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ABOUT YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Since 1998, YES Prep has redefined what is possible in public education. With over 17,000 college-bound students across 20+ campuses, we are a system of high-performing public charter schools proving that students from underserved communities can achieve at the highest academic levels. This year, YES Prep has 14 Houston area Secondary Schools with graduating seniors. Our alumni community consists of over 10,000 alumni, which will grow to nearly 12,000 with the Class of 2023.

Our mission is to empower all Houston students to succeed in college and to pursue lives of opportunity. Our exceptional results demonstrate that better outcomes are not only possible, but also probable, when they create effective support systems to ensure that student achievement is at the forefront of every decision made.

OVERVIEW

YES Prep Fifth Ward was founded in 2011 in Houston’s historic Fifth Ward neighborhood, serving students in the East Downtown and Northeast neighborhoods of Houston. The campus has grown to serve 6-12th grades over the past 12 years and has successfully graduated 5 previous classes: 2018 - 2022. YES Prep Fifth Ward has been ranked in the US News ‘Best High Schools’ report for all 3 years of eligibility. The campus proudly offers 10+ AP courses, 10 varsity sports, and burgeoning student organizations including the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Key Club. The Class of 2023, specifically, have experienced several hardships during their high school years, including extended school closures during Hurricane Harvey & COVID-19. In the 2021-2022 school year, 75% of students in Class of 2022 were enrolled in virtual instruction. Despite challenges, the Class of 2023 has maintained a college-ready course.

STUDENTS

Demographic	2023	High School
Enrollment	91	476
Female / Male	45% / 55%	47% / 53%
Hispanic / Black	96% / 6%	93% / 7%
F+R Lunch	96%	93%

SAT SUMMARY

Data is shown for the past 3 graduating classes: 2021, 2022, and 2023. All 3 grade levels experienced SAT test constraints, due to COVID-19 test site closures.

Grad Year	ERW Average	Math Average
<u>Class of 2023</u>	473	474
<u>Class of 2022</u>	475	470
<u>Class of 2021</u>	483	488

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

<i>Math</i>	<i>4 Years</i>	<i>4 Credits</i>
<i>ELA</i>	<i>4 Years</i>	<i>4 Credits</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>4 Years</i>	<i>4 Credits</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>4 Years</i>	<i>4 Credits</i>
<i>Foreign Language</i>	<i>2 Years</i>	<i>2 Credits</i>
<i>Fine Art</i>	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>1 Credit</i>
<i>PE</i>	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>1 Credit</i>
<i>Electives</i>	<i>4 Years</i>	<i>6 Credits</i>

*Each Semester Class is 5 Credits

*Students are required to earn 1 AP credit. Students are required to gain access to a 4 year university.

GPA DISTRIBUTION

The median GPA for the class of 2022 is **3.18**. The quartile breakdown is shown.

Quartile	GPA Range
Top	3.58 – 4.49
Second	3.18 - 3.57
Third	2.71 - 3.17
Fourth	2.03 – 2.70

Class Rank: It is YES Prep’s policy not to rank since graduating classes are small and all students participate in a competitive college-preparatory curriculum.

GRADING SYSTEM

Number Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Points (for credits only)
100-97	A+	4.33
96-93	A	4
92-90	A-	3.67
89-87	B+	3.33
86-83	B	3
82-80	B-	2.67
79-77	C+	2.33
76-73	C	2
72-70	C-	1.67
69 and Below	F	0

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Before March 13, 2020

- In-person courses
- 8 periods per day
- 50-minute class periods
- All ELA courses and Algebra 1 were double blocked and spanned 2 class periods

Period 1
Period 2
Period 3
Period 4
Period 5
Period 6
Period 7
Period 8

SY 2019-2020 (Beginning March 30, 2020)

- Students engaged in asynchronous, virtual learning at home 5 days a week
- Students were required to complete 2-3 lessons per week for core courses and 2 lessons per week for World Language and Electives Courses
- Transition from 50-minute to 90-minute class periods

Core Courses	World Language and Elective Courses
Asynchronous Core Lesson 1	Asynchronous World Language Lesson
Asynchronous Core Lesson 2	Asynchronous Elective Lesson
Asynchronous Core Lesson 3	

