



THE KINKAID SCHOOL

Upper School Profile
2019-2020

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1906, Kinkaid is the oldest independent school in Houston. From its earliest days, Kinkaid has emphasized academic attainment and character development. Today's Kinkaid remains faithful to Margaret Kinkaid, its founder, valuing its students for their potential as well as their achievement and striving always for their balanced growth - intellectual, physical, social and ethical.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Kinkaid School's mission is to promote educational excellence, personal responsibility and balanced growth, and thereby to help its students to discover and develop their talents to fulfill their best potential.

CORE VALUES

Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Kindness

STUDENTS

- 1465 total enrollment (PK-12)
- 617 students in the Upper School
- 29.3% students of color

FACULTY

- 214 teaching faculty
- 136 with advanced degrees
- \$240,000 devoted annually to professional development

ACADEMICS

Kinkaid provides a college preparatory curriculum to achieve its primary goal of intellectual endeavor and achievement. The School offers a robust range of on-level, Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and college level (CL) courses. Kinkaid holds membership in the Cum Laude Society, inducting students in January of their senior year.

HONOR CODE

Each Kinkaid student must know that he or she will be evaluated on the basis of his or her own accomplishment and must trust that all other students are evaluated correspondingly. To assure such knowledge and trust, an Honor Council and Honor Code have been established, their primary purpose being the creation of an atmosphere of optimum learning and trust, not suspicion and fear. The Honor code, therefore, is not a long list of regulations, but instead is a simple statement espousing our belief that "An honorable student does not lie, cheat, or steal."

ARTS

Arts education is integral to the total school program and is essential to helping students develop their individual voices. All students have learning experiences in music, visual arts, dance, or theatre.

- 56 classes offered
- 16 gallery exhibitions
- 12 juried visual arts competitions
- 24 fine arts performances

ATHLETICS

In alignment with Kinkaid's mission and core values, the Department of Athletics believes in educating the whole student and promotes multiple-sport participation. Kinkaid is a member of the Southwest Preparatory Conference (SPC).

- Awarded SPC Athletic Directors' Cup - Top Overall Co-Ed Program in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; Top Overall Boys Program in 2017 and Top Overall Girls Program in 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019
- 11 programs finished first in SPC in the last four years
- 24 Varsity sport programs
- 24 Members of the Class of 2019 play sports at the collegiate level

DEAN SYSTEM

The Dean System at Kinkaid reflects the School's commitment to holistic counseling. Before entering the ninth grade, students are assigned to one of eight Upper School Deans. The Dean model provides council and support for students with regard to academic achievement, personal accountability, and social dynamics. The Deans work as a team and frequently collaborate to best serve students. While students and parents work primarily with their assigned Dean, that work is informed by the broad expertise and varied experiences of the entire Deans' Office and the other members of the Student Support Team.

INTERIM TERM

For three weeks in January, Interim Term provides Upper School students a selection of elective courses, foreign study opportunities, cultural programs, and, for seniors, professional career internships. The primary purpose is enrichment through experience, affording students opportunities to study in areas and situations unavailable in the regular curriculum. To that end, Kinkaid upper school faculty design and implement a variety of course offerings and programs involving subjects not offered elsewhere or delving in greater depth into subjects addressed only in survey courses in the regular curriculum.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students who have exhausted the options for study within the regular curriculum, or have a special interest may complete an Independent Study (IS). All IS are approved by a committee made up of the Upper School Head, Assistant Head of Upper School, the appropriate department chair and the Independent Study Coordinator. Depending on the IS students will receive credit and a grade for their IS semester or year basis. The Independent Study does not count toward the five-course minimum required of students.

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES

Entrance into Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level (CL) courses requires departmental recommendation. All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. Students are not limited in the number of AP courses they can take.

In 2019:

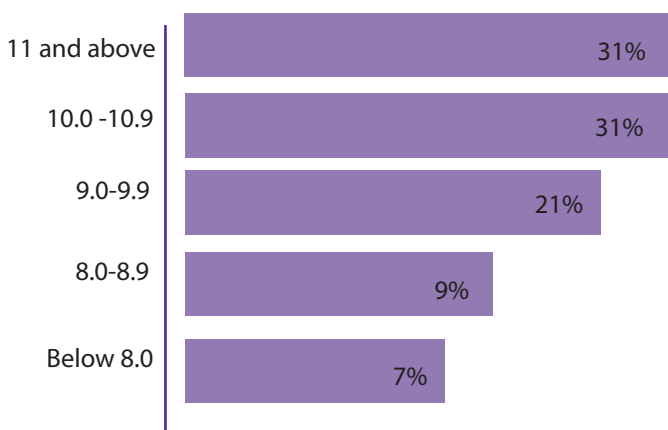
755 exams taken
88% of scores were 3 or higher
63% of scores were 4 or 5

In 2018: *

697 exams taken
85% of scores were 3 or higher
60% of scores were 4 or 5

* Due to Hurricane Harvey the school lost 7 teaching days, which impacted the amount of material the teachers could cover.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION - CLASS OF 2020



GRADING SYSTEM

A +	97 - 100	= 12.0
A	93 - 96	= 11.0
A -	90 - 92	= 10.0
B +	87 - 89	= 9.0
B	83 - 86	= 8.0
B -	80 - 82	= 7.0
C +	77 - 79	= 6.0
C	73 - 76	= 5.0
C -	70 - 72	= 4.0
D	60 - 69	= 2.0
F	59 or below	= 0.0

Grade Point Average Scale

CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Kinkaid's curriculum is college-preparatory, and students are required to carry a minimum of five graded courses, four of which are academic, per semester. A weighted GPA will be calculated at the end of each year along with a cumulative GPA. In calculating the weighted GPA for a course, the following formulas will be used: in Honors courses 0.6 will be added to the scale grade before averaging; in AP and CL courses 1.2 will be added to the scale grade before averaging.

