

BLAKE



PROFILE 2023–2024

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1900, Blake is a coeducational, independent, nonsectarian day school serving 1,330 students on two campuses, Hopkins (Pre-K to 8) and Minneapolis (9 to 12). In small classes and through comprehensive curriculum, students from a variety of backgrounds and lived experiences find common ground in shared values. Blake provides ample opportunities for students to develop outside of the classroom. They not only become critical thinkers but also leaders, artists, athletes and citizens of the world.

BLAKE BY THE NUMBERS



74%
faculty with
advanced degrees



16
average
class size



9:1
student-adult
ratio

OUR STUDENTS



60
local communities
represented



37%
identify as
Students of Color



50+
languages spoken
at home



25%
receive financial
assistance



96%
advance from
Blake Middle to
Upper School

535
enrolled in
Upper School
(grades 9-12)

37%
Upper School
admit rate



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 credits in seven disciplines:

- Computer Science
- English
- Math
- Modern & Classical Languages
- Social Studies/History
- Science
- Visual, Performing Arts & Debate

Other courses include:

- 5 AP courses in Humanities
- 16 honors and AP courses in STEM
- 4 AP courses in Modern & Classical Languages
- Independent Study, by application
- Senior Seminar: Communication & Society: Senior Capstone Course

Enrollment in and advancement in honors and AP courses in math, science and social studies requires a minimum grade or departmental approval. Students cannot enroll in AP social studies courses until junior year.

POST-AP COURSES

English

- All senior electives offered at post-AP level

Computer Science

- Advanced Topics in Computer Science & Intermediate Programming with Python (CMU)

Math *Offered on a rotation, year-to-year

- Advanced Topics: Conjectures, Refutations & Proofs*
- Advanced Topics: Graph Theory & Network*
- Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra with Topics in Multi-variable Calculus*
- Advanced Topics: Interest Theory & Actuarial Math*

Modern & Classical Languages

- Advanced Hispanic Culture & Literature
- Advanced Topics: Chinese Culture & Literature
- Advanced Topics: Hispanic Theater & Film
- Advanced Topics: LeMonde Francophone
- Advanced Classics: Age of Augustus and Empire
- Advanced Classics: Politics & Poetry

Social Studies

- Advanced Topics: Research

GLOBAL LEARNING

- Academic immersion courses are led by Blake faculty who partner with local organizations. Destinations have included China, Sierra Leone, Cuba, Vietnam, Morocco, India, U.S.-Mexico border and Rwanda.
- Through Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools, students learn about real-world topics in a global community.
- Blake partners with School Year Abroad, the High Mountain Institute, the Alzar School and other organizations for off-campus study.

UPPER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULARS

Athletics



80% of Upper School students participate in at least one of 32 sports on 77 different athletic teams. (Students commute from the Upper School to Blake's athletic facilities in Hopkins.)

Visual & Performing Arts



Includes two choral ensembles, two instrumental ensembles and three annual stage productions. Students lead an average of six curated gallery shows and attend 45 debate tournaments per year.

Student Publications



Spectrum, award-winning student newspaper; Flash, literary arts magazine; yearbook.

Student Leadership



Forum, student government; Community Judiciary Board; Student InterAction Committee (SIAC); peer counselors; Bear-to-Bear peer tutoring; Student Diversity Leadership Council; Student Interview and Recommendation Committee.

Academic Clubs



DECA, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, math team, robotics, mock trial, ModelUN, debate.

Service Learning



25% of Upper School students choose to participate in Community Service Board committees and/or Service Path Recognition where they volunteer for at least 100 hours in one year.



Affinity Groups

Student-led spaces for identity-based affirmation and support. Specific groups focus on gender, sexuality, religion, race, ethnicity, family structure and ability.



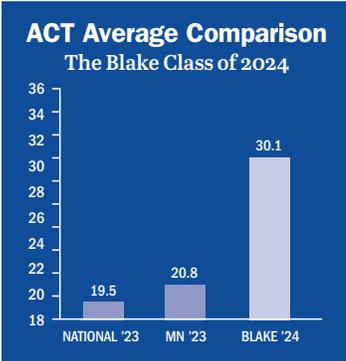
Clubs & Organizations

Approved and sponsored by the student government. Groups focus on creative writing, history, politics, languages, chess, arts, finance, e-sports, rocket science, the environment and more.

