



Columbus Academy

School Profile 2016-2017

In Quest of the Best

Founded in 1911 as an early pioneer in the country day school model, Columbus Academy is a coeducational day school enrolling 1,093 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. Academy offers a challenging liberal arts, college preparatory program. Located on a 231-acre campus nine miles northeast of Columbus, the school draws a diverse student body of 392 students in grades 9 through 12 from a forty-mile radius in central Ohio. Approximately 22% of the student body receives financial assistance to help with the cost of tuition. Columbus Academy is fully accredited by the Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS), the Ohio Department of Education, and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Our "In Quest of the Best" motto emphasizes developing the entire individual -- intellectually, socially, ethically, artistically and physically.

CLASS OF 2017 - GPA Distribution

95 Total Students*

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|-----------|----|-----------|----|
| 4.30-4.52 | 14 | 3.33-3.65 | 21 |
| 4.02-4.29 | 21 | 3.02-3.29 | 8 |
| 3.66-3.98 | 23 | < 3.00 | 7 |

*1 new student not included in GPA Distribution

GRADING POLICY & CURRICULUM

Columbus Academy does not rank its students. Cumulative GPAs are calculated using all graded courses and only those grades earned at Academy. Our traditional grading scale allows for a 10-point differential within each letter grade.

Standard college-preparatory courses are unweighted. Ten percent additional weight is added to grades in "Advanced" courses, and fifteen percent additional weight to grades in "Honors" courses.

Advanced courses typically are accelerated versions of the college-preparatory courses. Honors courses are those in which the syllabus is designed predominantly to prepare students for a college-level, external examination. Courses that cover two years' worth of material in one year are also included. Prerequisite criteria must be met for entry to Advanced and Honors courses.

Weighted grade point averages (WGPA) are reported on transcripts and documents sent to colleges and scholarship agencies. The recommended academic schedule is five core academic classes plus electives.

| Students are graded on the following scale: | |
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| A+ | 97-100 |
| A | 93-96 |
| A- | 90-92 |
| B+ | 87-89 |
| B | 83-86 |
| B- | 80-82 |
| C+ | 77-79 |
| C | 73-76 |
| C- | 70-72 |
| D+ | 67-69 |
| D | 63-66 |
| D- | 60-62 |
| Below 60 is not a passing mark. | |

HONORS COURSES/AP PREPARATION

Columbus Academy offers Advanced Placement Examination preparation in all Honors and many Advanced courses. However, the designation "AP" is not included on the transcript for those respective courses. For a complete list of Course Offerings, please see the US Course Description Guide at:

<http://www.columbusacademy.org/Page/Academics/Upper-School>

Students typically take AP exams in the following subject areas:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Biology | Environmental Science | Physics C: Mechanics |
| Calculus AB | European History | Psychology |
| Calculus BC | Latin | Spanish Lang & Culture |
| Chemistry | Macroeconomics | Statistics |
| Chinese Lang & Culture | Microeconomics | U.S. Gov't & Politics |
| Computer Science | Physics I | U.S. History |
| English Lit & Comp | Physics C: Elec & Mag | World History |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Minimum Credits)

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| English - 4 credits | Physical Education - 3 semesters |
| History - 3 credits | Health - 1/2 credit |
| Mathematics - 3 credits (through Algebra 2) | Ethics and Character - .5 credit |
| Science - 3 credits | Additional Requirements: |
| Fine Arts, Music, Performing Arts - 1 credit | Public Speaking (Junior Speech) - .25 credits |
| Language - 3 credits (same language) or 4 credits (2 of 2 languages) | Community Service - 50 hours |
| | Senior Project (May of Gr. 12) - 75 hrs |

GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY (GOA)

Columbus Academy is a member of Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually challenging programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools. For more information, please see <http://www.globalonlineacademy.org/>

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CLASS OF 2016 COLLEGE ENROLLMENTS & ACCEPTANCES

Typically 100% of Columbus Academy graduates enroll at four-year colleges and universities. Names in *bold italics* indicate colleges to which graduates of the Class of 2016 matriculated.

