

**Catholic high schools more
affordable than most private
schools**

The 19 Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore continue to be more affordable than all but a handful of their private peers, as evidenced by the Catholic Review's annual survey of cost of attendance among 41 nonpublic high schools in the archdiocese.

High School	2017-18 Cost	Location
St. Timothy's School ¹	\$32,300	Stevenson
Oldfields School ^{1a}	\$31,700	Sparks Glencoe
The Park School of Baltimore ²	\$30,880	Baltimore
The Bryn Mawr School ²	\$30,710	Baltimore
St. James School ^{1a}	\$30,700	Hagerstown
McDonogh School ^{1a}	\$29,830	Owings Mills
Friends School of Baltimore ²	\$29,795	Baltimore
Gilman School ²	\$29,690	Baltimore
Garrison Forest School ^{1a}	\$29,655	Owings Mills
Roland Park Country School ²	\$29,560	Baltimore
St. Paul's School ²	\$28,750	Brooklandville
St. Paul's School for Girls	\$28,630	Brooklandville
Glenelg Country School	\$28,600	Ellicott City
The Boys' Latin School of Maryland	\$28,580	Baltimore
Key School	\$28,580	Annapolis
Indian Creek School	\$27,690	Crownsville
Severn School ²	\$26,190	Severna Park
Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School	\$21,000	Pikesville
Gerstell Academy ²	\$20,900	Finksburg
Maryvale Preparatory School	\$20,550	Lutherville
Loyola Blakefield	\$20,425	Towson
Notre Dame Preparatory School	\$19,950	Towson
Annapolis Area Christian School	\$18,769	Severn
St. John's Catholic Prep	\$17,100	Buckeystown
The John Carroll School²	\$16,500	Bel Air
Calvert Hall College High School	\$15,975	Towson
Archbishop Spalding High School	\$15,685	Severn
The Catholic High School of Baltimore⁴	\$15,275	Baltimore
Mount St. Joseph High School²	\$15,200	Irvington
Mercy High School	\$14,700	Baltimore
Institute of Notre Dame	\$14,640	Baltimore
Archbishop Curley High School	\$14,450	Baltimore
St. Maria Goretti High School²	\$14,375	Hagerstown
Mount de Sales Academy²	\$14,150	Catonsville
St. Mary's High School³	\$13,740	Annapolis
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School	\$13,635	Essex
Chapelgate Christian Academy	\$13,410	Marriottsville
Concordia Preparatory School ²	\$12,550	Towson
St. Frances Academy²	\$9,150	Baltimore
Bishop Walsh School	\$7,260	Cumberland
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School⁵	\$2,500	Baltimore
Catholic schools are indicated in bold 1 - Day-student tuition, includes fees 1a - Day-student tuition, does not include fees 2 - Tuition, does not include fees 3 - Tuition for Catholic families 4 - Average total cost of grades 9-12 5 - Maximum family contribution for freshmen; all students in mandatory internship program		

The accompanying chart was compiled from high school websites and administrators. For comparative purposes, it includes fellow members of the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland.

When available and consistent across all grades, fees were added to tuition to come up with the cost of attendance for the 2017-18 school year. Fees for athletics and graduation were not included, nor were costs for special enrichment programs.

Many families take on an additional commitment, in the form of a commute from their home to a high school in another jurisdiction.

That was of little consequence for the parents of Hannah and Bayley Lindsay, who commute from their home in Our Lady of the Chesapeake Parish in Lake Shore to The Catholic High School of Baltimore.

Both of their parents believe in the value of Catholic education. Their father, Chris, a biochemist, was in the class of 1987 at Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore. Their mother, Mia, taught at St. Jane Frances School in Pasadena.

"Hannah fell in love with Catholic High on her shadow day, and we knew she was going to find her niche there," Mia Lindsay said. "It broadened her perspective, and inspired her to make the world a better place."

Hannah entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 2015, the same year her sister, Bayley, entered Catholic High, where her current course load includes three AP classes.

The Lindsays are not alone in going to great lengths to drive their daughters into Baltimore City for a Catholic High education.

Megan and Sara Morales were raised in Harford County, but family ties have influenced their educational choices.

Both of their parents, Michael and Chris, attended the former parish school at St. Anthony of Padua in Gardenville. Along with their parents and grandparents, the Morales girls worship at St. Michael the Archangel in Overlea, where they attended the parish school and Sara serves as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion.

“No matter where we moved, our girls were going to go to Catholic school,” said Chris Morales, a graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame. “That’s the environment we want for our kids.”

Megan graduated from Catholic High in 2015, and is now studying marketing and communications at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore. Sara is in the Catholic High class of 2019, and wants to be a teacher.

For complete information about high school costs, parents and students should visit individual schools and their websites.

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