

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
AT THE KATHERINE JOHNSON CAMPUS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE 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 1,127 students in 9th through 12th grades. Our students come from all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and include American Indian/Alaskan Native (<1%), Asian (14.6%), Black/African American (30.2%), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (<1%), Hispanic/Latino (10%) White/Caucasian (34.0%) , multi racial (9.5%).There are 142 females and 100 males in the senior class. Of the senior class, 98.5% plan to attend a four-year college after graduation.

ADMISSIONS 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 THE CLASS OF 2026

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

- 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.

Grading Scale Beginning in Fall 2026

Grades are given on a letter scale: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (0-59).

Grading Scale Prior to Fall 2026

Grades are given on a letter scale: A (93-100), B (85-92), C (75-84), D (67-74), F (below 67).

COURSE OFFERINGS

(H) Honors (G) Gifted (AP) Advanced Placement (DE) Dual Enrollment

ENGLISH

4 UNITS REQUIRED

English I (H) (G)
English II (H) (G)
English III (H) (G) (AP)
English IV (H) (G) (AP)

MATHEMATICS

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)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1.5 UNITS REQUIRED I-II

.5 unit Health
2 units elective

SCIENCE

4 UNITS REQUIRED

Anatomy and Physiology (H)
Biology I (H)
Biology II (AP)
Chemistry I (H)
Chemistry II (AP)
Environmental Science (H) (AP)
Physics I (H)
Physics C: Mechanics (AP)
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (AP)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

4 UNITS REQUIRED

World Geography (H)
Human Geography (AP)
Civics (H)
American Government (AP)
Government & Comparative Politics (AP)
U.S. History (H) (AP)
World History (H) (AP)

WORLD LANGUAGE

3 UNITS REQUIRED

Chinese I-III (H)
Chinese IV (AP)
French I-III (H)
French IV (AP), V(H)
German I-III (H)
German IV (AP)
Latin I-III (H)
Latin IV (AP)
Spanish I-III (H)
Spanish IV (AP)

ELECTIVES

3 UNITS REQUIRED

3D Aided Design
Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies (H)
Art I-III, IV (Studio Art AP)
Art History (AP)
Band (Beg., Int., Adv. I and II) (H)
Computer Science A (AP)
Computer Science Principles (AP)
Creative Writing I-III (H)
Differential Equations/Linear Algebra (H)
Digital Art (DE)
Digital Storytelling (H)
Dramatic Literature (H)
Engineering Design & Development (H)

Ethics (DE)
Financial Literacy and Academic Foundations
Intercultural Training: The Global Competence Certificate
Intro to Engineering (H,DE)
Intro to Computational Thinking (H)
Macro/Micro Economics (AP)
Media Arts I,II,III (H)
Music Theory I (H), II (AP)
Orchestra I-IV (H)
Philosophy (DE)
Photography I-II
Playwriting (H)
Physical Education III and IV
Principles of Engineering (H)
Psychology (H), (AP)
Publications I, II
Robotics (H)
Sociology (H)
Student Teacher and Reaching Research I & II (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
Theater I, II

OTHER ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Students may enroll concurrently at local universities and the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA). Students in 9th 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

CLASS OF 2026

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Critical Reading	590 - 710	674	
Math	620 - 730	614.8	
Total	1210 - 1430	1210 - 1430	77

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION

CLASS OF 2026

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
English	25 – 32	28	
Math	23 – 28	26.1	
Reading	24 – 32	28.2	
Composite	24 – 30	27.4	272

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total AP Students	648	698	828	860
Number of Exams	1219	1402	1680	1854
Number of AP Scholar Awards	206	303	349	425
% of Students with Scores 3+	84	89.54	93.7	96.7

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

YEAR 2026

	2025	2026	2027
National Merit Finalist	12	14	*
Semifinalist	14	15	*
Commended	11	19	*

* data not available at time of printing