University of Akron
 Allegheny College
 American University
Amherst College
 Arizona State University
 The University of Arizona
Bates College
Baylor University
 Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Boston College
 Boston University
 Bowling Green State University
University of British Columbia
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 University of California
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve Univ.
 Central Michigan University
 Chapman University
 College of Charleston
 University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
Clemson University
University of Colorado at Boulder
 Colorado State University
Columbia University
 Connecticut College
The Cooper Union
Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 University of Dayton
Denison University
 University of Denver
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
University of Dubuque
Duke University
Eastman School of Music/ Univ of Rochester
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Emory University
 University of Findlay
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida Southern College
University of Florida
 Fordham University
 Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Furman University
 The George Washington University
Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Hampton University
 Harding University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
 High Point University
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 University of Indianapolis
Ithaca College
 Jacksonville University
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Liberty University
 Longwood University
 University of Louisville
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Lynn University
 Marietta College
 Marist College
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts
 McGill University
 Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami
 Michigan State University
University of Michigan
New York University
 The University of North Carolina
 North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
 Ohio Northern University
Ohio University
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 University of Oregon
Otterbein University
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
 University of Pittsburgh
Purdue University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
 University of Richmond
 Rider University
 Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
 University of Rochester
Rollins College
 Saint Louis University
 Saint Michael's College
Santa Clara University
 Skidmore College
University of Southern California
 Southern Methodist University
 Spelman College
 University of St. Andrews
 Stanford University
Stetson University
 SUNY Fredonia
Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
 Texas Christian University
 The University of Texas
The Ohio State University
The Ohio State University, Newark
 University of Toledo
Tufts University
 Tulane University
Vanderbilt University
 Villanova University
 University of Virginia
 Wabash College
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
 University of Washington
Wellesley College
 West Virginia University
Westminster Choir College of Rider University
Williams College
 University of Wisconsin
Wittenberg University
 Wofford College
College of Wooster
Xavier University
Yale University

CLASS OF 2016 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

| ACT Averages | Mid 50% | Mean |
|--------------------|---------|------|
| Composite | 27-33 | 29.9 |
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| SAT Reasoning | Mid 50% | Mean |
| Critical Reading | 590-710 | 653 |
| Math | 610-760 | 669 |
| Writing | 580-710 | 647 |
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| SAT Subject Tests | Mid 50% | Mean |
| Biology-Ecology | 640-740 | 694 |
| Biology-Molecular | 670-800 | 730 |
| Chemistry | 760-800 | 787 |
| English Literature | 620-730 | 687 |
| Math Level II | 660-780 | 713 |
| Physics | 670-800 | 727 |
| U.S. History | 560-740 | 670 |
| World History | 590-730 | 639 |

2016 AP EXAMINATION RESULTS

| Total Exams | 480 | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Students Taking Exams | 203 | |
| Number of AP Scholars | 116 | |
| Scores of 3 or above | 431 (89.8%) | |
| Scores of 4 or above | 333 (69.4%) | |
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| Average AP Scores | | |
| Art History | 5 | Macrocon. 3.6 |
| Calculus AB | 3.2 | Microcon. 4.2 |
| Calculus BC | 4.7 | Physics 1 3.3 |
| Chemistry | 4.4 | Physics C E&M 4.2 |
| Chinese Lang & Culture | 4.4 | Physics C 4.6 Mech |
| Computer Science A | 3.9 | Spanish Lang & Culture 3.9 |
| English Lit & Comp | 3.6 | Statistics 4.2 |
| Environmental Science | 3.5 | U.S. Gov & Politics 4.5 |
| Human Geography | 4 | U.S. History 4 |
| Latin | 4.1 | World History 4.3 |

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

29 students (31.9%) of the Class of 2016 were recognized through the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Corporation. 19 Commended students, 10 Semi-finalists.



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