

2022-2023 Upper School Profile

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SAYRE
SCHOOL
MAKE·YOUR·MARK

OUR MISSION

Sayre School provides an innovative and inclusive learning environment that empowers students to achieve academic excellence, embrace challenge, and cultivate integrity in order to lead purposeful lives in an ever-changing world.

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CORE VALUES

Sayre School values students as individuals and works to foster their understanding of themselves and their roles in the larger community. Our core values of wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion are woven throughout the school.

THE SCHOOL

Sayre School, founded in 1854, is downtown Lexington's only independent coeducational college preparatory school, serving students age two through grade twelve. The school has a 50-acre athletic complex that includes four fields for football, soccer and lacrosse, baseball and softball diamonds, ten tennis courts, and a cross country course. The school is governed by a twenty-four member Board of Trustees.

ACCREDITATION

- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- Kentucky Non-Public School Commission (KyNPSC)
- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

249 | students in grades 9-12

88 | percent of Upper School faculty holding advanced degrees

53 | students in the Class of 2024

15 | average class size (8:1 student-to-teacher ratio)

COLLEGE COUNSELING PHILOSOPHY

Sayre School's college counseling process utilizes the knowledge that colleges and universities have individual personalities, just as each of our students has a unique and distinctive character. The college counseling process aims to identify for each student the right "type" of school using factors such as size, cost, distance from home, region of the country, quality of specific academic programs, social climate, and community settings, and to help students gain admittance to colleges where they will grow and thrive.

EACH DIPLOMA OPTION BEGINS WITH THE FOLLOWING 24 CREDITS

English: four full years; **History:** four full years; **Mathematics:** three full years; **Science:** three full years; **World Languages:** three years of same language in grades 9-12; **Public Speaking:** one semester; **Writing:** one semester; **Visual and Creative Arts:** two full years; **Health:** one semester; **Physical Education:** one semester; **Electives:** three self-selected semester-long courses.

GRADING SCALE
A = 90-100
B = 80- 89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = > 60

CLASSES OF 2020-2023 QUINTILE GPA AVG	
1st	4.45
2nd	4.21
3rd	3.95
4th	3.67
5th	3.04

CLASS RANKING

Sayre School does not provide student rankings due to small class sizes.

UNIQUE SENIOR PROGRAMMING

SENIOR INTERNSHIP

Sayre believes that doing well in college, or life in general, does not depend solely on the amount of knowledge the student has acquired but instead on whether or not they have learned how to analyze, synthesize, and process available information. Our Sayre Senior Internships acquaints the student with increased freedom and supports them in their transition to the real world. Each senior presents a proposal that involves an experience in one of the following areas: social service, vocation-career exploration, or the arts. Once approved, the student integrates their experience with their coursework, managing their time between their academic classes and their outside experiences and communicating with the Internship Coordinator, faculty advisor, and work sponsor.

DON JACOBS, SR. SEMINARS

The Don Jacobs, Sr. Seminar Series focuses on practical topics such as spending, earning, giving, saving, owing, investing, and civic responsibility to give students training and guidance in these areas. Guest speakers from various professions provide students direct access to experts in their fields. In addition, mentors from the local community partner with students throughout the year, providing direct application and practice of seminar topics.

SAYRE UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2023- 2024

ENGLISH

- English 9, Finding Your Voice
- English 10
- English 11 /12 Seminar
- **AP English Language and Composition**
- **AP Literature and Composition**
- Introduction to Creative Writing*
- Fiction Writing Workshop*
- Poetry Writing Workshop*
- Interdisciplinary Environmental Humanities: Fly Fishing*
- Women's Literature*
- Public Speaking*

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Honors Algebra II
- College Algebra
- Precalculus
- Honors Precalculus
- Calculus
- **AP Statistics**
- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Calculus BC**
- Calculus III
- **AP Computer Science Principles**
- **AP Computer Science A**

WORLD LANGUAGES

- French I, II, III, IV, V
- Honors French IV
- **AP French Language**
- Spanish I (P), II, III, IV
- Honors Spanish IV
- Spanish V: Politics and Society in Hispanic Film
- **AP Spanish Language**

"P" designation indicates transition course, typically for transfer students

SCIENCE

- (All sciences are lab based)
- Environmental Science
 - AP Environmental Science
 - Biology
 - Biology II: Human Anatomy & Physiology
 - **AP Biology**
 - Principles of Chemistry
 - Chemistry
 - **AP Chemistry**
 - Physics
 - **AP Physics 1, 2**
 - Advanced Research Design
 - Nutritional Chemistry*
 - Health II*
 - Lab Technician
 - Island Geology and Ecology (summer only)
 - Academic Science Skills (summer only)

HISTORY

- History 9: World History Origins to 1450 CE
- History 10: Modern World History Since 1450 CE
- History 11: U.S. History
- **AP U.S. History**
- **AP U.S. Government & Politics**
- History 12: U.S. Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and American Politics
- Honors History 12: U.S. Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, and American Politics
- History of The Vietnam War*
- Human Rights and Responsibilities*
- Hot Spots in U.S. Foreign Relations*
- History of Sports*
- Topics in Psychology*
- Service to Society*

THEATRE & SPEECH

- Playwriting*
- Acting Studio*
- Theatre I and II

VISUAL ARTS

- 2D Studio Art I and II
- 2D Drawing*
- 2D Painting*
- 2D Honors Art
- **AP Drawing**
- 3D Studio Art I and II
- Advanced 3D Art
- Honors 3D Art
- Ceramics I and II
- Honors Ceramics
- Metals*
- Publications

MUSIC

- Sayre Singers: all-female singing troupe
- Spartones: all-male singing troupe
- Sayre Players Band
- Honors Music Theory
- **AP Music Theory**
- Independent Study in Music
- Piano

WELLNESS

- Health/Physical Education
- Fitness Training*

*Semester Course

*AP classes in bold

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students seeking enrichment may create and organize an independent course of study or research project in collaboration with a faculty member.