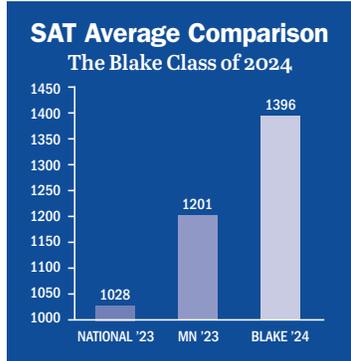
GRADE POINT AVERAGE				Grade Interpretation
	2024	2023	2022	
GPA*	3.55	3.63	3.57	A 4.00
Class size	131	134	131	A- 3.67
Blake does not rank students or weight grades. Blake discloses suspensions per college request.				
*Includes all Blake courses taken during the academic year beginning in ninth grade through junior year.				
				B+ 3.33
				B 3.00
				B- 2.67
				C+ 2.33
				C 2.00
				C- 1.67
				D+ 1.33
				D 1.00
				F no credit

STANDARDIZED TESTING & AWARDS

	2024	2023	2022
ACT Median Score			
Composite	30.1	30.4	30.1
SAT Mean Score			
EBRW	691	704	712
Math	704	701	722
Composite	1396	1406	1434



In Minnesota, 68% of graduating seniors took the ACT.



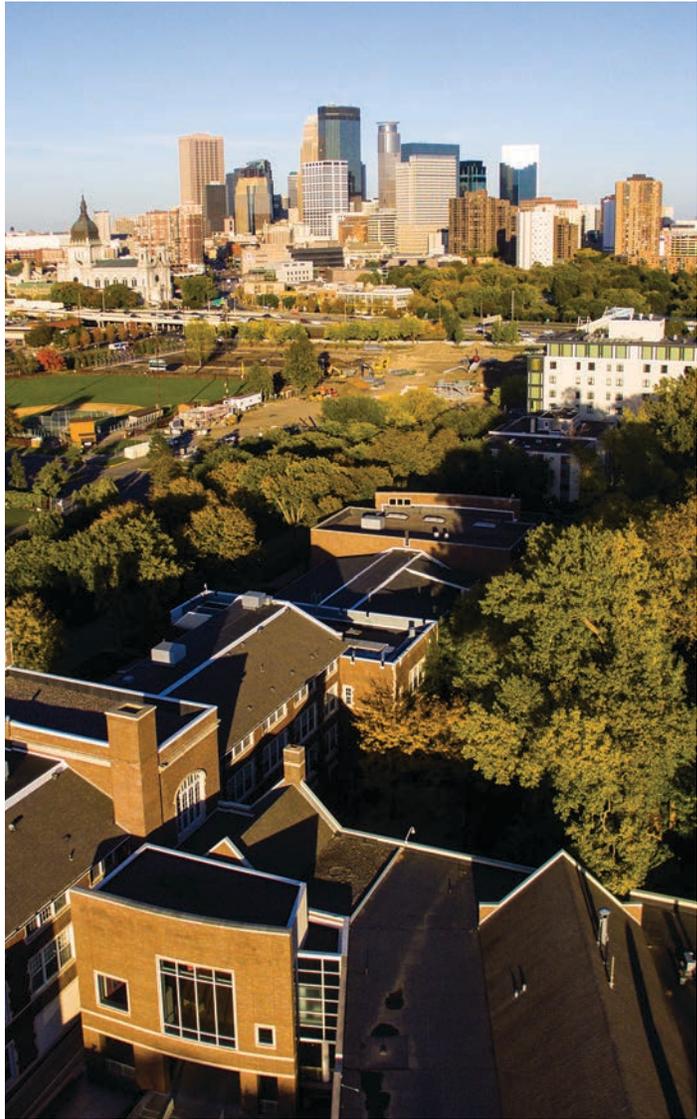
In Minnesota, 3% of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Number of Test Takers

ACT			SAT		
2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
103	114	114	23	27	27

National Merit

	2024	2023	2022
Semifinalists/Finalists	13	12	7
Commended	17	5	18
National Hispanic Scholar	0	0	0
Total	30	17	25
Percent of class	23%	13%	19%
AP Scholars (3 exams)	12*	15	16
Scholars: Honors (4 exams)	12*	17	14
Scholars: Distinction (5+ exams)	22*	32	23
AP International Diploma (7+ exams)	1*	1	0
Total	47*	65	53



2022-23 AP Exam Scores

	Total Tests	Score: 4	Score: 5
Biology	27	8	9
Calculus AB	45	13	4
Calculus BC	38	12	21
Chemistry	16	8	8
English Language	11	4	6
English Literature	30	5	21
European History	25	5	13
French Lang & Culture	9	6	2
Latin Literature	10	3	0
Physics I	40	20	10
Physics C, Mechanics	14	7	4
Physics C, E & M	12	7	2
Spanish Lang & Culture	35	14	12
Statistics	35	9	8
U.S. Gov't & Pol	44	6	7
U.S. History	71	15	16

COVID-19: Blake shifted to remote learning for the fourth quarter of 2019-2020. Blake started 2020-2021 in a hybrid model, with half of the student body in the building each day. On Nov. 5, 2020, Blake moved to full remote learning and then resumed the hybrid model on January 19, 2021. In the 2021-22 academic year, Blake returned to full in-person teaching and learning. Students received letter grades for all courses and school years.

