



THE KINKAID SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-22

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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.

KINKAID'S MISSION

The Kinkaid School's mission is to promote educational excellence and balanced growth in a challenging safe, and inclusive learning environment for the benefit of intellectually capable children of a sound character whose talents, interests, and uniqueness will be encouraged and nurtured to prepare them to lead, serve, and become contributing citizens to Kinkaid, our country, and the global community.

CORE VALUES

Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Kindness

STUDENTS

- 1,465 total enrollment (PK-12)
- 611 Upper School students
- 31.6% students of color
- 17.3% Upper School students on financial aid
- 13.1% Kinkaid students on financial aid

PANDEMIC

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kinkaid moved to remote learning from March 16, 2020, through the end of the school year in May 2020. 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 in September migrated to a hybrid model. Students were allowed back on campus full-time starting January 2021. Kinkaid started the 2021-22 school year 100% in person with three feet distancing in classrooms and an indoor mask mandate.

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

Kinkaid students know they will be evaluated based on their own accomplishments 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 regarding 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.

FACULTY

- 216 teaching faculty
- 138 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, giving students opportunities to study in areas and situations unavailable in the regular curriculum. To that end, Kinkaid Upper School faculty design and implement 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; and 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 2021-22](#)

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. **For 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years AP exams were optional due to the pandemic.** For the 2021-22 school year, 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 may take.

In 2021

632 exams taken*

88% of scores were 3 or higher

61% of scores were 4 or 5

In 2020

291 exams taken*

87% of scores were 3 or higher

65% of scores were 4 or 5

QUESTBRIDGE

The Class of 2021 included one QuestBridge scholar.

* 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 credits. .5 credit was not earned for the 2020-21 school year since Interim Term was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Additional Required Credits

Community Service	4
Physical Education	6
Decisions for Healthy Living	1

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Class	Semifinalists	Commended
2022	7	18
2021	7	19
2020	12	17
2019	13	19

The Class of 2021 was the first year The Kinkaid School had a student recognized for the National Indigenous Recognition Program.

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE - CLASS OF 2022

ACT

Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
English	28-35	31.0
Math	26-33	29.4
Reading	29-35	30.0
Science Reasoning	25-34	30.0
Composite	28-34	30.0

SAT

Section	Middle 50% Range	Mean
EBRW	625-730	672
Math	590-740	657
Total	1220-1445	1329

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Between 2019-2021, Kinkaid students received acceptances to the following colleges and universities. Schools in bold indicate at least one member of the Class of 2021 is attending.

Abilene Christian University
Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin College
Austin Community College
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College - All Campuses
Boston College
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California State University-Fresno
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University
Cedar Valley College
Centre College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison University
Dickinson College
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University
Durham University
Earlham College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Grambling State University

Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hill College
Hofstra University
Houston Baptist University
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Imperial College London
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas City Art Institute
King's College London, University of London
King's College London
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Menlo College
Mercer University
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Midland College
Mississippi State University
Monmouth College
Morehouse College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Otterbein University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Prairie View A & M University
Pratt Institute-Main
Princeton University
Purdue University
Radford University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
SUNY At Purchase College

Saint Louis University
Sam Houston State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Smith College
Southern Methodist University
Southern University and A & M College
Southwestern University
Spelman College
Spring Hill College
St. Edward's University
Stanford University
Stephen F Austin State University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M University-College Station
Texas A & M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Texas A & M University-Galveston
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The American University of Paris
The College of Wooster
The George Washington University
The New School - All Divisions
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Edinburgh
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Texas At Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas, San Antonio
The University of Texas, Tyler
The University of the South
Trinity College
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University
UCL (University College London)
Union College - Schenectady
United States Air Force Academy
University College London
University of Alabama At Birmingham
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California-Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz

University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Michigan-Dearborn
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Mount Olive
University of North Carolina at Asheville
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 Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wyoming
University of the Incarnate Word
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University In St Louis
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Webster University
Wellesley College
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Whitman College
William and Mary
Williams College
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University