



Houston Academy

The Academy Advantage

2016-17 COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

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Founded in 1970, Houston Academy (HA) is southeast Alabama's premier college preparatory school. HA is the only independent school in the region that focuses on college preparation and global education. HA attracts students from "the Wiregrass," which is the moniker for an approximately 250,000-person region that encompasses north Florida, southwest Georgia, and southeast Alabama. Students who come to Houston Academy seek a well-rounded educational experience that includes a strong emphasis on challenging academics, community involvement, athletics, and the arts.

THE UPPER SCHOOL

- Rigorous college preparatory program
- Award-winning music, arts, and drama programs
- 1:1 MacBook program in grades 5-12
- 15 boys and 17 girls athletic teams
- Extensive community service involvement
- Comprehensive and individualized college advising program
- Advanced Placement offerings in every discipline
- Four world languages offered, with Spanish starting in Pre-Kindergarten
- 100% of all graduates accepted to a college of their choice
- Yearly National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists and finalists

THE UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

Houston Academy's upper school has 35 faculty members. Seventy-three percent of HA's faculty hold advanced degrees and have taught for an average of twenty years. The student-teacher ratio is 10:1.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; the school holds memberships in the National Association of Independent Schools, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Southern Association of Independent Schools, College Board, National Honor Society, National Association of College Admissions Counselors, Southern Association of College Admissions Professionals, Alabama Association of Independent Schools, and the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

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ADMISSIONS

Admission to Houston Academy is highly selective. Consistent with our mission, Houston Academy strives to maintain a diverse student body and admits qualified students without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, or disability. Entrance tests are required of all applicants, and admission is based on prior academic achievement and satisfactory behavior.



Houston Academy

An Independent College Preparatory Institution

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Course Offerings

ENGLISH

English 9 CP
English 9 H
English 10 CP
English 10 H
English 11 CP
English 11 H
English 11 Language
& Composition AP
English 12 CP
English 12 H
English 12 Literature
& Composition AP

HISTORY

World History I
World History II CP
20th Century History H
US History CP
US History AP
Government CP*
Economics CP*
European History AP
Psychology CP

SCIENCE

Biology CP
Chemistry I CP
Anatomy/Physiology H
Chemistry AP
Physics CP
Physics H
(All science courses include labs)

FINE ARTS

Art CP
Advanced Art CP
Studio Art AP
Music Theory AP
Drama CP
Chorus +
Band +

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I CP
French II CP
French III CP
French III H
French IV H
French Language and Culture AP
Latin I CP
Latin II CP
Latin III CP
Latin III H
Latin IV H
Latin AP
Spanish I CP
Spanish II CP
Spanish III CP
Spanish III H
Spanish IV H
Spanish Language AP
German I CP
German II CP
German III H
German IV H
German Language AP

MATH

Algebra I CP
Algebra I H
Geometry CP
Geometry H
Algebra II CP
Algebra II H
Pre-calculus CP
Pre-calculus H
Calculus AB CP
Calculus AB AP

ELECTIVES

Journalism +
Computer Science CP
Computer Science AP
Digital Media +
Driver Education *+

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education +
Agility and Fitness +

COURSE DESIGNATIONS

CP.....College Preparatory
H.....Honors
AP.....Advanced Placement
*.....One Semester

(Courses may not be offered every year.)

Our mission...

is to prepare all our students for responsible participation in a global society by providing an excellent learning environment and opportunities to achieve their highest academic, social, and creative potential.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

ACT Composites mid-range (50%)24-28
100% of students took the ACT (Class of 2016 data)

SCHEDULE

Houston Academy operates on a schedule comprised of two 18-week semesters, with examinations at the end of each term. In addition, there is a one week short term program in the spring. The short term provides an opportunity for students in grades 9-12 to investigate areas of personal interest and to earn their community service hours through various club activities. Students may participate in a college tour or selected class trips. Seniors participate in a supervised mentorship program.

CP, HONORS, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

- College preparatory courses are offered in math, English, science, history, world language, art, and computer science.
- Honors courses are offered in English, math, science, and world language.
- Advanced Placement courses in English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, United States History, European History, Spanish Language, French Language and Culture, Latin: Vergil, German, Studio Art, Music Theory, and Computer Science are also available.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Only grades earned in academic courses are used in computing the numerical GPA. AP classes taken carry a 1.0 weight when calculating GPA to reflect the degree of difficulty. Honors classes carry a weight of .5.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year for the past five years, Houston Academy has had one or more students recognized as National Merit semi-finalists. Many have been named finalists.

DISCIPLINARY/HONOR REPORTING

Should a college or university request such information, Houston Academy reports any disciplinary or honor conduct that results in suspension.

EVALUATION FACTS

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	100-98	C+	79-77
A	97-93	C	76-73
A-	92-90	C-	72-70
B+	89-87	D	65-69
B	86-83	F	Below 65
B-	82-80		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

AREAS OF STUDY	UNITS REQUIRED
English	4 units
History	3 units GV/EC, U.S. History, World History (4 units are required for athletic eligibility)
Science	4 units Biology and Chemistry required
Math	4 units (5 units if Algebra I is taken in 8th grade)
PE	1 unit
World Language	3 units
Electives	5 units
Total	24 units

College Information

Since its founding, Houston Academy has established an excellent record of acceptance of its graduates into college. Generally, 100% of the graduates attend college. Colleges in bold indicate that students from the last three graduating classes currently attend that school.

American University
Andrew College
Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Barnard College of Columbia University
Bates College
Baylor University
Belgrade Pharmacy University
Belhaven College
Belmont University
Berry College
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Brevard College
Brigham Young University
Brigham Young University Idaho
Case Western Reserve University
Chipola College
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Covenant College
David Lipscomb University
Davidson College
Dean College
Denison University
Duke University
Emory University
Flagler College
Florida College
Florida A&M University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Georgia College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gulf Coast State College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Harden University
Haverford College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hollins College
Huntingdon College
Jacksonville State University
John Carroll University
Kenyon University

Kettering University
LaGrange College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University California
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Marymount College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University
Middle Tennessee State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Norwich University
Notre Dame University
Ohio University
Oglethorpe College
Oxford College of Emory University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University
Pensacola Community College
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Randolph-Macon Women's College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Mary's College of California
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: The University of the South
Shelton State Community College
Southern Methodist University
Spellman College
Springhill College
St. Mary's College
Sterling College
Stetson University
St. Louis University
Swarthmore College
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Tennessee Tech University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The Julliard School
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Troy University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Aberdeen
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama Huntsville
University of California at Los Angeles
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Glasgow
University of Israel
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Mobile
University of Montevallo
University of North Carolina Asheville
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Richmond
University of San Francisco
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of West Florida
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Utah Valley University
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington University St. Louis
Washington and Lee University
Weatherford College
Wesleyan College
Wheaton College
Wingate University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute