

Academic Profile for School Year 2014-2015

for schools participating in the Educational Credit for
Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program

School Name:

Bishop England High School

SUPPORT LEVEL II

SCHOOL INFORMATION:



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Mission Statement or Philosophy: The mission of Bishop England is to foster a faith community characterized by the Gospel message of mutual respect and charity. The school endeavors to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth of the individual through the combined efforts of parents and faculty by establishing the best possible environment for learning: a climate of safety, trust, and respect for the individual and an appreciation for the acquisition of learning.

School History: On September 22, 1915, the hopes of the Charleston Catholic Community for higher parochial education became a reality. Catholic High School opened its doors as a department of the Cathedral School on Queen Street. The Reverend Joseph L. O'Brien organized the new school with the cooperation of the Reverend James J. May. At that time, there were 67 students enrolled in four grade levels: seventh, ninth, tenth, and eleventh. That first faculty consisted of three diocesan priests and three Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy (OLM).

With the Catholic community of Charleston increasing, a drive was initiated to raise \$50,000.00 for a new school building to replace the one being used. The drive was a huge success, and ground was broken on July 5, 1921. The school was opened on February 18, 1922. During construction the high school operated in a former Catholic school for boys, the Central School on George Street. By 1940, 25 years after its inception, the school's enrollment had reached 318 students, and the faculty had nearly doubled.

The Catholic community of Charleston sponsored two expansion drives for the high school in the late 1940s; two new buildings were added to the campus. In 1947 the west wing, which housed an auditorium, science laboratory and offices, was built; and in 1948 the east wing, which was the Father O'Brien Gymnasium, was built. Additional land was acquired in 1957, and a two-story annex was constructed, providing eight new classrooms and additional office space.

In June 1959, the Rev. William J. Croghan, B.E. class of 1940, was appointed as the third Rector of Bishop England. By 1960 the faculty had grown to 31 members, and 740 students were enrolled. Additional property was purchased in 1963 and 1964 on Coming and Calhoun Streets and on Pitt Street which would provide classrooms, living quarters for teachers, a maintenance shop, facilities for the school nurse and a school yard. The 1964 school year began with a new Rector, the Rev. Robert J. Kelly, and enrollment grew to nearly 800 students. Because of overcrowding, between 1966 and 1968, freshman classes were conducted in the old St. Patrick's School on St. Phillip Street.

Bishop England integrated in 1964; in 1968, it merged with Immaculate Conception High School. The student body numbered 850 students with 250 freshmen. The former Immaculate Conception School building on Coming Street became the Bishop England Freshman Building.

In September 1995, Bishop Thompson officially announced that the school was moving to Daniel Island, and its current property would be sold to the College of Charleston. The Daniel Island Development Company, which was partially owned by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, donated 40 acres of land for the new school. To help offset the cost of the new school, a campus campaign was kicked off in January 1997 with a goal of \$2.5 million. Construction began in 1996, and Bishop Thompson blessed the ground at the site of the new Bishop England High School in June 1997.

School Accreditations & Affiliations:

National Catholic Education Association, Souther
Association of Colleges and Schools (AdvancEd),
South Carolina High School League

Non-Discriminatory Policy:

The schools of the Diocese of Charleston follow a non-discriminatory policy in regard to race, color, and national origin. Admission is open to students of all religious denominations.

All data and information included in this Academic Profile are self-reported by the school.

SUPPORT LEVEL I: Traditional school/classroom environment with no specific special education services provided but strives to make needed accommodations for exceptional needs students who struggle in academic areas.

SUPPORT LEVEL II: Traditional school/classroom environment with a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students.

SUPPORT LEVEL III: A school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

WHOLE SCHOOL PROFILE:

STUDENTS

2014-15 Enrollment:
733

TEACHERS

Number of Classroom Teachers: 57

Detail on teachers' training if applicable:
Teachers receive continued professional development through the Diocese of Charleston Schools Office, Bishop England High School in-service days and external opportunities.

ECENC PROGRAM

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN PROGRAM

Children with the following challenges may be eligible to be served: Students who are identified under IDEA are served by the school.

Features of Curriculum / Instructional Program(s) used for eligible students:

Assessments:

***Assessment Results:**

SCHOOL

Grade Span: 9-12

Student to Teacher Ratio: 13:1

Grading System: A 100-90; B+ 89-85; B 84-80; C 79-75; C- 74-70; F under 69

Graduation Requirements: 4 credits Theology; 4 credits English; 4 credits Mathematics; 3 credits Science; 3 credits Social Studies; 2 credits World Language (same language); 1 credit Computer Technology; 1 credit Physical Education; 1 credit Fine Arts and 1 additional elective

Curriculum / Instructional Programs:
College preparatory program

Assessments:
PSAT, ACT ASPIRE, ACT, SAT and AP

Assessment Results:
ACT data 2015
English – 24.0
Mathematics – 22.4
Reading – 23.5
Science – 22.4
Composite – 23.2

Average SAT Scores 2014 (National)-Critical Reading 497 & Mathematics 513. Average ACT Scores 2014 (National)-English-20.3; Mathematics-20.9; Reading-21.3; Science-20.8. Composite-21.0



***Data only reported when exceptional needs population at school totals at least 10.**