LOCAL UNIVERSITY AND ONLINE COURSE OFFERINGS

Students may take online courses for credit through Brigham Young University or in person through Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky. While students are given credit for successfully-completed courses, grades they earn are not included on their Sayre School transcript nor calculated into their GPA.

10 | members of the Class of 2023 are participating in intercollegiate athletics

63 | graduates enrolled in 36 different colleges in 17 different states, the District of Columbia, and the United Kingdom

65 | percent of graduates are attending out-of-state colleges

87 | percent of graduates received \$9.3 M in college-sponsored, four-year scholarships

DISTINCTION REQUIREMENTS

To earn a distinction, a student must complete a discipline-specific **series of classes**, activities, and immersion experiences. In addition, the student must research, design, implement, and present an **ongoing project or performance** that has significant impact and outcomes.

SAYRE OFFERS 5 ELITE DISTINCTIONS		CLASS OF 2023 DISTINCTIONS EARNED	
Creative Arts	Sustainability	Distinction in Creative Arts: 4	Distinction in Sustainability: 1
Global Studies	Engineering	Distinction in Global Studies: 1	Distinction in Engineering: 1
Service Learning		Distinction in Service Learning : 1	Dual Distinctions: 1

THREE DIPLOMA OPPORTUNITIES: SAYRE, HONORS, HIGH HONORS

Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits and 2.0 GPA during their high school years in order to qualify for a diploma.

SAYRE SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMAS WITH CLASS OF 2023 ACHIEVEMENT

DIPLOMAS	ACADEMIC REQS	SERVICE REQS	CLASS OF 2023
SAYRE	24 credits	42 hours minimum	43%
HONORS	24 credits, must include minimum 2 APs, 4 maths	48 hours minimum	40%
HIGH HONORS	24 credits, must include minimum 3 APs, 4 years same World Language, 4 sciences, 4 maths	58 hours minimum	17%

COMPETITIVE STATE PROGRAMS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (Juniors)	GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (Sophomores & Juniors)	LEADERSHIP LEXINGTON YOUTH PROGRAM (Juniors)
Total number for Classes of 2021-2023 6	Total number for Classes of 2021-2023 6	Total number for Classes of 2021-2023 18

SAYRE SCHOOL AP AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- Sayre School does not provide class rank due to small class sizes
- GPA is weighted +0.5 point for Honors and +1.0 for AP (all other courses are considered college preparatory)
- AP classes have selective enrollment based on criteria determined by each department
- **Most Sayre students take 6 courses and 1 study hall; seniors taking 3 or more APs are strongly encouraged to take 2 study halls**
- Logistical constraints of the schedule may limit opportunities for some AP and Honors classes in the junior and senior years
- Most APs are not open to students until their junior or senior years
- 18 AP classes offered; students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam
- 24 Carnegie credits required to graduate

2023 AP TESTS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

Biology	English Language/Comp	Physics 2
Calculus AB	English Literature/Comp	Physics C: Mech
Calculus BC	Enviromental Science	Spanish Language/Culture
Chemistry	French Language/Culture	Statistics
Computer Science Principles	Music Theory	U.S. History
Drawing	Physics 1	U.S. Government

68%

students scoring a 4 or 5

88%

pass rate
(3 or higher,
average score 3.5)

12%

AP Scholars
with Honors

86%

class of 2023
pass rate

14%

AP Scholars
(average score 3.8)

23%

AP Scholars
with Distinction

CLASS OF 2023 ACT AVGS

English	26
Reading	25
Math	27
Science	25
Composite	26
Mid 50% Composite	23-29



SAYRE SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University

Appalachian State University

Arizona State University

Auburn University +

Austin Peay State University

Baylor University

Bellarmine University

Belmont University

Brown University

Butler University

Centre College +

Chapman University

Clemson University +

College of Charleston

Colorado State University

Denison University

DePaul University

DePauw University

Duke University

Eastern Kentucky University

Eckerd College

Elon University

Emerson College

Emory University

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida State University

Furman University

George Washington University

Goldsmiths University of London

Hampden-Sydney College

High Point University

Indiana University

James Madison University

Johnson & Wales University

Kentucky Wesleyan University

King's College, London

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Chicago

Marshall University

Miami University

Michigan State University

Midway University +

Morehead State University

New York University

North Carolina State University

Ohio State University

Pace University

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Pomona College

Pratt Institute

Purdue University

Rhodes College

Rice University

Roanoke College

Robert Morris University

Samford University

Savannah College of Art & Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

School of Visual Arts

Seton Hall University

Sewanee: The University of the South

Southern Methodist University

Syracuse University

Texas A & M University

Texas Christian University

Transylvania University +

Tulane University

University of Alabama

University of Arizona

University of Arkansas

University of Central Florida

University of Cincinnati +

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Kentucky +

University of Liverpool

University of Louisville

University of Lynchburg

University of Maryland

University of Miami

University of Mississippi

University of New Hampshire

University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill

University of North Dakota

University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

University of South Carolina +

University of Southern California

University of Southern Indiana

University of Tampa

University of Tennessee

University of Texas at Austin

University of Texas at Dallas

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Vanderbilt University

Virginia Tech +

Washington and Lee University +

Western Kentucky University +

Wofford College

Xavier University

- 100% of the 2023 graduates matriculated at four-year colleges and universities
- Two or more students attending from the Class of 2023 designated with +
- Matriculations in bold