MISSION

Blake engages students with a dynamic, academically challenging education in a diverse and supportive community committed to pluralism and a common set of values. Students pursue an integrated program of academic, artistic and athletic activities, preparing for college, lifelong learning and purposeful lives as community and global citizens.

COMMITMENT TO PLURALISM

A vibrant learning environment springs from a diverse school community. For this reason, Blake seeks and values students, families and employees with a wide range of backgrounds, identities and life experiences. Individually and collectively, we strive for understanding across differences in an inclusive environment where everyone can belong, contribute and thrive.

CORE VALUES

Respect
Love of Learning
Integrity
Courage

ADMINISTRATION

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ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools
 Administration of the
 Central States (ISACS)

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2019–2023

Five or More Graduates

Boston College	7	University of Denver	7	Purdue University	5
Boston University	11	DePaul University	6	Rice University	6
Brown University	8	Duke University	5	Southern Methodist University	8
University of California- Los Angeles	9	Gustavus Adolphus College	5	St. John's University	5
University of California- San Diego	5	Indiana University-Bloomington	6	St. Olaf College	11
Carleton College	12	Loyola Marymount University	10	Tufts University	10
Carnegie Mellon University	5	Macalester College	15	Tulane University	14
University of Chicago	5	Miami University, Oxford	7	Wake Forest University	7
Claremont McKenna College	11	Middlebury College	11	Washington University in St. Louis	14
Colby College	5	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities	37	Wellesley College	5
Colgate University	9	New York University	7	Union College (NY)	10
University of Colorado- Boulder	13	Northeastern University	7	University of Wisconsin- Madison	22
Colorado College	10	Northwestern University	17	Yale University	14
Cornell University	7	Oregon State University	10		
		University of Pennsylvania	6		
		Pitzer College	5		

One to Four Graduates

The University of Alabama	1	Harvard University	4	University of Puget Sound	4
American University	2	Harvey Mudd College	2	Reed College	1
Amherst College	1	Haverford College	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2
Arizona State University	4	University of Hawaii at Manoa	2	University of Richmond	2
University of Arizona	3	High Point University	1	College of Saint Benedict	1
Augsburg University	2	Hobart William Smith Colleges	2	University of San Diego	4
Babson College	2	Hofstra University	1	Santa Clara University	3
Barnard College	4	College of the Holy Cross	3	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1
Bates College	4	Howard University	1	Scripps College	3
Berklee College of Music	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1	Skidmore College	3
Bowdoin College	3	Illinois Wesleyan University	1	Smith College	1
Bradley University	1	Iowa State University	1	University of Southern California	3
Brandeis University	1	University of Iowa	4	St. Catherine University	2
Bryn Mawr College	1	Johns Hopkins University	2	St. Lawrence University	1
University of California-Berkeley	3	University of Kansas	1	Stanford University	3
University of California- Santa Barbara	3	Kenyon College	4	Syracuse University	3
Camberwell College of Arts	1	Knox College	2	The George Washington University	2
Case Western Reserve University	2	Lafayette College	4	The New School	1
Chapman University	4	Lake Forest College	2	Texas Christian University	4
Clemson University	1	Lawrence University	2	Trinity College	2
University of Colorado Denver	1	Lehigh University	2	Trinity College Dublin	2
Colorado State University- Fort Collins	2	Lewis & Clark College	4	Trinity University	1
Columbia College Chicago	1	List College - JTS	2	United States Merchant Marine Academy	1
Columbia University- City of New York	4	Louisiana State University	1	University of St. Andrews	1
Connecticut College	1	Luther College	2	University of St. Thomas	4
Culinary Institute of America	1	Marist College	1	University of Sydney	1
Dalhousie University	1	Marquette University	2	University of Utah	1
Dartmouth College	4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	Valparaiso University	1
Davidson College	2	University of Miami	1	Vanderbilt University	4
Deerfield Academy	1	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	4	Vassar College	2
Denison University	1	Michigan Technical University	1	University of Vermont	1
Drake University	1	Minnesota State University-Mankato	1	Villanova University	2
Durham University	1	Montclair State University	1	Virginia Military Institute	1
University of Edinburgh	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2	University of Virginia	3
Elon University	1	University of North Dakota	2	Washington and Lee University	1
Emory University	3	Northland College	1	University of Washington-Seattle	1
Flagler College	1	University of Notre Dame	4	Wesleyan University	3
Fordham University	3	Occidental College	2	Wheaton College	1
Fort Lewis College	1	Ohio State University	1	Whittier College	1
Furman University	1	Pace University-New York City	1	Whitman College	4
Georgetown University	4	Pennsylvania State University	1	William & Mary	1
Gonzaga University	1	Pomona College	3	Williams College	2
Grinnell College	3	Princeton University	2	The College of Wooster	1
Hamilton College	4	Providence College	1		