

2019-2020

Profile

BLAKE

THE BLAKE SCHOOL is an independent, nonsectarian, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve co-educational day school. Founded in 1900, the school has campuses in Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. The Upper School, enrolling 536 students, is located near downtown Minneapolis. The student teacher ratio is 8:1 and the average class size of 15 allows faculty and administrators to know each student individually. 75% of the Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees. Four members of the Upper School faculty are published authors; two are AP readers.

ACCREDITATION is by the Independent School Association of the Central States. The school holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Cum Laude Society, the College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

ADMISSION is selective and based on examinations, records and personal interviews. Students come from 44 communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. 21% of our students receive need-based financial assistance.

THE BLAKE CURRICULUM offers a rigorous college preparatory program with core graduation requirements in five academic disciplines as well as the arts. Twenty-two credits must be earned in grades nine through twelve.

Honors courses (AP or Honors) are offered in all disciplines except the arts.

Eighteen Advanced Placement courses are offered.

Courses beyond AP: Most juniors take AP English Literature and Composition and all senior English electives are taught at a post-AP level. Readings in Applied and Pure Mathematics, LeMonde Francophone: Advanced Culture and Literature, Advanced Hispanic Culture and Literature also are offered. Several students participate in the University of Minnesota's Talented Youth Mathematics Program (UMTYMP) and earn college credit for the mathematics taken there.

Global Online Academy: The Blake School is a participating member of the Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

Every senior is required to take Senior Seminar and deliver an assembly speech before the entire Upper School community.

GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT BLAKE

Global citizenship and cultural competence are emphasized throughout the academic curriculum, and students have the opportunity each year to participate in a 12- or 21-day global immersion program. Students are also encouraged to consider semester or year-long study abroad opportunities. While involved in Blake-sponsored travel and immersion, intentional efforts are made to help students develop leadership skills, empathy, cultural competency and resilience. In recent years, students have studied and traveled to Vietnam, Cuba, Sierra Leone, China, Rwanda, India and Mexico. Upon returning, students are expected to formally and informally share their experiences with the larger community through presentations, exhibits and media.

GRADING/TESTING: We do not weigh grades nor do we rank students. In the past four years, the mid 50% grade point on a 4.00 scale has been 3.28 – 3.78. The mid 50% of SAT scores have been 1340 – 1500, and the ACT Composite has been 29 – 34.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE is based on a four-point scale, including all Blake courses beginning in ninth grade. Only classes taken at Blake during the academic year are included in the GPA. Summer courses, college classes or other academic work may be listed on the transcript but are not included in the grade point average. *Honors, AP, and CIS courses are not weighted.*

Letter Grades	Point Scale
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	No Credit

STANDARDIZED TESTING: CLASSES 2017-2019

SAT (Mean Score)	2017	2018	2019	NATIONAL MERIT	2017	2018	2019
Critical Reading	694	684	691	Semifinalists/Finalists	10	8	13
Math	690	689	699	Commended	14	15	19
Composite Score	1384	1373	1390	Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	1	2	1
				TOTAL	25	25	33
ACT (Median Score)	2017	2018	2019	Percent of Class	20%	20%	25%
Composite Score	31	31	31				
AP EXAMS	2017	2018	2019	AP AWARDS	2017	2018	2019
Number of Students	280	280	297	AP Scholars	33	36	28
Number of Tests	628	632	584	Scholars - Honors	34	22	26
Percent Scoring 3+	87%	86%	84%	Scholars - Distinction	68	77	74
Percent Scoring 4+	61%	62%	57%	National AP Scholars	14	16	15
				TOTAL	149	151	143

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+
U.S. History	79	73%	41%	Physics I	49	90%	63%
European History	54	83%	54%	Physics C, Mechanics	20	95%	90%
U.S. Gov't & Pol	31	81%	42%	Physics C, E & M	18	78%	72%
English Literature	63	73%	41%	Chemistry	12	100%	83%
English Language	48	90%	77%	Biology	34	94%	56%
Calculus AB	48	83%	54%	Spanish Lang & Lit	27	100%	100%
Calculus BC	24	88%	58%	French Lang & Lit	14	93%	86%
Statistics	32	75%	44%	Latin Lit	10	60%	20%

