



# 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\*

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:	
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:

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)

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
<b>SAT Reasoning</b>		
Critical Reading	590-710	653
Math	610-760	669
Writing	580-710	647
<b>SAT Subject Tests</b>		
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%)	
<b>Average AP Scores</b>		
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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