



# Houston Academy

*The Academy Advantage*

## 2019-20 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
- 16 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 commended National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists and finalists

### THE UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

Houston Academy's upper school has 35 faculty members. Seventy-two percent of HA's faculty hold advanced degrees and have taught for an average of twenty-two years. The student-teacher ratio is 13:1.

### 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 Independent School Association, and the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

### 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.

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# Houston Academy

*An Independent College Preparatory Institution*

## PROGRAM OF STUDIES

### *Course Offerings*

#### **ENGLISH**

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

#### **HISTORY**

World History II  
US History  
US History AP  
Government \*  
Economics \*  
European History AP  
Psychology  
US Government AP \*  
Macroeconomics AP \*  
The Sixties in America H \*  
History through Film & Lit H \*  
Human Geography AP

#### **SCIENCE**

Biology  
Chemistry  
Anatomy/Physiology H  
Chemistry AP  
Physics  
Physics H  
Environmental Science  
*(All science courses include labs)*

#### **FINE ARTS**

Art  
Advanced Art  
Studio Art H  
Music Theory AP  
Music Composition H  
Drama \*  
Chorus +  
Band +

#### **WORLD LANGUAGE**

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

#### **MATH**

Algebra I  
Algebra I H  
Geometry  
Geometry H  
Algebra II  
Algebra II H  
Advanced Algebra III  
Pre-calculus  
Pre-calculus H  
Calculus  
Calculus AB AP  
Calculus BC AP  
Statistics AP

#### **ELECTIVES**

Computer Programming H  
Print Design +  
Computer Science AP  
Digital Media +  
Driver Education \*+  
Entrepreneurship +

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Physical Education +  
Agility and Fitness +

#### **COURSE DESIGNATIONS**

H .....Honors  
AP .....Advanced Placement  
\* .....One Semester  
+ .....Non-academic Courses

*(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%) .....25-30, average 28.4  
100% of students took the ACT (Class of 2018 data). In 2018, 90 students took 190 AP exams in 13 subject areas. 62% of the exams had a score of 3 or higher. 11 students were recognized at AP Scholars, 5 students were AP Scholars with Honor and 10 students were AP Scholars with Distinction.

## 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.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students may choose to be involved in many co-curricular activities including the Raider Ambassadors, National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and The Blue Zone. Students are required to join one service organization and contribute a minimum of ten hours of community service each year. Other school clubs that students may choose include Language Clubs, Archery Club, Chess Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Model United Nations, Robotics, Debate, Scholar's Bowl, Math Team, the Raider Band and Jazz Band, Chorus, and Drama program.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Only grades earned in courses with a capstone experience are used in computing the cumulative GPA. AP courses carry a 1.0 weight when calculating GPA to reflect the degree of difficulty. Honors classes carry a weight of .5. Houston Academy does not rank students.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

All 11th grade students take the PSAT/NMSQT. Regularly students are recognized for their outstanding scores by National Merit.

## 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
Fine Arts .....	1 unit
World Language .....	3 units
Electives .....	4 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.*

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  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
Colorado College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Covenant College  
David Lipscomb University  
Davidson College  
Dean College  
Denison University  
Duke University  
Eckerd College  
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  
High Point University  
Hollins College  
Huntingdon College  
Ithaca College  
Jacksonville State University  
Jacksonville University  
John Carroll University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon University  
Kettering University  
LaGrange College  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola Marymount University California  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Manhattan School of Music  
Marymount College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mercer University  
Miami University Ohio  
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 University  
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  
Richmond American University in London  
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  
Steven's Institute of Technology  
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  
Tulane 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 Michigan  
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 Tampa  
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