



Holland Christian High School 2016 Profile



Equipping Minds and Nurturing Hearts to Transform the World for Jesus Christ.

Principal: Darryl De Ruiter **Counselors:** Janet Howell, Karen Jefts **Registrar:** Norm Hoekstra **Dean of Students:** David De Boer

Equipping Minds

Academics

HCCHS offers a wide variety of courses for students of all abilities and interests. HCCHS also has an extensive Education Support Services program as well as Gifted and Talented program to foster success for all students.

Average ACT Scores			
Year	Holland Christian	Michigan	National
2012	23.0	20.1	21.1
2013	23.0	19.9	20.9
2014	23.6	20.1	21.0
2015	23.3	20.1	21.0
2016	24.0	20.3	20.8

National Merit Students			
2012-2016	12 Finalists	1 Semi-Finalist	8 Commended

Fine Arts

In addition to core academic classes, students at HCCHS have multiple opportunities to gain experience and expand their knowledge in various forms of art. Classes range from various music ensembles, to fine art classes, to applied technical arts.

Nurturing Hearts

Worship

“Chapel gives me three more chances a week to become closer to God and experience Him, whether it is worshipping through song, or listening to someone’s take on His scripture. It helps me learn from others and to have a closer relationship to God. It also creates a sense of community among the student body.” – Student Quote

Student Life

The faculty desires to create a culture on campus that encourages the growth of every student. The Student Leadership Team consists of Student Council, Chapel Committee, Student Activities Committee, and School Culture Committee. Together they design ways to infuse all areas of the school with faith-formative, high-energy, student-engaging opportunities. From PowderPuff Football and Volleyball, to a Homecoming week focused around Beautiful Gate Orphanage in Africa, students and faculty raise funds and awareness for local and international organizations.

Transforming the World for Jesus Christ

Past off-campus student experiences have included:

Israel: “Walking Where Jesus Walked” with Ray VanderLaan
Masero, Lesotho, Africa: Beautiful Gate Orphanage
New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Relief
Holland/Zeeland: Holland City Mission, Good Samaritan Center, Camp Sunshine, and Compassionate Hearts Ministry
Winterim: One week opportunity for students to explore interests & internships outside the traditional curriculum.

International/Exchange Programs

International Program – Open to diploma-seeking students in grades 9 – 12. The host family living arrangements are made by the school.

Exchange Program – Short-term and full-year cultural experiences available.

Reciprocal Exchange with Guatemala – Short-term cultural experiences available.

Community

From an award winning downtown to the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan, Holland is a charming and vibrant community. Holland has been named “the second healthiest/happiest town in the United States”(Well being index, February 17, 2010, ABC News), “one of the top five places to retire”(CNN Money, 2006), and “the most secure mid-sized city in the United States”(Farmer’s Insurance Survey, Los Angeles, Oct. 23, 2013/PR Newswire).



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Apple Distinguished School 2011-2015 & One of the Top 50 Christian High Schools in the USA

Holland Christian Schools

Holland Christian Schools was founded in 1901 and is one of the most respected Christian high schools in America. It is characterized by high academic standards, state-of-the-art facilities and technology, and many opportunities for leadership, spiritual growth, and service to others.

Grading System & Curriculum

Grade point averages and rank in class are determined by grades in all classes. Only AP and college dual-enrollment courses are weighted by adding one GPA point to any passing grade.

A = 4.00 A- = 3.67

B+ = 3.33 B = 3.00 B- = 2.67

C+ = 2.33 C = 2.00 C- = 1.67

D+ = 1.33 D = 1.00 D- = 0.67

F = 0.00

Advanced Placement (A.P.) Classes:

Art (Studio), Calculus, Computer Science, Psychology, Spanish, US History, World History

Dual Enrollment College Courses:

Business Management, Chemistry, Drawing, English Literature, Principles of Business, Statistics

Graduation Requirements

22 Credits, including:

Bible-2 Science-3

English-4 Health-0.5

Social Studies-3 Physical Ed-1

Mathematics-4 Fine/Applied Arts-1

Foreign Language-2

Total Number of Students

9th Grade: 159

10th Grade: 160

11th Grade: 164

12th Grade: 184

Total: 667

The Staff

96% of full time staff are certified.

83% of part time staff are certified.

27 staff members have advanced degrees.



Co-Curricular Activities

Art Club

Book Club

Calling All Colors-Diversity Awareness

Chapel Committee

Chess Club

Debate

Disc Golf Club

Doctor Who Club

Dutch Dance

Echo-School Newspaper

Equestrian Club

Film Club

Forensics

International Club

Jazz Band

Living Hope/Honors Choir

MI Interscholastic Forensics Association

Model United Nations

Pep Band

Rock Climbing Club

Science Olympiad

Scripta-Art/Literary Publication

Spanish Club

Student Council

Teen Court

Theatre

Ultimate Frisbee Club

US First Robotics

Athletics

Michigan High School Athletic

Association Class B

Baseball (boys)

Basketball

Competitive Cheer (girls)

Cross Country

Football (boys)

Golf

Ice Hockey (boys)

Lacrosse (boys)

Sideline Cheer (girls)

Soccer

Softball (girls)

Swimming/Diving

Tennis

Track

Volleyball (girls)

Graduates

Percent In Higher Education

2015-16: 93%

2014-15: 94%

Of Those In Higher Education

90% attend a four-year college.

10% attend a two-year college.

Colleges & Universities Graduates Have Attended Since 2010

Adrian College	Moody Bible Institute
Albion College	North Park University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy (LA)	Northern Michigan University
Aquinas College	Northwestern College (IA)
Art Academy of Cincinnati	Northwestern College (MN)
Art Institute of San Antonio	Northwestern University
Atlanta University	Northwestern Michigan College
Aurora University	Northwood University
Azusa Pacific University	Oakland University
Baker College	Oberlin College
Baruch College, City University of New York	Olivet College
Baylor University	Olivet Nazarene University
Belmont University	Palm Beach Atlantic University
Beloit College	Point Loma Nazarene University
Bethel University	Purdue University
Boise State University	Randolph College
Boston University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Butler University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Calvin College	St. Mary's College
Carthage College	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Carroll University	Saginaw Valley State University
Cedarville University	Seattle Pacific University
Central Michigan University	Southeastern University
Colorado Christian University	Southwestern Michigan University
Colorado State University	Spring Arbor University
Columbia University	Stanley Harris Cosmetology School
Concordia University	State University of New York
Cornerstone University	Taylor University
Covenant College	Trinity Christian College
Davenport University	Tulane University
DePaul University	United States Air Force Academy
Dordt College	United States Naval Academy
Duquesne University	Universal Technical Institute
Eastern Michigan University	University of Chicago
Elmira College	University of Dallas
Ferris State University	University of Detroit Mercy
Full Sail University	University of Evansville
Grand Valley State University	University of Findlay
Grove City College	University of Illinois Chicago
Hillsdale College	University of Iowa
Hope College	University of Kansas
Huntington University	University of Kentucky
Indiana University	University of Maryland
Indiana Wesleyan University	University of Miami
Kalamazoo College	University of Michigan
Kendall College of Art & Design	University of Montana
Kettering University	University of Notre Dame
King's College	University of Pennsylvania
Kuyper College	University of San Francisco
Lake Superior State University	University of Seattle
Lawrence Technological University	University of Tampa
LeTourneau University	University of Toronto
Liberty University	University of Washington
Messiah College	Valparaiso University
Michigan State University	Wabash College
Michigan Technological University	Washington University in St. Louis
	Wheaton College

