

2024-2025 Upper School Profile

CEEB Code: 181-443



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 (NCPA)

STUDENTS AND FACULTY

257 | students in grades 9-12

72 | students in the Class of 2025

83 | percent of Upper School faculty holding advanced degrees

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.

8

members of the Class of 2024 are participating in intercollegiate athletics

53

graduates enrolled in 31 different colleges in 18 different states and the United Kingdom

72

percent of graduates are attending out-of-state colleges

85

percent of graduates received \$7.3 M in college-sponsored, four-year scholarships

EACH DIPLOMA OPTION BEGINS WITH THE FOLLOWING 24 CREDITS

English: four years; **History:** four years; **Mathematics:** three years; **Science:** three years; **World Languages:** three years of same language in grades 9-12; **Public Speaking:** one semester; **Writing:** one semester; **Visual and Performing Arts:** two 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 2021-2024 QUINTILE GPA AVG	
1st	4.45
2nd	4.22
3rd	4.01
4th	3.77
5th	3.21

GPA is weighted +1.0 for Honors and AP courses.

CLASS RANKING

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

SAYRE OFFERS 5 ELITE DISTINCTIONS		CLASS OF 2024 DISTINCTIONS EARNED	
Creative Arts	Sustainability	Distinction in Creative Arts: 0	Distinction in Sustainability: 1
Global Studies	Engineering	Distinction in Global Studies: 1	Distinction in Engineering: 3
Service Learning		Distinction in Service Learning : 5	

SAYRE SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMAS WITH CLASS OF 2024 ACHIEVEMENT

DIPLOMAS	ACADEMIC REQS	SERVICE REQS	CLASS OF 2024
SAYRE	24 credits	42 hours minimum	23%
HONORS	24 credits, must include minimum 2 APs, 4 maths	48 hours minimum	52%
HIGH HONORS	24 credits, must include minimum 3 APs, 4 years same World Language, 4 sciences, 4 maths	58 hours minimum	25%

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2024-2025

ENGLISH

- English 9, Finding Your Voice
- English 10
- English 11/12 Seminar
- **AP English Language & Composition**
- **AP English Literature & Composition**
- Literature & Environment*
- Science Fiction & Fantasy Literature*
- Mythology*
- Women's Literature*

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Honors Algebra II
- Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications (AAFA)
- Precalculus
- Honors Precalculus
- Calculus
- **AP Statistics**
- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Calculus BC**
- **AP Computer Science Principles**
- **AP Computer Science A**

WORLD LANGUAGES

- French I, II, III, IV, V
- Honors French IV
- **AP French Language & Culture**
- Pre-Spanish I
- Spanish I, II, III, IV
- Honors Spanish IV
- Spanish V: Politics & Society in Hispanic Film
- **AP Spanish Language & Culture**

SCIENCE

- (All sciences are lab-based)
- Environmental Science
 - **AP Environmental Science**
 - Biology
 - Biology II: Human Anatomy & Physiology
 - **AP Biology**
 - Chemistry
 - **AP Chemistry**
 - Physics
 - **AP Physics 1 & 2**
 - **AP Physics C**
 - Advanced Research Design*
 - Nutritional Chemistry*
 - Health*
 - Lab Technician*

HISTORY

- World History 9: World History Origins to 1450 CE
- World History 10: Modern World History Since 1450 CE
- **AP United States History**
- History 11: United States History
- **AP Psychology**
- **AP United States Government & Politics**
- History 12: United States Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, & American Politics
- Honors History 12: U.S. Supreme Court, Civil Liberties, & American Politics
- Hot Spots in U.S. Foreign Relations*
- World-World-Women*
- History of Sports*
- History of Kentucky*
- Historical Research Methods*
- Podcasting the Past*

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Studio Art I & II
- 2D Honors Art
- **AP Drawing**
- 2D Drawing*
- 2D Painting*
- Publications
- Theatre I & II
- Playwriting*
- Improvisation*
- Acting Studio I & II*
- Directing I*
- Production Design*
- Piano Class
- Sayre Players Band
- Sayre Singers: treble voice chorus
- Spartones: tenor/bass voice chorus
- Honors Music Theory
- **AP Music Theory**
- Independent Study in Music

WELLNESS

- Physical Education
- Fitness Training*

ADDITIONAL COURSES

- Public Speaking*
- Independent Study*
- Service to Society*
- Don Jacobs Sr. Personal Financial, Legal, & Civic Responsibilities Seminars: Senior Requirement

*Semester Course

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.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- Sayre School does not provide class rank due to small class sizes
- GPA is weighted +1.0 for Honors and AP courses (all other courses are considered college preparatory)
- AP classes have selective enrollment based on criteria determined by each department
- 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 and senior years
- Students enrolled in an AP course must sit for the exam
- 19 AP classes offered
- 24 Carnegie credits required to graduate

2024 AP TESTS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

Biology	English Lang/Comp	Physics 2
Calculus AB	English Lit/Comp	Precalculus
Calculus BC	Environmental Science	Spanish Lang/Culture
Chemistry	French Lang/Culture	Statistics
Computer Science Principles	Music Theory	U.S. History
Computer Science A	Physics 1	U.S. Government

73% students scoring a 4 or 5

91% pass rate (3 or higher, average score 3.8)

9% AP Scholars with Honors

89% class of 2024 pass rate

22% AP Scholars (average score 3.8)

25% AP Scholars with Distinction

CLASS OF 2024 ACT AVGS

English	28
Reading	28
Math	26
Science	27
Composite	27
Mid 50% Composite	25-30



SAYRE SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American Musical & Dramatic Academy	Hiram College	University of Alabama
Anderson University	Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Arizona
Appalachian State University	Indiana University	University of California San Diego
Asbury University	Kentucky State University	University of Cincinnati
Auburn University	Kenyon College	University of Colorado Boulder
Augusta University	Lehigh University	University of Colorado Denver
Baldwin Wallace University	Louisiana State University	University of Dayton
Baylor University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Florida
Berry College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Georgia
Boston University	Miami University+	University of Illinois Chicago
Bristol, University of West England	Michigan State University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Brown University	Morehead State University	University of Iowa
Butler University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Kentucky+
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University, Shanghai	University of Louisville
Carthage College	North Carolina State University	University of Maryland
Case Western University	Northeastern University	University of Miami
Centre College+	Ohio Dominican University	University of Michigan
Clemson University	Ohio State University	University of Mississippi+
College of Wooster	Ohio University	University of Pennsylvania
Colorado State University	Oklahoma State University	University of Pittsburgh
Denison University+	Oregon State University	University of Rochester
DePaul University+	Oxford Brookes University	University of South Carolina
DePauw University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Tennessee
Eastern Kentucky University	Purdue University	University of Texas at Austin
East Tennessee State University	Reed College	University of Texas at Dallas
Elmhurst University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Utah
Elon University	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Vermont
Emerson College	Samford University	University of Virginia
Emory University	Santa Clara University	University of Washington+
Emory University Oxford	Scripps College	University of Winchester
Fontbonne University	Smith College	University of Wisconsin
Franklin College	St. Andrews University	Wake Forest University
Furman University	Southern Methodist University+	Washington and Lee University
George Washington University	Syracuse University	Western Kentucky University
Grove City College+	Texas Christian University	Wofford College
Hanover College	Transylvania University+	
High Point University	University at Buffalo	

- 98% of the 2024 graduates matriculated at four-year colleges and universities
- Two or more students attending from the Class of 2024 designated with +
- Matriculations in bold