SY 2020-2021

- Introduction of accelerated block scheduling, following the collegiate model
- Most core courses concluded within a semester
- Electives were offered throughout the year on an A/B day schedule
- 4 periods per day, 90 minutes per period with 45 of those minutes being asynchronous
- ELA courses continued to be double blocked and were taken every day throughout the year

Semester A	Semester B
Course 1 (ELA)	Course 1 (ELA)
Course 2	Course 4
Course 3	Course 5
Elective 1 & 2	Elective 1 & 2

• Families could elect in and out of virtual or in-person learning at any quarter mark throughout the school year

SY 2021-2022 & Beyond

- Block schedule continues without the accelerated collegiate model
- Core-courses are offered year-round on an A/B day schedule, with
- 4 periods per day, 90 minutes per course, all minutes are synchronous
- All ELA courses and Algebra 1 remain double blocked and span 2 class periods

A Day	B Day
Course 1 (ELA)	Course 4
Course 1 (ELA)	Course 5
Course 2	Course 6
Course 3	Course 7

*All students are required to be in-person this year

COURSE OFFERINGS

	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Students	Language	Fine Arts	CTE/TECH	Elective
9th Grade (SY18-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG1 • READ1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALG1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W GEO • APHUMGEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPAN 1 • FREN 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART 1 • TH1: Theater1 • MUS1CHOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTERSTU • PROFCOMM 	
10th Grade (SY19-20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG2 • READ2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOM • ALG2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W HIST • APWHIST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPAN 2 • FREN 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART2 • ART2PHTO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIMEDIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLTH ED • PEFOUND • PEAA
11th Grade (SY20-21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PREAPENG3 • APENGLIT • READ3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRECALC • ADQUANR: Advanced Quantitative Reasoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHYSICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US HIST • APUSHIST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPAN 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART3DRAW • ART3PHTO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FUNCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATHCC3: Junior Seminar • APPSYCH • SSADV1
12th Grade (SY21-22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APENGLAN • TECH WR: Composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSTATS • APCALC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENVIRSYS • AP BIO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECO-FE • GOVT • APGOV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSPALAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSTARTD • APSTART2D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APCSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATHCC4: Senior Seminar

GRADING POLICY

Before March 13, 2020

YES Prep courses were organized into semesters. Most core academic courses spanned two semesters while some elective courses were one semester. Students' grades for each semester were determined by averaging the grades from three six-week grading cycles, with additional weight given to results from YES Prep common assessments, when there was a Common Assessment for the course. Students earned .5 credit with a passing grade at the end of each semester.

SY 2019-2020 (Beginning March 30, 2020)

(April 6 – May 22, 2020) Semester 2 grades were included in student GPAs using the process below: For each student,

1. Semester 2 grades were calculated both with AND without the A6 average. The higher semester 2 average was chosen to ensure that A6 only improved the Semester 2 grade.
2. Semester 2 grades were then calculated into the cumulative GPA for the 19-20 school year.

SY 2020-2021

YES Prep moved from a six-week grading cycle to a nine-week quarter system. Many core high school academic courses spanned one semester. The A section of the course was completed during the first nine-week cycle of the semester, and the B section was completed during the second nine-weeks. Where traditionally students earned a full credit over an entire year, this school year students earned a full credit in the span of one semester. The accelerated nature of these courses required special attention to students' progress and mastery of course content.

Fall 2020

For the Fall 2020 semester, students' grades for each nine-weeks were determined by averaging grades within a nine-week grading cycle, with additional weight (10%) given to results from YES Prep Common Assessments when applicable.

Spring 2021

In response to the impacts and challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, including student and family illness and inconsistent internet access, YES Prep made edits to its grading policy replacing any F on a transcript to an NC or "no credit". Additionally, the NC did not impact students' GPAs; however, if a student did not earn credit for a course required for graduation, they had to recover the credit through our credit recovery program.

SY 2021-2022 & Beyond

YES Prep maintained the nine-week quarter system but eliminated the accelerated collegiate model. Additional minutes were added to the school day to address COVID-19 learning gaps. Core courses span two semesters, with some elective courses concluding in one semester. Final semester grades are determined by averaging the grades from the two quarters that comprise each semester. Additional weight is given to YES Prep common assessments, when there is a Common Assessment for the course.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

YES Prep graduates across the network, from the Classes of 2019 - 2021 were admitted to the following colleges and universities.