COURSE SELECTION FOR BLAKE SCHOOL: CLASS OF 2020 (Statistics represent a class of 131 Seniors)

SCIENCE	# Students	Percent	MODERN AND CLASSICAL	# Students	Percent
AP or Honors Chemistry	66	50%	Total with 4 & 5 years of Language	113	86%
AP or Honors (I & II) Physics	66	50%	Total All AP Language	58	44%
AP Biology	39	30%			
MATHEMATICS			ENGLISH		
Pre-Calculus (Regular & Honors)	116	89%	AP English	61	47%
AP Statistics	15	11%			
Calculus	39	30%	SOCIAL STUDIES		
AP Calculus AB	63	48%	AP Microeconomics	46	35%
AP Calculus BC (AB/BC)	6	5%	AP European History	50	38%
AP Calculus BC & Adv. Topics	27	21%	AP U.S. Government & Politics	69	53%
			AP U.S. History	68	52%

STATISTICS AND RECOGNITION: CLASS OF 2020

24 NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION (18% Class of 2020)

- 15 National Merit Semifinalists (10%)
- 8 National Merit Commended (15%)
- 1 National Hispanic Scholar (1%)

64 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS (49% class of 2020 after junior year)

- 17 AP Scholars (3 AP exams)
- 16 AP Scholars with Honors (4 AP exams)
- 28 AP Scholars with Distinction (5+ AP exams)
- 3 National AP Scholar

CLASS GPA: Average - 3.51

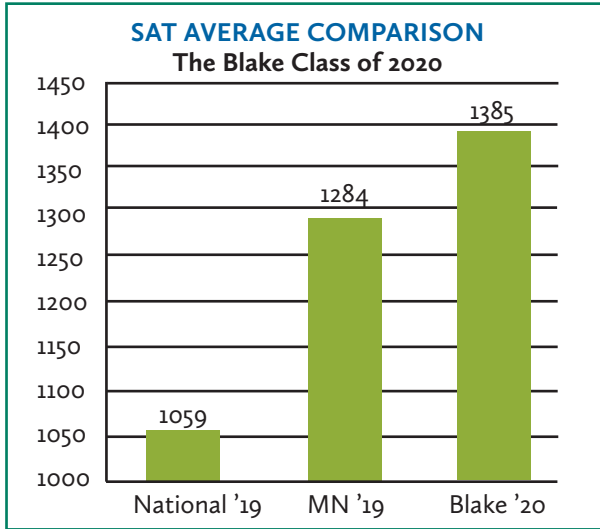
Middle 50%: 3.32 - 3.76

DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES (Based on testing 40 of 131 students)

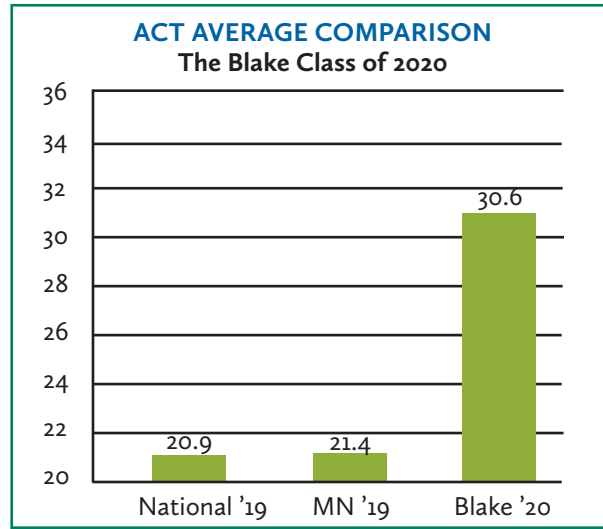
Score Range	CR Percent	Math Percent
700-800	48%	62%
600-699	40%	28%
500-599	12%	10%
450-499	0%	0%
Middle 50%:	Critical Reasoning Mathematics	645 - 735 655 - 755

DISTRIBUTION OF ACT SCORES (Based on testing 117 of 131 students)

Composite Score Range	Score	Percent
	31-36	60%
	26-30	30%
	21-25	9%
	0-20	1%
Middle 50%:		28 - 34
Composite Average:		30.6



In Minnesota, 3% of graduating seniors take the SAT.



