



THE KINKAID SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-21

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1906, The Kinkaid School 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

- 1464 total enrollment (PK-12)
- 620 students in the Upper School
- 30.8% students of color
- 15.3% of Upper School students are on financial aid, 13% of Kinkaid students are on financial aid

COVID-19 AND HURRICANE HARVEY

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kinkaid moved to remote learning from March 16, 2020, through the end of the school year. Throughout remote learning, our faculty maintained high academic standards, and students were awarded official grades, which appear on their transcript and are included in their GPA. Any specific challenges due to COVID-19 will be addressed in a student's recommendation from their Dean. Kinkaid began the 2020-21 school year remotely and will eventually migrate to a hybrid model. Kinkaid's Class of 2021 has faced major disruptions in three of their four years of high school. In ninth grade, Hurricane Harvey disrupted the school year for ten days; and then this class faced COVID-19 and remote learning as juniors and seniors. They have shown remarkable resiliency and adaptability.

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."

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 works 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.

FACULTY

- 216 teaching faculty
- 137 with advanced degrees
- \$260,000 devoted annually to professional development

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.

Interim Term for the 2020-21 school year was canceled due to COVID-19.

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 Head of Upper School, Associate Head of Upper School, and the Independent Study Coordinator. Depending on the IS, students will receive credit and a grade for their IS on a semester or year basis. The Independent Study does not count toward the five-course minimum required of students.

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Students are expected to act with integrity in all academic and personal matters. The Kinkaid School complies with NACAC's National Code of Ethics and Professional Practices. As such, applicable disciplinary issues will be reported to colleges when asked.

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.

For a complete listing of our course offerings please refer to [Kinkaid's US Program of Studies 2020-21](#)

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & COLLEGE LEVEL (CL) CLASSES

English

AP English Literature

History

Honors World History I

AP World History II

AP US History

AP US Government & Politics

AP Modern European History

Mathematics

Honors Geometry

Honors Algebra II

Honors Precalculus

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

CL Differential Equations*

CL Linear Algebra*

CL Multivariable Calculus*

Science

Honors Biology I

Honors Chemistry I

Honors Physics I

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics C

World Languages

Honors French III

AP French Language and Culture

CL French Literature

Honors Spanish II

Honors Spanish III

AP Spanish Language and Culture

AP Spanish Literature and Culture

Honors Latin III

AP Latin

CL Latin IV

Computer Science

AP Computer Science

CL Computer Science:

Algorithms and Structures

Other

AP Music Theory*

AP Studio Art*

* Not offered every year

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

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 2020

291 exams taken*

87% of scores were 3 or higher

65% of scores were 4 or 5

In 2019

755 exams taken

88% of scores were 3 or higher

63% of scores were 4 or 5

* Due to COVID-19, students were not required to take AP exams, a change from school policy

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 (.5 credit for each year in attendance)	1.5*

* The graduation requirement is now 21.5 with the change to Interim Term. .5 is not being earned for the 2020-21 school year since Interim Term was cancelled due to COVID-19

Additional Required Credits

Community Service	4
Physical Education	6
Decisions for Healthy Living	1

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Class	Semifinalists	Commended
2021	7	18
2020	12	17
2019	13	19
2018	9	21

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE - CLASS OF 2021

ACT

Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
English	28-35	31.0
Math	27-32	29.4
Reading	30-35	32.6
Science Reasoning	26-34	30.3
Composite	28-34	31.0

SAT

Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
EBRW	660-750	705
Math	640-780	712
Total	1300-1500	1416