II Trigonometry	English II AP Track
Honors Art Seminar	Honors Geometry
Honors Biology	Physical Science AP Track
Calculus AP Track	World History AP Track

## Graduation Requirements

### *Minimum Credit Requirements*

- 4.0 THEOLOGY
- 4.0 ENGLISH
- 4.0 MATH
- 3.0 SCIENCE
- 4.0 SOCIAL STUDIES
- 0.5 HEALTH
- 0.5 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- 1.0 BUSINESS/COMPUTER SCIENCE
- 1.0 VISUAL OR PERFORMING

## *School Counseling*

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## *Memberships*

National Catholic Education Association  
National Association of College Admission Counselors  
Ohio Association of Catholic Admission Counselors  
Catholic Conference of Ohio  
Ohio High School Athletic Association  
Central Catholic League

## DISTINGUISHING ACADEMIC FEATURES

Architecture, Engineering and Innovation

Math (4+ years)

World Languages (4+ years)

- Chinese
- French
- Italian
- Latin
- Spanish

Entrepreneurship

Visual Arts

## *Accreditation*

Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association  
State of Ohio Board of Education

# OUR STUDENTS

St. Francis DeSales High School is one of the largest Catholic high schools in Central Ohio, drawing a diverse student body from 14 zip codes in Columbus and surrounding areas.



## 2023-2024 STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 865

Male: 49.5%	Hispanic, Latino/a: 16%	Catholic: 78%
Female: 50.5%	Black or African American: 18%	Christian: 18%
	White: 63%	Non-Denominational: 2%
	Asian, Asian Pacific Islander: 2%	Other religion: 2%
	American Indian or Alaska Native: <1%	

All families are eligible for tuition assistance through the Ohio Department of Education EdChoice program. 28% of students qualify for low income status.

# OUR FACULTY

**74** certified teachers

**55%** holding advanced degrees

**15** average years of teaching experience

**17:1** student to teacher ratio

**26%**  
merit scholarship  
**AWARDEES**

### Established Culture of Excellence

St. Francis DeSales High School promotes excellence in all aspects of the student experience. Co-curriculars are integral to its commitment to the whole student—mind, body, and spirit. Beyond academics, the SFD student is distinguished by their participation in over 60 clubs, the performing arts, campus ministry, and service organizations. DeSales is recognized throughout Ohio as a perennial athletic power where students in 22 varsity sports learn life-long values of commitment, teamwork, and how to win with grace and lose with dignity.

## Class of 2023 Profile

### Grade Distribution

	Students	Percentage
4.0-4.25	46	21.6%
3.5-3.99	87	40.8%
3.0-3.49	48	22.5%
2.5-2.99	21	9.9%
<2.49	11	5.2%

### Post-Secondary

98% are attending college/university  
2% joined the workforce or military

### College Credit

The Class of 2023 earned a combined total of 592 hours of college credit.

**33+**  
million in college  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

### Matriculation

Ashland University	Marietta College	Tiffin University
Baldwin Wallace University	Miami University	United States Marine Corps
Belmont University	Michigan State University	University of California Irvine
Bowling Green State University	Ohio Dominican University	University of Central Florida
Capital University	Ohio Northern University	University of Charleston
Case Western Reserve University	Ohio University	University of Cincinnati
Chatham University	Otterbein University	University of Colorado
Clemson University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Dayton
Coastal Carolina University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Kentucky
Columbus College of Art & Design	PennWest Clarion University	University of Maryland
Columbus State Community College	Purdue University	University of Rio Grande
Denison University	Saint Mary's College	University of South Carolina
First Impressions Dental Assisting Program	Slippery Rock University	University of Tampa
Flagler College	South Carolina State University	University of Tennessee
Fordham University	Southeastern University	University of Wisconsin
Grove City College	Sussex Community College	Valparaiso University
Harvard University	Taylor University	Walsh University
Indiana University	The Catholic University of America	West Virginia University
IUPUI- Indianapolis	The Citadel	Wittenberg University
Kent State University	The College of William & Mary	Wright State University
Lewis University	The Ohio State University	Xavier University
Loyola University Chicago	The University of Akron	
Marian University	Thomas More University	

**“Be who you are meant to be, and be that perfectly well.” — Saint Francis de Sales**