

# Holyoke High School

## Department of Guidance

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### Community

The city of Holyoke, located just north of Springfield in scenic Western Massachusetts, is an urban center of 40,000 residents. Holyoke is close to many area colleges, including Amherst, Elms, Hampshire, Mt. Holyoke, Smith and the University of Massachusetts.

### School

Holyoke High is a four year public school with an enrollment of approximately 1260 students. The school community represents a wide range of social, cultural and economic backgrounds. The school population is approximately 64% Hispanic, 30% White, 5% Black, and 1% other ethnic groups. Over 80% of the faculty have earned master's degrees or beyond. Holyoke High School is situated off exit 16 of Rt. 91, and close to exit 4 of the Massachusetts Turnpike. The CEEB number is 221018.

### Accreditation

Holyoke High was fully accredited by NEASC in 2007.

Placement of Graduates	2009 – 2011 (3 yr. ave.)
4 year colleges	29%
2 year colleges	50%
Other post secondary education	1%
Military service	3%
Work	5%
Other	6%
Information not available	6%

### Curriculum

Honors weighted classes are offered in grades 9-12 in Accounting, English, Language, Mathematics, Music, Science and Social Studies. Holyoke High School offers AP courses in Calculus, Spanish Language and Spanish Literature, Statistics, U.S. History, English III and IV, Physics and Modern European History.

### Grading System

Grading is based on the following weighted scale:

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	AP Level Course	Honors Level Course	Standard Level Course
A	93 - 96	4.66	4.33	4.00
B	83 - 86	3.66	3.33	3.00
C	73 - 76	2.66	2.33	2.00
D	63 - 66	1.66	1.33	1.00
F	0 - 59	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Class Rank** Class Rank is determined by the weighted GPA over sixteen quarters. Membership in the National Honor Society requires a minimum of 3.5 GPA.

**GPA** All graded courses contribute towards the GPA. Fifteen percent of course offerings are at the AP/Honors level. The practical maximum weighted GPA is approximately 4.6.

**Graduation** In order to graduate the student must earn a total of 120 credits in grades 9-12. Requirements include four years of English and physical education, three years of math, two years of social studies including U.S. History, and three years of science. Holyoke High School students must also fulfill the requirements of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System.

**English Language Learners** The Sheltered English Immersion program is designed to assist students with the acquisition of English as a second language. Courses designated Transitional are taught in English with clarification in the native language, when necessary.

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### **Visits by Admissions Representatives**

College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. Please contact the Guidance Department to schedule a visit.