



"The academics are likely one of the best aspects of Heelan because they prepare the students for college so well. The best parts for me was the sporting events, and the overall graduation experience."

Student

Private School

Bishop Heelan Catholic High School

Iowa

Bishop Heelan Catholic High School is a private day school in Sioux City, Iowa, offering a structured college-preparatory program supported by small classes and extensive academic, arts, and athletic opportunities.



PRIVATE



COED



USA
HEARTLAND



SPORTS



ARTS



DIPLOMA
YEAR

Quick Facts

Founded: 1949

Niche.com Score: A

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Mild winters / Hot summers

Population: 85,000

School Population: 540

Accepting students: Grade 10-12

Diploma Year offered: Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: No

University Acceptance rate: 100%

Academic Excellence

Bishop Heelan Catholic High School offers a college-preparatory curriculum aligned with the Iowa Core, with **honors, dual-enrollment, and career-focused pathways**. Students can earn college credits through partnerships with Western Iowa Tech and Saint Luke's College, gaining early experience in **business, engineering, healthcare, and technical fields** such as welding and CNA training. Small classes support individualized instruction and strong academic progress. Graduates achieve above-average ACT scores and earn substantial scholarship awards each year, reflecting consistent academic performance and strong preparation for postsecondary study.

Student Accomplishments

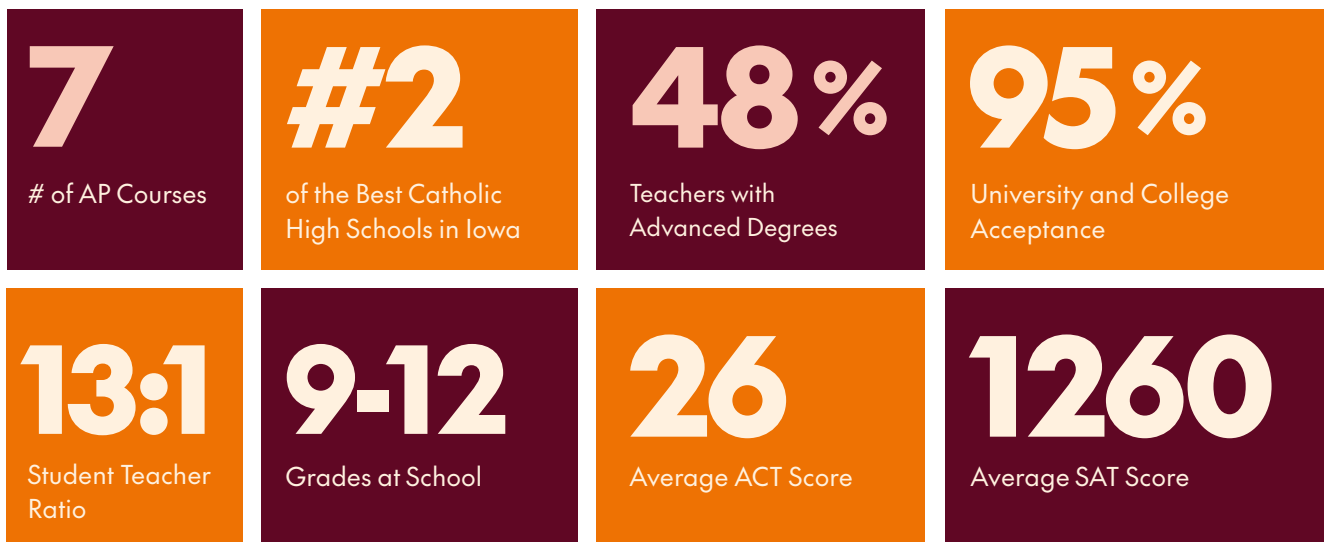
- ACT scores significantly above state averages
- Over \$3 million in scholarships earned annually by graduates
- Student recognition in athletics, music, and performing arts
- Notable achievements in certified technical programs (CNA, welding, medical)

Recent University Acceptances

- University of Iowa
- Iowa State University
- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Nebraska
- South Dakota State University
- University of South Dakota
- Morningside University
- Briar Cliff University
- Creighton University
- Drake University
- Saint Louis University
- Marquette University
- Saint Mary's University
- Benedictine College
- University of Kansas
- University of Minnesota
- University of St. Thomas
- Michigan State University
- Colorado State University
- Arizona State University



Stats



Campus Facilities

The campus includes **modern academic classrooms, science labs, engineering and technical training areas**, and spaces dedicated to business, healthcare, and fine arts programs. Students access specialized facilities for welding, certified nursing assistant training, digital media, and performing arts. Athletic spaces include a gymnasium, fitness areas, and fields for outdoor sports. Technology is integrated throughout classrooms, and partnerships with local colleges allow students to participate in advanced lab and career-training environments. The campus supports both academic study and hands-on learning through diverse program facilities.

Athletics and Arts

Bishop Heelan Catholic competes across a wide range of sports and has a strong tradition in competitive athletics, with teams frequently advancing to regional and state-level championships. Student participation is supported by experienced coaching and well-maintained facilities.

Students participate in visual arts, instrumental music, vocal music, theater, and media production. The arts program includes performances, competitions, and exhibitions throughout the year, allowing students to explore creativity across multiple disciplines.



Highlights

Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

Arts: Band, Choir, Orchestra, Visual Arts, Theater, Media Arts

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science Principles, English Literature and Composition, Spanish Language and Culture, US Government and Politics, US History

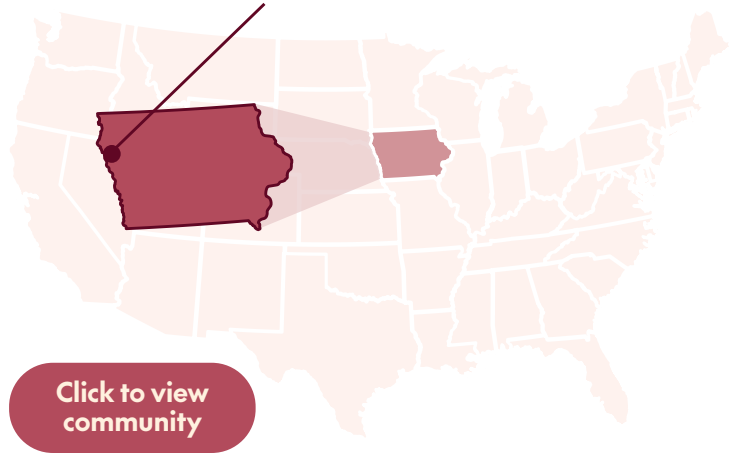
Clubs and extracurriculars: Art Club, Band, Choir, Drama, National Honor Society, Student Council, Speech & Debate, Service Organizations, Media Arts, Pep Band

Tech and innovation courses: Engineering, Business, Web Development, Welding, CNA Training, Healthcare Science, Digital Media, Technical Career Pathways

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Community

Sioux City is a regional urban center located along the Missouri River, offering a population of approximately 85,000 and access to **cultural venues, shopping areas, museums, and recreational parks**. The city is served by Sioux Gateway Airport, providing convenient domestic travel. Students benefit from the city's balance of urban amenities and community-focused neighborhoods. Local colleges and healthcare institutions also contribute to educational, volunteer, and career-exploration opportunities for high school students.



Climate in Sioux City, Iowa

Four seasons with cold winters and warm summers.



Video

Learn more about the school

