



Houston Academy

2023-24 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
- Three world languages offered, with Spanish starting in Pre-Kindergarten
- 100% of all graduates accepted to a college of their choice
- 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.

COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

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Houston Academy

An Independent College Preparatory Institution

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Course Offerings

ENGLISH

English 9
English 9 H
English 10
Pre-AP English
English 11
AP English Language
English 12 H
AP English Literature

SOCIAL SCIENCES

World History II
US History
AP US History
Government *
Economics *
AP European History
Psychology *
AP Psychology
Sociology *
AP US Government *
AP Macroeconomics *
AP Human Geography
Selected Topics in History

SCIENCE

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

FINE ARTS

Art Exploratory
Art: Wet/Dry Medium
Advanced Portfolio
Studio Art H
AP Music Theory
Music Composition H
Music Composition II H
Drama *
Chorus +
Band +

WORLD LANGUAGE

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Agility and Fitness +

MATH

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

ELECTIVES

Computer Programming H
Print Design +
AP Computer Science
Debate *
Advanced Debate
Digital Media + I and II
Global Issues *
Maker Tech
Forensics
Creative Writing
ACT Preparation

COURSE DESIGNATIONS

HHonors
APAdvanced Placement
*One Semester
+Non-academic Courses

(Courses may not be offered every year.)

Our mission...

To Seek. To Find. To Share.

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. Students may participate in a college tour or selected class trips both stateside and abroad. Juniors and non-travelling seniors participate in a supervised mentorship program.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students have many opportunities to become involved on campus. Some organizations are open for all students and vary based on interests; examples include The Blue Zone, Robotics Club, Language Clubs, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Scholar's Bowl, Interact, Math Team, Choir, Drama, and the Raider Band. Some organizations require an application or selection process, including the Raider Ambassadors, the National Honor Society, and certain seats in the Student Government Association.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Only grades earned in courses with a capstone experience are used in computing the cumulative GPA. In contrast, All Courses GPA is calculated to include the elective, nonacademic courses. 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Over \$28 million in scholarships have been offered to Houston Academy seniors graduating between 2019-2023.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2022-2023: 1 National Merit Scholar, 2 Commended

2021-2022: 1 Semifinalist, 2 Commended

2019-2020: 5 Finalists

ACT SUMMARY

Class of 2023: 17 of 57 graduates earned an ACT score of 30 or higher.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2023: 177 AP Exams Taken

90% Pass Rate; Average Score of 4.0

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

English4 units

History3 units
GV/EC, U.S. History,
World History (4 units
are required for athletic
eligibility)

Science4 units
Biology and Chemistry
required

Math4 units
(5 units if Algebra I is
taken in 8th grade)

PE1 unit

Fine Arts1 unit

Foreign Language3 units

Electives4 units

Total24 units

Community Service: 40 hours

Internship Experience: 1 week

Matriculation 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. The following colleges and universities have extended acceptance to Houston Academy graduates within the last five years.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Marion Military Institute	United States Naval Academy
Adelphi University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Alabama A&M University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Alabama State University	Miami University (Oxford)	University of Arizona
American University	Michigan State University	University of Arkansas
Auburn University	Millikin University	University of California (Davis)
Auburn University at Montgomery	Mississippi State University	University of California (Irvine)
Baldwin Wallace University	Montclair State University	University of California (Los Angeles)
Baylor University	New York University	University of California (San Diego)
Belhaven University	North Carolina State University	University of California (Santa Barbara)
Belmont University	North Greenville University	University of Charleston
Berea College	Northeastern University	University of Colorado Boulder
Birmingham-Southern College	Northern Arizona University	University of Denver
Boston University	Norwich University	University of Florida
Brenau University	Ohio University (Main Campus)	University of Georgia
Brigham Young University	Otterbein University	University of Hartford
Brigham Young University (Idaho)	Pace University (New York City)	University of Hawaii at Manoa
California State University (Monterey Bay)	Penn State University (University Park)	University of Indianapolis
Carnegie Mellon University	Pensacola State College	University of Iowa
Case Western Reserve University	Pepperdine University	University of Maine
Catawba College	Point Park University	University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Central New Mexico Community College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Massachusetts (Lowell)
Clemson University	Quinnipiac University	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Michigan
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	Roosevelt University	University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
Drexel University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Mississippi
Duke University	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	University of Missouri (Columbia)
Duquesne University	Samford University	University of Mobile
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	San Diego State University	University of Montevallo
Emerson College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of New Mexico (Main Campus)
Enterprise State Community College	Seton Hall University	University of North Alabama
Faulkner University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Florida State University	Shepherd University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Fort Scott Community College	South Louisiana Community College	University of North Florida
Furman University	Southern Methodist University	University of North Georgia
George Mason University	Southern Union State Community College	University of Oregon
George Washington University	Spring Hill College	University of Rochester
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stetson University	University of South Alabama
Georgia State University	Stony Brook University	University of South Carolina
Gettysburg College	Susquehanna University	University of Southern California
Heidelberg University	Syracuse University	University of Southern Mississippi
High Point University	Tennessee Technological University	University of West Alabama
Huntingdon College	Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Illinois Wesleyan University	Texas Christian University	Utah State University
Ithaca College	Texas State University	Utah Valley University
Jacksonville State University	The Ohio State University	Valdosta State University
Jacksonville University	The University of Alabama	Vanderbilt University
Johns Hopkins University	The University of Tampa	Wake Forest University
Kansas State University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Wallace Community College (Dothan)
Lipscomb University	The University of the Arts	Washington & Jefferson College
Long Island University (Post)	The University of West Florida	Washington University in St. Louis
Louisiana State University	Troy University	Western Carolina University
Luther College	Tulane University of Louisiana	William & Mary
Lycoming College	Tuskegee University	Williams College
Manhattan School of Music	Union University	Wright State University (Main Campus)
	United States Air Force Academy	York College of Pennsylvania