



# 2007 - 2008 Providence Catholic High School Profile

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## *Jesus Christ is the reason for our school*

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### **School and Community**

Providence Catholic High School is a co-educational, college-prep school located in New Lenox, Illinois, about 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. Close to seventy percent of the students' fathers and over sixty-five percent of the students' mothers are college graduates or have had some college education. Over fifty percent of the parents are in professional occupations, while over thirty percent are in managerial positions.

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### **Accreditation and Membership**

Illinois State Board of Education • North Central Association of Schools and Colleges • The Augustinian Secondary Education Association • National Catholic Education Association

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### **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, foreign 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.

### **Modified Block Schedule**

Providence moved to a modified block schedule starting with the 2002-2003 school year. This schedule consists of seven 85-minute classes over a two day period and three days of seven 45-minute classes. This provides the opportunity for students to take additional electives.

### **Ranking**

Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, Providence no longer ranks its students.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Twenty-two credits are the minimum needed to graduate. Each year a student must take and pass courses worth at least 5 1/2 credits. These requirements for the class of 2008 include:

- 3 1/2 years of Theology
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Social Science (U.S. History & Western Civilization)
- 3 years of Laboratory Science
- 2 years of Foreign Language (consecutive)
- 1 year of Physical Education
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Economics or Macro-Economics
- 1 semester of Technology
- The rest are electives.

### **Grading System**

Weighted	Regular	
A = 5	A = 4	A = 100 - 93
B = 4	B = 3	B = 92 - 85
C = 3	C = 2	C = 84 - 77
D = 1	D = 1	D = 76 - 70
F = 0	F = 0	F = 69 and below

## 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.

AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Language
AP Biology	AP Statistics
AP English Language & Composition	AP Studio Art: Drawing*(8/07)
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Studio Art: 2-D Design*(8/07)
AP European History	AP US Government & Politics
AP Music Theory*(8/07)	AP US History
AP Psychology*(8/04)	* recently added

### Enrollment (2007-08)

Freshmen – 329	Sophomores – 274
Juniors – 262	Seniors – 239

The faculty numbers 81, over half have advanced degrees.

## Testing

All students take the EXPLORE test in freshman year; PLAN in sophomore year; and the ACT in junior or senior year. Some juniors also take the PSAT. The ACT is a graduation requirement and thus mandatory for all students.

### ACT Results

Year	ACT Composite
2006-2007	23.1
2005-2006	22.4
2004-2005	23.1
2003-2004	23.5

### ACT Results: Class of 2007

Participants: 265  
Composite Mean: 23.1

Range	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
75 <sup>th</sup> %	27	26	28	25	26
50 <sup>th</sup> %	23	22	23	23	23
25 <sup>th</sup> %	20	18	19	20	20

## National and Illinois Testing Results

Since 1999, Providence Catholic High School has had:

- 1 National Merit Scholarship winner
- 6 National Merit finalists
- 2 National Merit semi-finalists
- 26 National Merit commended students
- 3 National Hispanic Recognition Program finalists
- 1 National Achievement Scholarship Program winner
- 48 National German Test recognitions
- 461 Illinois State Scholars

### Graduation Plans

99% of the class of 2007 planned to continue their education.

79% in four-year colleges    20% in two-year colleges  
1 military academy appointment

## Transcript Information

Official Providence Catholic High School transcripts are only released directly to an accredited educational institution or to the NCAA Clearinghouse. A counselor signature on a college application verifies the accuracy of the academic record of the student. Only the information that is a part of the permanent record generated by Providence Catholic High School can be verified.

## School Contact Information

The Main Office is open from 7:15am until 3:15pm. Telephone calls to the office will be answered during these hours. After hours you will have the option of leaving a voice mail message. The Main Office is not open on days when classes are not in session. College representatives may schedule a visit by calling Laura Brassil, *Guidance Secretary* at (815) 485-2136 ext. 533. Visits should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

### Counseling Staff

Pamela J. Ryan, *Director of Guidance & Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Counselor – last names D-G*  
Cindy Olczyk, *Senior and College Counselor*  
Diane Campbell, *Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Counselor – last names A-C*  
Tallen Mahaffey, *Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Counselor – last names H- OKE*  
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Laura Brassil, *Guidance Secretary*

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