

# CLASS OF 2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

**BRENTWOOD SCHOOL** is a nonprofit, independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school. Located in West Los Angeles, Brentwood School benefits from its close proximity to major freeways and draws students from the greater Los Angeles area.

**580** Students in Grades 9-12      **8:1** Student/faculty ratio (9-12)

**124** Students in the Senior class      **110** Zip codes where our students live

**17%** Students who receive financial assistance (K-12)

**48%** Students of Color (9-12)  
Asian or Asian American: 8%  
Black or African American: 6%  
Latinx or Latinx American: 6%  
Middle Eastern or Middle Eastern American: 9%  
Multiracial: 19%

## ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

Admission to Brentwood School is a thorough and competitive process composed of a detailed application, student and family interviews, a review of transcripts, and a writing sample. We strive to admit students whose families support the school's mission and its Core Values of Trust, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring, Diversity, and Community. Brentwood families come from a broad geographic area and represent various races/ethnicities, religions, professional backgrounds, socioeconomic levels, family structures, and gender identities.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

Brentwood School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). Brentwood School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

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## TEST SCORES

### ACT SUMMARY

Section	Mean
Composite	30
English	31
Math	30
Science	29
Reading	30

### SAT SUMMARY

Section	Mean
Composite	1385
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	697
Mathematics	693

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

All students who take an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam to have the AP designation included on their transcript. Students may also take an AP exam through an independent study course or through their own initiative.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT NUMBERS

<b>282</b> AP Students	<b>51</b> AP Scholars
<b>745</b> Exams Offered	<b>21</b> AP Scholars with Honors
<b>29</b> Exam Subjects	<b>62</b> AP Scholars with Distinction
<b>31%</b> Tests with a score of 5	<b>122</b> out of 124 seniors are enrolled in at least one AP class
<b>29%</b> Tests with a score of 4	<b>5</b> Average number of APs taken per student
<b>24%</b> Tests with a score of 3	<b>3.5</b> Average number of APs taken during senior year
	<b>11</b> Highest total number of APs taken

# Curriculum Highlights

Student-driven learning that values curiosity and critical thinking provides each Brentwood Upper School student with a deep foundation in liberal arts and a path toward leadership.

Through the Brentwood curriculum, every student graduates with problem-solving skills, cross-cultural awareness, the ability to communicate effectively, and an equitable, ethical, and curious mindset.

Brentwood's curriculum is challenging, and while it offers many AP courses, the school's elective and honors courses are just as, if not more, rigorous and relevant than the Advanced Placement curriculum. We do not counsel students to "collect" APs. Instead, we encourage students to choose courses that reflect their authentic interests and pursuits.

**The highest course that students can take in the following disciplines are:**

**Math** — Multivariable Calculus and AP Calc BC

**Science** — AP Physics C: Mechanics

**History** — AP Art History and AP US History

**Visual Arts** — AP Studio Art

**Music** — AP Music Theory

**English** — AP Literature

**World Languages** — Honors Mandarin 5, AP Spanish Language, AP French, and AP Latin

For a list of course offerings, [click here](#).

## BELLDEGRUN CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

The Belldegrun Center for Innovative Leadership (BCIL) at Brentwood School prepares community members to engage with real-world challenges and explore solutions within and beyond the classroom. The BCIL offers experiential learning through innovative course offerings, a speaker series, leadership development workshops, and extracurricular opportunities. Our programming includes social entrepreneurship, civic leadership, community engagement, peer programming, STEM, and more.

## GRADING SYSTEM

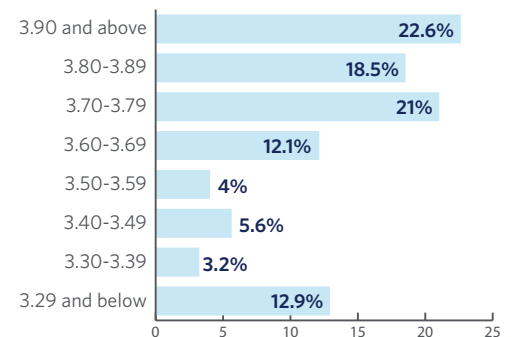
Students are required to enroll in six academic classes per semester. Brentwood School records only semester grades on student transcripts. Students earn 0.5 credit for each course per semester.

Brentwood School does not rank. Students have an unweighted GPA. Weighted GPA is only used to report to colleges on the transcript using a 4.0 scale. Only coursework completed at Brentwood is represented in the cumulative GPA.

### CRITERIA

Letter	Grade Point	Percentage
A	4.0	100-93%
A-	3.7	92-90%
B+	3.3	89-87%
B	3.0	86-83%
B-	2.7	82-80%
C+	2.3	79-77%
C	2.0	76-73%
C-	1.7	72-70%
D+	1.3	69-67%
D	1.0	66-63%
D-	0.7	62-60%
F	0.0	59-0%

### UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION (124 SENIORS)



## Student Life

The Student Life program is the non-academic heartbeat of the student body at Brentwood School. We offer more than 50 student-led clubs and activities. Student Life also includes assemblies and a robust advisory program that focuses on social-emotional development, annual events including homecoming, coffeehouse, semi-formal, and junior/senior prom, and our student body color wars known as September Splash. At Brentwood School, our Student Life program is as vibrant and energetic as our students themselves.

### DISCIPLINARY REPORTING

Brentwood School notifies colleges of any serious academic or disciplinary matters that affect a student's application and profile. If a student violates school rules, the infraction may be noted in the School Recommendation and/or Secondary School Report Form. If a serious infraction occurs after application forms have been sent, Brentwood School and the student will notify the Admission Office of the colleges to which the student has applied.

