

Bishop Gorman High School

Las Vegas, NV, United States



In Summerlin's desert suburbs, a Catholic college-prep whose football dynasty has claimed four national titles and 15 state crowns.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	53/100
Academic outcomes	55/100
University placement	58/100
Prestige & heritage	57/100
Alumni network	0/100
Facilities	62/100
Transparency	55/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Bishop Gorman High School occupies a distinct place in the Las Vegas market: a Catholic day school with the scale, facilities and public profile of a regional powerhouse. Founded in 1954 and now set on a ****52-acre**** Summerlin campus, it combines a conventional US high school diploma with Advanced Placement and a heavy co-curricular programme. The sales pitch is obvious, but the substance matters more: this is an established, high-output college-prep school with about ****1,500**** students, a modified block schedule, three academic tracks — College Prep, Honors and Scholars — and a campus built for volume. Parents looking for a **serious college-prep machine** with a clear religious identity and strong institutional confidence will find it here.

What sets Bishop Gorman apart is not subtlety. It is the school’s athletic dominance, its civic visibility and its unusually broad infrastructure. The football brand drives much of the school’s name recognition, and with good reason, but the wider athletic operation is extensive: more than 105 state championships across the school’s history, two gymnasiums, two lit synthetic turf fields and a full athletic complex. This is a school for families who value *competitive intensity* and do not recoil from a campus culture shaped by winning. The arts provision also carries more weight than outsiders might expect, with dedicated theatre, broadcast media, ceramics and photography spaces, plus a long run of theatre state titles and four national titles. That mix — *Friday-night prominence* paired with credible arts depth — gives Bishop Gorman broader appeal than the stereotype suggests.

Academically, the published data are selective but useful. The school states a **98%** college-bound rate, **15** AP Capstone Diploma recipients in the Class of 2025, and \$36 million in scholarship offers for that cohort. Those figures point to strong college placement ambition, but they do not answer every hard question. The school does not publish aggregate AP score data in the source material, and families who care about academic transparency will want more than honour-roll counts and scholarship totals. Even so, the structure is clear: this is not a niche liberal school or a quiet pastoral enclave. It is a *high-pressure, high-participation* Catholic secondary school that rewards students who can manage pace, expectation and public competition.

Bishop Gorman belongs on a shortlist for students who want scale, school spirit and a campus that feels *built for ambition*. It suits driven teenagers who want strong sport, visible traditions, substantial facilities and a college-prep framework with Catholic formation at the centre. It suits confident joiners more than fragile introverts, and students happy in a large, socially active environment more than those seeking intimacy or educational eccentricity. For the right child, this is a *big-stage* school with real momentum. For the wrong one, it will feel relentless.

STRENGTHS	TRADE-OFFS
• One of the largest Catholic college-preparatory high schools in Nevada, with an enrollment of roughly 1,800 students in grades 9-12. • Offers a broad Advanced Placement program, giving students access to college-level coursework across multiple subject areas. • Nationally recognised football and other athletics programs, with the school regularly featured in national high school sports rankings. • Operates under the Diocese of Las Vegas with an established Catholic identity, integrating religious formation into daily school life. • Modern single campus in Summerlin with dedicated facilities for arts, athletics and STEM, built specifically for the school's current enrollment.	• Tuition is a significant expense for Las Vegas families, with non-Catholic students typically charged a higher rate than Catholic parishioners. • Admission is selective and capacity-constrained, requiring an entrance exam and application well before the start of the school year. • Religious education and Catholic Mass attendance are mandatory parts of the curriculum, which may not suit strictly secular families. • As a single-campus day school, families outside the Las Vegas valley face a real commute, with no boarding option available.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is primarily at Grade 9, with limited mid-year or lateral places when spaces open. Prospective students sit an entrance/placement exam and submit prior transcripts, teacher recommendations and a family interview. Catholic parish affiliation can affect tuition tier and, in some years, priority in a competitive applicant pool. Families should apply in the fall preceding intended entry, as popular grade levels can fill before the stated deadline.

WTS RATING 

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