

Jesuit High School

Portland, OR, United States



Rooted in a 450-year Jesuit tradition, this Beaverton campus pairs Ignatian rigor with 21 straight OSAA all-sports cups.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	64/100
Academic outcomes	73/100
University placement	72/100
Prestige & heritage	72/100
Alumni network	10/100
Facilities	74/100
Transparency	70/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Jesuit High School sits in a crowded American college-prep market, but its identity is sharper than most. This is a Catholic day school for ages 13–18, founded in **1956**, with a clear Jesuit frame: intellectual discipline, moral formation and service anchored in the Ignatian idea of educating the whole person. The school talks about spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and aesthetic growth, and that breadth matters. Plenty of schools claim to educate character; Jesuit has a long-established religious tradition, a governing board charged with protecting that mission, and a campus culture built around “men and women for others”. For parents who want *serious formation rather than slogans*, that is the point of difference.

What puts Jesuit on a shortlist is the rare combination of academic purpose and athletic dominance. The editorial tagline points to ****21**** straight OSAA all-sports cups, which marks the school out as a formidable sporting institution, not a school that treats athletics as decorative. That matters because it shapes the student experience: high expectations, busy schedules and a culture that prizes discipline and follow-through. The student-teacher ratio of ****1:13**** supports that ambition with real access to adults. Jesuit also states that it serves students of all religious faiths, so the school is not reserved for Catholic families; it is for families comfortable with a Catholic framework and a **clear moral vocabulary**.

There are limits. This is not the school for families who want a secular environment, a loose academic culture or a broad buffet of educational philosophies. Jesuit knows what it is, and the structure is part of the offer. The school also puts unusual emphasis on safety infrastructure, with a full-time campus safety team, an on-site School Resource Officer, mandatory training around abuse prevention, and formal reporting channels. Some parents will read that as **hard-headed seriousness**; others will find the security posture too explicit. Either way, it signals an institution that prefers systems to sentiment.

The best fit is a student who thrives with expectations, values community, and does not flinch at accountability. A motivated scholar-athlete will find a natural home here, but so will a student drawn to service, leadership and **purpose beyond self**. The school suits teenagers who want structure, strong adult guidance and a culture where faith still has public force. For the right child, Jesuit offers **ambition with ballast** and **tradition with teeth**.

STRENGTHS

- Jesuit High School has been coeducational since 1993 and now enrolls roughly 1,280-1,300 students across grades 9-12. Jesuit High School opened for freshmen boys on September 10, 1956 and girls have been admitted since 1993.
- The school reports strong four-year college progression, with 82% of students from this school go on to attend a 4-year college.
- Financial assistance is substantial in scale: for the 2026-2027 academic year, Jesuit High School will provide over \$4 million in financial assistance, with an average financial aid grant of \$13,000.
- Niche ranks it #1 in Best Catholic High Schools in Portland Area and among the top 10 private schools in Oregon overall.
- Co-curricular breadth is wide, with the school describing 80 clubs, 59 athletic teams, and a fine arts program for its student body.

TRADE-OFFS

- Annual tuition sits around \$18,600-\$19,325 depending on the year cited, a significant recurring cost for relocating families. TUITION | \$18,600 and Tuition is \$19,325 for the highest grade offered.
- Entry is structured almost entirely around Grade 9: we accept transfers into grade 12 only in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., if the student is transferring from a Catholic high school outside of the Portland metropolitan area), limiting options for families arriving mid-secondary school.
- Financial aid is not extended to those who do enter via transfer: we are unable to offer financial assistance to transfer students at this time; however, we do have convenient tuition payment plans available to all our students.
- As a Catholic, Jesuit institution the school explicitly builds spiritual formation into daily life, with retreats, liturgies, and service as core components, which may not suit strictly secular families even though it enrolls students of all faiths.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is concentrated at Grade 9. Prospective freshmen sit a placement test in December, register and pay a fee for it, and must submit an online application plus teacher/school evaluations by the January deadline (recently January 8-9). Financial aid applications, processed separately through FACTS, are due the same day. Admissions decisions weigh the placement test, prior grades, disciplinary record, and teacher recommendations. Transfers into grades 10-11 are occasionally possible when space allows; grade 12 transfers are accepted only in extraordinary circumstances, and transfer students are not eligible for financial aid, though payment plans exist.

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