In Minnesota, 100% of graduating seniors take the ACT.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2016-2019

During the past four years, 506 graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The remaining students chose a different path including postgraduate year, work, international travel/study or other alternatives before beginning postsecondary education.

10+ GRADUATES TO:

33 - U. Minnesota, TC
16 - U. WI, Madison
16 - Wash. U., St. Louis
13 - Yale U.
11 - Carleton
11 - U. of Chicago

5 - 9 GRADUATES TO:

9 - Macalester
9 - Northwestern U.
9 - St. Olaf
8 - Colgate U.
8 - Dartmouth
7 - Boston U.
7 - Southern Methodist U.
7 - U. of Michigan
7 - U. of Notre Dame
7 - Wake Forest U.
6 - Colby
6 - New York U.
6 - Stanford U.
6 - Tulane U.
6 - Williams
5 - Cornell U.
5 - Gustavus Adolphus
5 - Middlebury
5 - Northeastern U.
5 - Skidmore
5 - Smith
5 - Tufts U.
5 - U. of Denver
5 - U. of Puget Sound
5 - U. of San Diego
5 - Whitman

2 - 4 GRADUATES TO:

4 - Bates
4 - Boston College
4 - Chapman U.
4 - Emory U.
4 - Georgetown U.
4 - Hamilton

4 - Harvard U.
4 - Johns Hopkins U.
4 - Loyola Marymount U.
4 - MIT
4 - Pomona
4 - St. John's U.
4 - U. of CO Boulder
4 - U. of Southern CA
4 - U. of St. Thomas
4 - Wellesley
3 - Babson College
3 - Brown U.
3 - Bryn Mawr
3 - Carnegie Mellon U.
3 - Claremont McKenna
3 - Colorado College
3 - Indiana U., Bloomington
3 - Lafayette
3 - Lake Forest
3 - Lawrence U.
3 - Lehigh U.
3 - Lewis & Clark
3 - Miami U., Oxford
3 - Occidental
3 - Princeton U.
3 - Santa Clara U.
3 - Scripps
3 - Swarthmore
3 - Trinity College
3 - U. of CA, Berkeley
3 - U. of CA, Los Angeles
3 - U. of Pennsylvania
3 - Vassar
2 - American U.
2 - Bowdoin
2 - Columbia U.
2 - Davidson
2 - Duke
2 - Elon U.
2 - Flagler
2 - Hamline U.
2 - Knox
2 - Mount Holyoke

2 - Pepperdine U.
2 - Purdue U.
2 - Reed
2 - Savannah College of Art
& Design
2 - Trinity College, Dublin
2 - U. of CA, San Diego
2 - U. of Redlands
2 - U. of Vermont
2 - Washington & Lee U.
2 - Wesleyan U.
2 - Wheaton College, IL

1 GRADUATE TO:

Amherst
Arizona State U.
Augsburg U.
Bard
Barnard
Barrett, The Honors College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bennington
Bentley U.
Bucknell U.
California Coll of the Arts
Cal Polytechnic State U.
Caltech
Case Western Reserve U.
College of Charleston
College of Wm & Mary
College of Wooster
Columbia College, Chicago
Connecticut College
Creighton U.
Denison U.
DePaul U.
Drake U.
Drexel U.
Fordham U.
Franklin & Marshall
George Washington U.
Georgia Inst. of Technology
Grinnell
Hampton U.
High Point U.
Hobart & William Smith
Howard U.
Kenyon
Marist
Marquette U.
Milwaukee Inst. of Art & Design
Mpls Comm & Tech College
Montclair State U.
Oberlin
Penn State U.
Pitzer
Rice U.
Rollins
Syracuse U.
Texas A&M U.
Texas Christian U.
U. of Arizona
U. of Edinburgh
U. of Illinois, Urbana
U. of Minnesota, Duluth
U. of Rochester
U. of Tampa
U. of Washington
U. of WI, Milwaukee
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant
Marine Academy
United States Military
Academy, Army
Vanderbilt U.
Whittier

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