# B Baylor School 2014-15 Profile

Baylor School, founded in 1893, is an independent, coeducational boarding and day school located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, enrolling 1,026 students in grades six through twelve.

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# **Enrollment**

# Upper School (9-12): 697

- 51% boys/49% girls • 29% of our students are boarders: of those 38% are international students.
- Our students represent 21 states and 17 foreign countries.

Middle School (6-8): 329

The Honor Code is a core value instilled in students from the moment they enter the Baylor gates. A seat on the Honor Council is considered the most important position of leadership within the student body.

The Academic Calendar is organized on a semester system; students in grades 9-12 take five courses each semester. In addition to their academic schedule, students are required to participate in either athletics or another afternoon activity including community service, drama, dance, or Walkabout (Baylor's outdoor education program).

# **Grade Point Averages**

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses receive an additional boost to the course grade (+4 points) as do Honors courses (+2 points). These weighted grades are shown on the transcript and are used for determining GPA. Baylor uses number grades (with letter equivalents) on the transcript. The conversion is as follows:

A = 90-100D = 65-69B = 80-89F = 64 or below

C = 70-79

## Curriculum

Baylor expects students to enroll in a minimum of 20 units, including 16 academic courses.

English: 4 units Mathematics: 4 units Laboratory Sciences: 3 units Social Sciences: 3 units Foreign Language: 2 units

Fine Arts: 1 unit

Additional requirements include four years of Leadership Baylor and Physical Education.

# **Advanced Placement Offerings**

Recommended students normally take up to three AP courses in 11th grade and up to four in 12th grades. All AP students must complete the AP exam. The following AP courses are offered each year:

Biology **Human Geography** Calculus AB Latin Vergil Physics C Calculus BC Chemistry **Statistics** 

Chinese Spanish Language Spanish Literature English Language or Studio Art **English Literature** 

**Environmental Science United States History** 

**European History** 3-D Art

French Language

In cases where students complete the most advanced AP-level course in a subject in 11th grade, a course may be offered beyond the AP level for seniors. Baylor currently offers two such courses: Chinese 500 and Honors Abstract Math. In May 2014, 223 students took 447 exams and scored 3 or higher on 87% of the tests.

The Teaching Faculty consists of 67 men and 59 women, 99 of whom hold advanced degrees, of which 14 are on the doctoral level. As part of Baylor's important advisory program, teachers also serve students as advisers, regularly interacting closely with students in all aspects of their school life.

# Class of 2015 Grade Distribution

Cumulative weighted GPAs through end of junior year.

| GPA         | NUMBER | % OF CLASS |  |
|-------------|--------|------------|--|
| 4.00+       | 18     | 10         |  |
| 3.5-3.99    | 89     | 50         |  |
| 3.0-3.49    | 50     | 28         |  |
| 2.5-2.99    | 12     | 7          |  |
| 2.0-2.49    | 1      | 1          |  |
| New Seniors | 7      | 4          |  |
| TOTAL       | 177    | 100        |  |

Standardized Testing **MIDDLE 50%: CLASSES OF 2012-14** 

ACT Composite: 22-28

CR: 490-620 | M: 510-670 | W: 510-650

**MIDDLE 50%: CLASS OF 2015 ACT Composite: 22-27** 

SAT

CR: 480-600 | M: 500-620 | W: 520-630

| Grade 9  | English Eng   Eng   Honors   | Social Studies<br>World History I  | Science<br>Biology or<br>Biology Hon   | Geometry or Geometry Hon  Algebra II  Algebra II w/Trig or Alg II w/Trig Hon  Precalculus or Precalculus Hon  Trigonometry and Analysis  Calculus  AP Calculus AB  AP Calculus BC  AP Statistics   | Fine Arts  *Dance in the 20th Century Theater 100: Intro to Acting Theater 200: Acting for Production Theater 300: Advanced Acting and Directing Concert Choir Concert Band Orchestra  *Digital Design I and II *Photography Art 100 Art 200 *Pottery I, II *Drawing *Design: Form and Function *Intermediate Drawing and Painting *Music and Society -Painting *Visual Literacy AP Studio AP 3D |
|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Grade 10 | Eng II<br>Eng II Honors  | World History II   | Chemistry or<br>Chemistry Honors   |  |  |
| Grade 11 | Eng III or<br>AP Language or<br>AP Literature  | US History or<br>AP US History   | Physics or<br>AP Biology<br>AP Chemistry<br>Physics Honors   |  |  |
| Grade 12 | Seniors choose two English electives: *Bible as Lit *Contemporary Popular Lit *Drama and Poetry *Great Books of the Western Canon *Lit of Medicine *Literary Voices of Equality *Travel Literature *Wilderness Lit * indicates one-semester course | AP European; AP Human Geography *Classical Mythology *Cold War *Economics *Ethics *History of American Law *Eastern Religions *Western Religions *World War II | AP Physics C AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science Honors Limnology *Astronomy *Environmental Science *Forensic Science | Foreign Language Chinese: 300, 400, AP, 500 <sup>†</sup> French: 100, 200, 300, 400, AP German: 300, 400, AP Latin: 100, 200, 300, 400, AP Spanish: 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, AP Lang, AP Lit  Computer Science *Computer Sci I: Robotics *Computer Sci II: Games † indicates course offered beyond A |  |

**College Choices** Ninety-nine percent of Baylor graduates attend four-year colleges and universities. Between 2012 and 2014, Baylor graduates have matriculated at 170 institutions around the world; below is a sampling of representative matriculations by region.

#### Southeast

Agnes Scott College

Auburn University

Berry College

Birmingham-Southern College

Clemson University

College of Charleston

College of William & Mary

Davidson College

East Tennessee State University

Elon University

Emory University and Oxford College at Emory

Furman University

Georgia Institute of Technology

Middle Tennessee State University

Millsaps College

Rhodes College

Samford University

Savannah College of Art and Design Sewanee: The University of the South

Tennessee Technological University

Tulane University

The University of Alabama

University of Florida

University of Georgia

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University of Mississippi

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Richmond

University of South Carolina

University of Tennessee

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

University of Virginia

Vanderbilt University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Wake Forest University

Washington & Lee University

Wofford College

## West/Southwest

**Baylor University** 

Colorado State University

Pomona College

Southern Methodist University

Stanford University

Texas Christian University

Trinity University

University of California at Berkeley

University of California at Irvine

University of California at Los Angeles

University of California at San Diego

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Montana, Missoula

University of Puget Sound

University of Washington

University of washington

Whittier College

#### Midwest

Case Western Reserve University

**Denison University** 

DePaul University

DePauw University

Grinnell College

Loyola University Chicago

Northwestern University

University of Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Washington University in St. Louis

Wittenberg University

Xavier University

#### International

University of British Columbia The American University of Paris Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne

## **New England**

Amherst College

Bard College

Barnard College

Bates College

Boston University

Brandeis University

Cornell University

Fordham University

Harvard College

Middlebury College

New York University

Northeastern University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Tufts University

Union College

University of Rochester

Wesleyan University

Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Yale University

## Mid-Atlantic

Georgetown University

Gettysburg College

Haverford College

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Lehigh University

The George Washington University Pennsylvania State University

#### **Military Academies**

United States Air Force Academy United States Merchant Marine Academy United States Naval Academy