**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**

- **Math:**
  - 4 units required
  - Algebra I (H) (G)
  - Geometry (H) (G)
  - Algebra II (H) (G)
  - Pre-Calculus (H) (G) (DE)
  - Calculus (H) (DE) (AP)
  - Computer Science A (AP)
  - Statistics (H) (AP)

- **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)

- **Physical Education:**
  - 1.5 units required
  - .5 unit Health

- **World Language:**
  - 3 units required
  - Chinese I-III (H)
  - Chinese IV (AP)
  - French I-III (H)
  - French IV (AP), V(H)

- **Electives:**
  - 3 units required
  - German I-III (H)
  - German IV (AP)
  - Latin I-III (H)
  - Latin IV (AP)
  - Spanish I-III (H)
  - Spanish IV (AP), V (H)

- **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)

- **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**

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

- Total AP Students: 595
- Number of AP Scholar Awards: 229
- % of Students with Scores 3+: 85

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION YEAR 2021-2023**

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*Data not available at time of printing
Names in BOLD are the colleges Franklin’s 2023 Class Members are attending.