

## School & Community

Topeka High School is a comprehensive, four-year high school located in downtown Topeka, Kansas. Established in 1871, THS has been proudly serving generations of Kansans in a historic setting, near the beautiful State Capitol Building. There are approximately 14,189 students, K-12, in the district. One of six public schools serving the county of Shawnee (population approximately 180,000), Topeka High School is accredited by the AdvancEd, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Kansas State Department of Education. Sixty percent of Topeka High School graduates enroll in a post-secondary education or training program. They traditionally score higher than the state and national averages on standardized tests. Topeka High School has been recognized as a National School of Excellence.

Total Enrollment	1,728
Grades Include	9-12
Number of Faculty	131
Size of Senior Class	374
Academic Year Pattern	2 Semesters
7 Period Modified Block	Fall 2011
Attendance Area Served	Diverse ethnic population, broad economic base

## Comprehensive Curriculum

Topeka High School offers over 225 courses in 12 departments modeling a 7-period modified block schedule. Topeka High School's college prep curriculum offers 32 Pre-AP, AP, and Honors courses.

- Advanced levels of French, German, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. 217 students enrolled in 2, 3, 4, 5, and AP levels of these language courses.
- Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, English Lit/Comp, English Lang/Comp, European History, U.S. Gov't/Politics, Comparative Gov't/Politics, Music Theory, Psychology, Physics 1 & 2, Statistics, U.S. History. 424 students enrolled in these courses.
- International Studies Endorsement since '11-'12
- Internationally recognized high school newspaper, winner of the Gallup Award.
- Nationally recognized debate and forensics program.
- National Champion Marine Corps Jr. ROTC program
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) implemented since 2008-2009 school year
- Cooperative dual credit program with Washburn University. Currently 84 students are taking the concurrent credit option in either one or more of the following: AP Biology, College Algebra, AP Lit/Comp, AP U.S. History, AP Statistics.

## Co-Curricular Activities

Topeka High School has a strong tradition of co-curricular excellence. Students may choose from 21 athletic activities, 16 Fine and Performing Arts activities, and over 30 clubs which challenge the academic and creative interests of our students.

## Grading System

Letter grades of A, B, C, D and F are used to report academic progress. In addition, students may choose one class per semester on a credit/no-credit basis. Unweighted grade averages are figured on a 4.0 system. Courses recognized for weighted grades are:

- All Advanced Placement courses
- 4th and 5th levels of French, German, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese
- Pre-AP and Honors Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Language Arts classes
- 4th year of debate

## Graduation Requirements

Students must earn credits as follows:  
1 semester = 0.5 unit

Language Arts	4.0 Units
Physical Education	1.0 Units
Social Studies	3.0 Units
Economics/Consumer Education	0.5 Units
Mathematics	3.0 Units
Fine Arts	1.0 Units
Science	3.0 Units
Electives	8.5 Units
Total	24 Units

# Test Information Summary 2016-2017

2016 Seniors  
ACT - Total Examinees: 219  
Avg. Composite: 20.6

<u>Avg. Scores Eng.</u>	<u>Math.</u>	<u>Read.</u>	<u>Science.</u>	<u>Comp.</u>
19.9	20.6	21.2	20.3	20.6

Advanced Placement Examinations  
35 students took 58 tests.  
37 scores of the 58 were a 3 or higher.

National Merit (2016-2017)	1	Semi-finalist
National Merit (2015-2016)	1	Semi-finalist
	1	Commended
National Merit (2014-2015)		
National Merit	1	
National Hispanic (2013-2014)		
Recognition Program (2013-2014)	1	
U.S. Presidential Scholar (2012)	1	
National Merit	1	Semi-finalist
	1	
Commended		
National Achievement		
Scholar (2011-2012)	1	
National Hispanic		
Recognition Program (2010-2011)	1	
ACT Top Composite Score (2011)	1	
National Merit (2010-2011)	2	Finalists
U.S. Presidential		
Scholar in the Arts (2011)	1	



# A Profile of Topeka High School Topeka, Kansas

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