



BEN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

AT THE KATHERINE JOHNSON CAMPUS

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DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Benjamin Franklin High School was founded in 1957 as a city-wide, public, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students of superior intellectual potential. Franklin is open to students of all races and creeds. A rigorous academic program is supplemented by extensive athletic, artistic, and extracurricular activities. The school's current enrollment is 1,060 students in 9th through 12th grades. Our students come from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and include American Indian/Alaskan Native (<1%), Asian (17%), Black or African American (28.3%), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (<1%), Hispanic/Latino (9.3%) White/Caucasian (39.4%), multi racial (5.2%). There are 157 females and 113 males in the senior class. Of the senior class, 98.5% plan to attend a four-year college after graduation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/RETENTION

Admissions criteria include a matrix of standardized test scores and grade point average. Students are required to maintain an unweighted GPA of 2.0 in core academic subjects in order to return to Franklin each year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2024

Students must complete a minimum of 24 academic units, including 4 in English, 3 in world language, 4 in mathematics, 4 in science, 4 in social science, 2 in electives, 1 in the fine arts, 1.5 in physical education, and .5 in health. Students must complete 3 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as a Research Intensive course in order to graduate.

ACCREDITATION

AdvancED (formerly SACS); Louisiana State Department of Education; National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools; Member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling; and compliant with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

GRADING SYSTEM / GPA

- Grades are given on a letter scale: A (93-100), B (85-92), C (75-84), D (67-74), F (below 67).
- Grade points ranging from 4 to 1 are assigned to the letters A to D respectively.
- Academic courses are weighted: honors courses, 1.1; gifted courses, 1.11; advanced placement courses, 1.12.
- GPA is computed over all courses taken. We do not rank our students.

COURSE OFFERINGS, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (H) Honors (G) Gifted (AP) Advanced Placement (DE) Dual Enrollment

<p>Math: 4 units required Algebra I (H) (G) Geometry (H) (G) Algebra II (H) (G) Pre-Calculus (H) (G) (DE) Calculus (H), AB/ BC (AP) Computer Science A (AP) Statistics (H) (AP)</p> <p>English: 4 units required English I (H) (G) English II (H) (G) English III (H) (G) (AP) English IV (H) (G) (AP)</p>	<p>Social Sciences: 4 units required World Geography (H) Human Geography (AP) Civics (H) American Government (AP) U.S. History (H) (AP) World History (H) (AP)</p> <p>Physical Education 1.5 units required I-II .5 unit Health</p> <p>World Language: 3 units required Chinese I-III (H) Chinese IV (AP) French I-III (H) French IV (AP), V(H)</p>	<p>German I-III (H) German IV (AP) Latin I-III (H) Latin IV (AP) Spanish I-III (H) Spanish IV (AP), V (H)</p> <p>Science: 4 units required Biology I (H) Biology II (AP) Chemistry I (H) Chemistry II (AP) Climate & Meteorology (H) Environmental Science (H) (AP) Physics I (H) Physics C: Mechanics (AP) Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (AP)</p>	<p>Electives: 3 units required 9th Grade Seminar African American Lit. Research (H) Asian Studies (H) Art I-III, IV (Studio Art AP) Art History (AP) Band (Beg., Int., Adv. I and II) (H) Computer Science Principles (AP) Creative Writing I-III (H) Digital Storytelling (H) Ethics (DE) History of American Music Research Intro to Engineering (DE) Intro to Computational Thinking (H) Math Lab Research (H) Media Arts I (DE), II, III Music Theory I, II (AP) Macro/Micro Economics (AP)</p>	<p>Orchestra I-IV (H) Philosophy (DE) Photography I-II Physical Education III and IV Psychology (H), (AP) Publications I, II Science Research (H) Sociology (H) Speech I (H) Studio Art AP (Art III) : 2D Design Studio Art AP: 3D Design Talented in Music I - IV Talented in Theater I-IV Talented in Visual Arts I - IV Technical Theater I, II Theater I, II Women's Studies Research (H)</p>
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OTHER ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Students may enroll concurrently at local universities and the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA). Students in 10th through 12th grades may earn up to 3 units of credit per year at NOCCA in theater, dance, jazz, writing, classical music, culinary, and visual arts.