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE LEVEL (CL) CLASSES

English

AP English Literature

History

Honors World History I

(this course was not available to the Class of 2020; instead World Civilizations: Ancient & Medieval was the only option and this course did not have an honors option)

AP World History II

AP US History

AP US Government & Politics

AP Modern European History

Other *

AP Music Theory*

AP Studio Art*

AP Computer Science

CL Computer Science:

Algorithms and Structures

* Not offered every year

Mathematics

Honors Geometry

Honors Algebra II

Honors Precalculus

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

CL Linear Algebra*

CL Multivariable Calculus*

Science

Honors Biology I

Honors Chemistry I

Honors Physics I

AP Biology II

AP Chemistry II

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics C

Foreign Language

Honors French III

AP French Language

CL French Literature

Honors Spanish II

Honors Spanish III

AP Spanish Language

AP Spanish Literature

Honors Latin III

AP Latin

CL Latin Literature

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Graded Credits (22)

English	4
History	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Academic or Graded Electives	4
Interim Term (1/2 credit for each year in attendance)	2

Additional Required Credits

Community Service	4
Physical Education	6
Decisions for Healthy Living	1

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

CLASS OF 2017-2020		
Class	Semifinalists	Commended
2020	12	17
2019	13	19
2018	9	21
2017	9	18

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS - CLASS OF 2020

ACT		
Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
English	31-35	32.7
Math	27-32	29.4
Reading	30-35	32.6
Science Reasoning	27-34	30.3
Composite	29-34	30.9

SAT *		
Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
Evidence Based RW	630-740	684
Mathematics	630-750	684
Total	1280-1490	1368

* TAKEN MARCH 2016 OR LATER

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Between 2018-2019, Kinkaid students received acceptances to the following colleges and universities. Schools in bold indicate at least one member of the Class of 2019 is attending.

American University

Arizona State University

Auburn University

Austin College

Austin Community College

Babson College

Baldwin Wallace University

Bard College

Barnard College

Bates College

Baylor University

Belmont University

Bentley University

Berklee College of Music

Boston College

Boston Conservatory at
Berklee

Boston University

Brigham Young University

Brown University

Bucknell University

California Institute of
Technology

CAP21 Performing Arts
Conservatory

Carleton College

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Chapman University

Claremont McKenna College

Clark University

Clemson University

Coastal Carolina University

Colby College

College of Charleston

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Columbia College, Chicago

Columbia University

Connecticut College

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

DePaul University

Dickinson College

Duke University

East Carolina University

Elmhurst College

Elon University

Emerson College

Emory University

Florida State University

Fordham University

Franklin and Marshall
College

Furman University

George Mason University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of
Technology

Grinnell College

Hamilton College - NY

Harvard University

Haverford College

High Point University

Hill College

Houston Baptist University

Howard University

Illinois Wesleyan University

Indiana University at

Bloomington

James Madison University

John Carroll University

Johns Hopkins University

Lafayette College

Lamar College

Lehigh University

Lewis & Clark University

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount

University

Loyola University New Orleans

Marymount Manhattan

College

Massachusetts Institute of
Technology

McDaniel College

McGill University

Menlo College

Miami University, Oxford

Midland College

Millikin University

Millsaps College

Missouri State University

Montclair State University

Morehouse College

Muhlenberg College

Nebraska Wesleyan

University

New York University

North Carolina State

University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Occidental College

Oklahoma City University

Old Dominion University

Oregon State University

Otterbein University

Oxford College of Emory

University

Pace University, New York
City

Pennsylvania State University,

University Park

Pepperdine University

Point Park University

Pomona College

Princeton University

Purdue University

Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute

Rhodes College

Rice University

Rider University

Rollins College

Roosevelt University

Rose-Hulman Institute of
Technology

Saint Louis University

Sam Houston State

University

Samford University

Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and
Design

Science Po-UC Berkely Dual
Degree

Seattle University

Sewanee: The University of

the South

Shenandoah University

Smith College

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Spelman College

St. Edward's University

St. John Fisher College

Stanford University

Swarthmore College

Syracuse University

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University,

Corpus Christi

Texas Christian University

Texas State University

Texas Tech University

The College of William &
Mary

The George Washington
University

The New School

The Ohio State University

The University of Alabama

The University of Arizona

The University of North

Carolina

at Chapel Hill

The University of Oklahoma

The University of Texas,

Austin

The University of Texas,
Dallas

The University of Texas,
San Antonio

The University of Texas, Tyler

The University of the Arts

Trinity College

Trinity University

Tufts University

Tulane University

United States Air Force Academy

United States Naval
Academy

University of Alabama at

Birmingham

University of Arkansas

University of British

Columbia

University of California, Berkeley

University of California,
Davis

University of California,
Los Angeles

University of California, San
Diego

University of California,
Santa Barbara

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati
College

Conservatory of Music

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Delaware

University of Denver

University of Georgia

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Houston

University of Kansas

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri,
Columbia

University of Missouri,
Kansas City

University of North Carolina

at Greensboro

University of North Texas

University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of Puget Sound

University of Redlands

University of Richmond

University of San Francisco

University of South Carolina

University of Southern California

University of St. Andrews

University of St. Thomas

Univerisity of the Incarnate
Word

University of Tennessee

University of Tulsa

University of Utah

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

Virginia Commonwealth
University

Virginia Tech

Wake Forest University

Washington and Jefferson

College

Washington and Lee

University

Washington University in St. Louis

Webster University

Wellesley College

Wesleyan University

Wheaton College - MA

Whitman College

Williams College

Worcester Polytechnic
Institute

Xavier University of

Louisiana

Yale University