# Distinguished Programs

## APPLIED SCIENCE

This program provides students with hands-on research experiences and practical applications of scientific principles. Students engage in original scientific projects, design and conduct experiments, and explore various scientific disciplines. The program promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation while giving students an opportunity to work as scientists and researchers. The Applied Science program encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, enabling students to address real-world problems that may span multiple scientific fields. The program coordinator, Dr. Varotto, has expertise in chemistry, entrepreneurship, renewable energy, nanomaterials, and sustainable fabrics.

## BENEFACTA PROGRAM

Benefacta encourages and recognizes extraordinary community service within and beyond the school community. Students who have completed more than 50 hours of community service may apply for the Benefacta Program.

## BRENTWOOD THEATER COMPANY (BTC), BRENTWOOD DANCE COMPANY (BDC), AND MADRIGALS (CHORAL)

BTC and BDC are advanced, audition-based ensembles open to juniors and seniors. Our advanced choral group, Madrigals, is open only to seniors.

## CUM LAUDE

Students in the top 20% of the senior class may be considered for admission into the Cum Laude Society. Cum Laude scholars must also have consistently exhibited integrity, compassion, good judgment, and social responsibility.

## DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Dean's List have no effort or citizenship marks of U and a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

## EQUITY AND INCLUSION

At Brentwood School, we recognize and value the varied backgrounds and personal experiences every person brings to our community. Brentwood's exceptional academic and co-curricular offerings, within a diverse and multifaceted community, cultivate strong critical thinking and innovation in our students, who in turn, become lifelong learners and leaders.

Our Office of Equity and Inclusion encourages the community to embrace and navigate their differences through cross-cultural interactions with others, including celebratory, cultural events, dialogues and affinity group programming. Brentwood is committed to sustaining an equitable and just community, where our students feel safe and seen, and fulfills that goal through an inclusive curriculum, intentional hiring of diverse faculty and staff, and a dedication to anti-bias practices.

## FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

This class accompanies our Civic and Educational Leadership program. Students learn about issues in education and act as peer educators, teaching assistants, and tutors. They also partner with LA schools to research and work to implement reform.

## HONOR ROLL

Brentwood School names students to the Honor Roll if they have no effort or citizenship marks of U and a grade point average for the prior semester of 3.2 to 3.59.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study is for students who are interested in pursuing a research-based academic endeavor of intellectual curiosity that expands beyond Brentwood's current course offerings. The student's Independent Study advisor approves the student's proposal and guides until the completion of the research project.

The Independent Study is noted on the transcript. However, it does not count toward the required course load. Independent Study courses receive credit/no credit.

## PEER LEADERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Selected after a rigorous application process, 20 Peer Leaders and 10 Teaching Assistants are trained to conduct weekly outreach session with 9th graders. By facilitating dialogue through an activity-based model, Peer Leaders take a course in Applied Psychology while TA's support the Human Development course to guide freshmen during a critical developmental phase. These seniors are engaged role models in our community.

## PREFECT

The student body elects five Prefects from the senior class each year. Together, they lead the Upper School. Two are chosen by the Head of School to be Co-Head Prefects.

## SUMMER STUDY

Courses offered during the summer are an extension of our college preparatory program and fulfill graduation requirements. Some students choose to take summer classes to take advantage of other options during the school year.

# Brentwood Athletics

Members of the athletic programs at Brentwood School strive to provide an enduring source of pride for our school and our community. We have 35 teams across 18 sports so our student-athletes can find a place within Eagle athletics to compete and celebrate their unique talents and strengths.

## 35 SPORTS OFFERED (9TH - 12TH)

Baseball 

Cheer 

Fencing 

Lacrosse 

Track & Field 

Basketball 

Cross Country 

Flag Football 

Soccer 


Volleyball 

Beach Volleyball 

Drill 

Football 

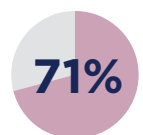
Swimming 

Water polo 

Equestrian 

Golf 

Tennis 



Students playing a sport this year

# College Placement (LAST TWO YEARS)

**100%** of our students are admitted to four-year colleges and universities.

The American University of Paris	Indiana University-Bloomington	University of California-Los Angeles
Babson College	Kenyon College	University of California-Santa Barbara
Barnard College	Knox College	University of California-Santa Cruz
Bates College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Chicago
Boston College	The New School	University of Colorado Boulder
Boston University	New York University	University of Miami
Bowdoin College	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Brown University	Northeastern University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bucknell University	Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania
Cal Poly Humboldt	Pennsylvania State University	University of Oregon
California State University-Fullerton	Pepperdine University	University of Richmond
California State University-Northridge	Princeton University	University of Southern California
Carleton College	Reed College	University of St Andrews
Carnegie Mellon University	Rochester Institute of Technology	The University of Texas at Austin
Colby College	San Diego State University	University of Virginia
Colgate University	Santa Monica College	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Columbia University in the City of New York	Skidmore College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Connecticut College	Sonoma State University	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Southern Methodist University	Wagner College
Dartmouth College	Stanford University	Wake Forest University
Duke University	Syracuse University	Washington University in St. Louis
El Camino Community College District	Temple University	Wellesley College
Emerson College	Tufts University	Wesleyan University
Emory University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Williams College
Florida International University	United States Military Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Washington University	University College London	Xavier University of Louisiana
Georgetown University	The University of Alabama	Yale University
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Arizona	
Harvard University	University of California-Berkeley	
Haverford College	University of California-Davis	

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

The ongoing global pandemic impacted our school in multiple ways beginning in March 2020. Since that time we have offered students the combination of a fully virtual classroom and in-person model for instruction. We have consistently maintained our traditional grading scale but our co-curricular activities were cancelled in the spring of 2020 and all of the 2020-2021 school year based on health department guidance. In the 2021 school year we welcomed our faculty, staff, and students back to campus for in-person learning.