TESTING PROFILE

SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION for Class of 2023

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Critical Reading	650– 730	690	50
Math	600 – 720	670	
Total	1280 – 1440	1350	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total AP Students	595	577	526	606	648
Number of Exams	1100	1111	979	1118	1219
Number of AP Scholar Awards	229	236	160	200	206
% of Students with Scores 3+	85	82	74	78	84

ACT for Class of 2023

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
English	25 – 32	28.0	244
Math	22 – 27	24.6	
Reading	25 – 31	27.5	
Science Reasoning	23 – 28	25.3	
Composite	25 – 29	26.4	

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

YEAR	2021	2022	2023
National Merit Finalist	23	15	*
Semifinalist	15	15	*
Commended	15	15	*

*data not available at time of printing

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUMMARY – CLASSES OF 2019 - 2023

Adam State University	Florida Institute of Technology	Pomona College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Agnes Scott College	Florida Southern College	Prairie View A&M University	University of Central Florida
American University	Florida State University	Pratt Institute	University of Chicago
Arizona State University	Fordham University	Princeton University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Auburn University	Franklin & Marshall College	Purdue University	University of Colorado at Denver
Babson College	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	Reed College	University of Connecticut
Bard College	George Mason University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Denver
Barnard College	Georgetown University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of Florida
Baylor University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Rhodes College	University of Holy Cross
Belmont University	Georgia State University	Rice University	University of Houston
Berklee College of Music	Grinnell College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Georgia
Boston College	Hamilton College - NY	Rollins College	University of Groningen
Boston University	Hampton University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Bowdoin College	Harvard University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Brown University	Harvey Mudd College	Saint Louis University	University of Maine
Bucknell University	Haverford College	Santa Clara University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Cabrillo College	Hendrix College	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Miami
California College of the Arts	Hogeschool Utrecht	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Michigan
California Institute of Technology	Howard University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Mississippi
Carleton College	Indiana University, Bloomington	School of Visual Arts	University of New Orleans
Carnegie Mellon University	Johns Hopkins University	Scripps College	University of North Carolina, Asheville
Case Western Reserve University	Kalamazoo College	Smith College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Colorado College	Kenyon College	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Notre Dame
Chapman University	Lafayette College	Southern University A&M College	University of Oregon
Claremont McKenna College	Louisiana State University	Spelman College	University of Pennsylvania
Clark Atlanta University	Louisiana State University, Eunice	Spring Hill College	University of Puget Sound
Colby College	Louisiana Tech University	Stanford University	University of Richmond
College of Charleston	Loyola University Chicago	St. Edward's University	University of Rochester
College of William and Mary	Loyola University Marymount	St. John's College	University of San Francisco
College of Wooster	Loyola University New Orleans	Temple University	University of South Carolina
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	Macalester College	Texas A&M University	University of South Florida
Columbia College Chicago	Marist College	Trinity University	University of Southern California
Columbia University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The George Washington University	University of Southern Mississippi
Cornell University	McGill University	The Juilliard School	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dartmouth College	Morehouse College	The New School - All Divisions	University of St. Andrews
Davidson College	Mount Holyoke College	The Ohio State University	University of Virginia
Delgado Community College	New York University	The University of Alabama	University of Washington
Denison University	Nicholls State University	The University of Arizona	University of Wisconsin, Madison
DePaul University	Northeastern University	The University of Texas, Arlington	Vanderbilt University
Dillard University	North Carolina State University	The University of Texas, Austin	Vassar College
Drexel University	Northwestern State University	The University of Texas, Dallas	Villanova University
Duke University	Northwestern University	Tufts University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Eastern University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Tulane University	Washington University in St. Louis
Elon University	Occidental College	Tuskegee University	Wellesley College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Olin College	University College Utrecht	Wesleyan University
Emerson College	Oregon State University	University of California, Berkeley	Wheaton College
Emory University	Pace University, New York City	University of California, Davis	Western Washington University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins	University of California, Irvine	Worcester Polytechnic University
Fisk University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California, Los Angeles	Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida A&M University	Pfeiffer University	University of California, San Diego	Yale University