



POPE  
FRANCIS  
PREPARATORY  
SCHOOL

## PROFILE 2019-2020

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### MISSION:

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a Catholic co-educational, college-preparatory school which instills Gospel values and fosters academic excellence in a diverse community of learners. Our mission is to challenge students to grow spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically to become critical thinkers and faith-based leaders who embody justice, peace, service and mercy in the global community.

### LOCATION:

Pope Francis Preparatory School is located in the East Forest Park section of the city of Springfield, MA at 99 Wendover Road. Located in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, the city of Springfield is the largest city in western New England, and the urban, economic, and cultural capital of Massachusetts' Connecticut River Valley. It is the third-largest city in Massachusetts and fourth-largest in New England after Boston, Worcester, and Providence. Pope Francis Preparatory School joins Springfield College, Western New England University, American International College, and Springfield Technical Community College among other educational institutions in calling Springfield their home. Pope Francis Preparatory School moved to its new state of the art facility on Wendover Road in September of 2018.

### SCHOOL:

Pope Francis Preparatory School is a private, four-year co-educational, college preparatory high school of the Diocese of Springfield. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Massachusetts Department of Education. Pope Francis High School was established in July of 2016 as the result of the merger of two diocesan high schools, Holyoke Catholic High School and Cathedral High School and changed its name to Pope Francis Preparatory School upon arriving at its current state-of-the-art facility in Springfield, MA. It is a regional high school serving students from thirty-four cities and towns. Students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds are accepted on the basis of standardized testing, grades, and interviews.

**CAMPUS:** The campus boasts a 122,000 square foot building situated on a 38-acre campus.

### FACULTY:

Twenty-nine teachers  
Media/IT Specialist  
Two guidance counselors  
One college counselor  
One nurse

### CURRENT ENROLLMENT:

<b>Total:</b>	340		
<b>Seniors:</b>	74	<b>Juniors:</b>	85
<b>Sophomores:</b>	78	<b>Freshmen:</b>	103

**STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO:** 10 to 1

### CURRICULUM:

- Three instructional levels based on student ability and achievement: College Prep, Honors, and AP.
- Religion and art classes are heterogeneously grouped. 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.
- Advanced Placement: 10 Classes
- Four years of religion
- Senior Internship
- Rotating modified block schedule
- Honors Program: 25 Classes
- Community Service Program
- Dual enrollment with Elms College
- Mission Programs

**TRANSCRIPTS:** GPA is computed using the following quality points. A minimum of 26 credits are required for graduation: four in English and math, three in science and social studies, and two years of the same foreign language. Religion is required during all four years, and health and wellness is an additional requirement for graduation.

As of the 2019/2020 academic year, Pope Francis Preparatory School has changed the grade reporting system to report 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.

**RANK IN CLASS:** Academic standing is based on the quality point average.

GRADE	ADV. PL.	HONOR S	COLLEGE PREP
100	5.7	5.2	4.7
99	5.6	5.1	4.6
98	5.5	5.0	4.5
97	5.4	4.9	4.4
96	5.3	4.8	4.3
95	5.2	4.7	4.2
94	5.1	4.6	4.1
93	5.0	4.5	4.0
92	4.9	4.4	3.9
91	4.8	4.3	3.8
90	4.7	4.2	3.7
89	4.6	4.1	3.6
88	4.5	4.0	3.5
87	4.4	3.9	3.4
86	4.3	3.8	3.3
85	4.2	3.7	3.2
84	4.1	3.6	3.1
83	4.0	3.5	3.0
82	3.9	3.4	2.9
81	3.8	3.3	2.8
80	3.7	3.2	2.7
79	3.6	3.1	2.6
78	3.5	3.0	2.5
77	3.4	2.9	2.4
76	3.3	2.8	2.3
75	3.2	2.7	2.2
74	3.1	2.6	2.1
73	3.0	2.5	2.0
72	2.9	2.4	1.9
71	2.8	2.3	1.8
70	2.7	2.2	1.7
69	2.6	2.1	1.6
68	2.5	2.0	1.5
67	2.4	1.9	1.4
66	2.3	1.8	1.3
65	2.2	1.7	1.2
64	2.1	1.6	1.1
63	2.0	1.5	1.0
62	1.9	1.4	0.9
61	1.8	1.3	0.8
60	1.7	1.2	0.7

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:** The Class of 2019 students applied to and were accepted at more than 120 schools including:

American International College	Providence College
American University	Quinnipiac University
Asnuntuck Community College	Regis College
Assumption College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Babson College	Roger Williams University
Bay Path University	Roosevelt University
Boston University	Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Brandeis University	Sacred Heart University
Bridgewater State University	Saint Anslem's College
Bryant University	Saint Michael's College
California State University, Long Beach	Salve Regina University
Clark University	Siena College
Clarkson University	Skidmore College
College of Holy Cross	Smith College
Connecticut College	Southern New Hampshire University
Curry College	Spelman College
Dean College	Springfield College
DePaul University	Springfield Technical Community College
Elms College	Stonehill College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Stony Brook University
Emmanuel College	Suffolk University
Emory University	Temple University
Endicott College	The George Washington University
Fairfield University	University of California, Berkeley
Fitchburg State University	University of California, Irvine
Framingham State University	University of California, San Diego
Georgetown University	University of Connecticut
Grinnell College	University of Hartford
Hawaii Pacific University	University of Maine
Hofstra University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Holyoke Community College	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Howard University	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Ithaca College	University of New Hampshire
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	University of New England
Keene State College	University of New Haven
Lasell College	University of Rhode Island
Lesley University	University of Saint Joseph
Lincoln Technical Institute	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Loyola University, Maryland	Wellesley College
Marymount Manhattan College	Wesleyan University
Massachusetts College of Art & Design	Western New England University
Nichols College	Westfield State University
Oberlin College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Pennsylvania State University	