Abilene Christian Univ.
Amherst College
Angelo State Univ.
Arizona State Univ., Tempe
Auburn Univ.
Austin College
Art Institute of Houston
Austin College
Barnard College
Bates College
Baylor Univ.
Belmont Univ.
Bethune-Cookman Univ.
Blinn College
Boston Univ.
Brown Univ.
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell Univ.
California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona
Carleton College
Catholic Univ. of America
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta Univ.
Clark Univ.
Clarkson Univ.
Colby College
College of St. Benedict
Colorado School of Mines
Concordia Univ. Texas
Cornell Univ.
Creighton Univ.
Culinary Institute of America
Dallas Baptist Univ.
Dartmouth College
Del Mar College

DePaul Univ.
Drexel Univ.
Duke Univ.
Earlham College
Emory Univ.
Fisk Univ.
Florida A&M Univ.
George Mason Univ.
George Washington Univ.
Georgetown Univ.
Grambling State Univ.
Grinnell College
Hampton Univ.
Hawaii Pacific Univ.
Houston Baptist Univ.
Houston Community College System
Howard Univ.
Huston-Tillotson Univ.
Indiana State Univ.
Iowa State Univ.
Jackson State Univ.
Jarvis Christian College
Johns Hopkins Univ.
Kansas State Univ.
Kenyon College
Lamar Univ.
Lone Star College System
Louisiana State Univ. and A&M College
Loyola Univ., New Orleans
Lycoming College
Macalester College

Michigan State Univ.
Midwestern State Univ.
Millsaps College
Mississippi State Univ.
Morehouse College
Morgan State Univ.
New York Univ.
North Carolina A&T State Univ.
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oklahoma State Univ.
Our Lady of the Lake Univ.
Prairie View A&M Univ.
Princeton Univ.
Providence College
Purdue Univ., Main Campus
Rhodes College
Rice Univ.
Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick
Saint Edward's Univ.
Saint John's Univ.
Sam Houston State Univ.
San Jacinto College System
Schreiner Univ.
Scripps College
Southern Methodist Univ.
Sewanee: The Univ. of the South
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
St. John's Univ., New York
Stanford Univ.
Stephen F. Austin State Univ.
Sul Ross State Univ.
Tarleton State Univ.
Temple Univ.
Tennessee State Univ.

Texas A&M Univ.
Texas A&M Univ., Commerce
Texas A&M Univ., Corpus Christi
Texas A&M Univ., Kingsville
Texas Southern Univ.
Texas Christian Univ.
Texas Lutheran Univ.
Texas Southern Univ.
Texas State Univ.
Texas Tech Univ.
Texas Wesleyan Univ.
Texas Woman's Univ.
The Art Institute of Houston
The George Washington Univ.
The Univ. of Alabama
The Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
The Univ. of Tampa
The Univ. of Texas, Arlington
The Univ. of Texas, Austin
The Univ. of Texas, Dallas
The Univ. of Texas, El Paso
The Univ. of Texas, Permian Basin
The Univ. of Texas, San Antonio
The Univ. of Texas, Tyler
The Univ. of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Trinity Univ.
Tufts Univ.
Tulane Univ. of Louisiana
Tuskegee Univ.
Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham
Univ. of California, Berkeley
Univ. of California, Davis
Univ. of California, Irvine
Univ. of California, San Diego

Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
Univ. of California, Santa Cruz
Univ. of Chicago
Univ. of Colorado, Boulder
Univ. of Colorado, Denver
Univ. of Hawaii, Manoa
Univ. of Houston
Univ. of Houston, Clear Lake
Univ. of Houston, Downtown
Univ. of Houston, Victoria
Univ. of Kansas
Univ. of Kentucky
Univ. of Louisiana
Univ. of Memphis
Univ. of Mississippi
Univ. of Miami
Univ. of New Orleans
Univ. of North Texas
Univ. of Notre Dame
Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman Campus
Univ. of Rochester
Univ. of Southern California
Univ. of St. Thomas (TX)
Univ. of the Incarnate Word
Univ. of Virginia
Vanderbilt Univ.
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington & Lee Univ.
Wayne State College
Wellesley College
Whitman College
Whiley College
Xavier Univ. of Louisiana
Yale Univ.