BEN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
AT THE KATHERINE JOHNSON CAMPUS

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

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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 1,118 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 2024
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 2024
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) (AP) (DE)
Calculus (H), (AB) (BC) (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	2025	2026	2027
National Merit Finalist	12	14	*
Semifinalist	14	15	18
Commended	11	19	8

**data not available at time of printing*

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUMMARY – CLASSES OF 2022 - 2026

Agnes Scott College
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Cal Poly
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
CIS University-Madrid
Colorado College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Colby College
College of Charleston
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delgado Community College
Denison University
DePaul University
Dillard University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fisk University
Florida A&M University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
Furman University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hendrix College
Hobart and William Smith College
Hogeschool Utrecht
Howard University
Indiana University, Bloomington
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Louisiana State University
Louisiana State University, Alexandria
Louisiana State University, Eunice
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Marymount
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Masters Academy International
McGill University
Middlebury College
Montana State University
Morehouse College
New York University
Northeastern University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern State University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Olin College
Oregon State University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
Piedmont University
Pomona College
Point Park University
Prairie View A&M University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rhodes Syracuse University
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Samford University
Saint Louis University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Sewanee, The University of the South
Smith College
SOAS at University of London
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Methodist University
Southern University A&M College
Spelman College
Stanford University
Stonehill College
St. Edward's University
St. John's College
Suffolk University
Technische Universiteit Delft
Temple University
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University
The College of Wooster
The George Washington University
The Juilliard School
The New School - All Divisions
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Melbourne
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of Arkansas
University College Utrecht
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California,Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Cambridge
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Edinburgh
University of Florida
University of Holy Cross
University of Houston
University of Georgia
University of Groningen
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Kansas
University of London, Institute in Paris
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Maine
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of New Orleans
University of North Carolina, Asheville
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of PIttsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of St. Andrews
University of Tulsa
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic & State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
William and Mary
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic University
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

Names in BOLD are the colleges Franklin's 2025 class members are attending