

Sample Thesis Statements

What is a Pope Student?

Example #1:

Thesis: *Despite the stereotype that all East Cobb schools are full of nothing but rich, entitled teens, Pope students come from a variety of backgrounds and invest their time and talents to enrich both the school and local community.*

Chunk 1: Diversity of students at Pope

Topic Sentence for chunk 1: Despite the stereotypes, Pope students are diverse in many ways.

- Varied Socio-economic backgrounds
- Varied racial backgrounds
- Varied beliefs and values
- NOT all rich, white kids with perfect lives

Chunk 2: How students invest their time and talents to enrich both the school and local community.

Topic sentence for chunk 2: Pope students use their diverse interests and talents to enrich their school and local community. (Raising money and giving time)

- Helping Hounds
- SWAG
- Interact
- Habitat
- Matt Hobby

Example # 2

Thesis: *Although Pope's test scores indicate a population of skilled, high-achieving teens, there are many who are achieving at the peril of their happiness and mental health.*

Chunk 1: High achievement at Pope

Topic Sentence for chunk 1: Pope students consistently achieve at high levels both in the classroom and on standardized tests.

- High SAT / ACT scores
- High Milestones scores
- Many students with very high GPA's
- High participation/ pass rate in AP classes

Chunk 2: Cost in mental health and happiness

Topic Sentence for chunk 2: While the achievements of Pope students are noteworthy, the pressures associated with this are taking a serious toll on students' mental and emotional well-being.

- Rise in anxiety / stress
- Inability to participate in several activities due to workload
- Conflict with parents over grades
- Pressures of competing for college acceptance