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The mission of The Altamont School is to improve the fabric of society by graduating compassionate, well-educated individuals capable of independent thinking and innovative ideas. To this end, the school attracts, nurtures, and challenges students whose commitment to truth, knowledge, and honor will prepare them not only for the most rigorous college programs, but also for productive lives.

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2024-2025

STUDENT POPULATION

The Altamont School is a coeducational, college preparatory school located in a residential area five minutes from downtown Birmingham. Altamont was established in 1975 through the merger of Birmingham University School and Brooke Hill School. Altamont enrolls 370 students in grades 5-12 with an upper school enrollment of 212. The school draws students from 32 post codes and 70 schools; 14% identify as Asian American/Indian; 13% identify as African American; 5% identify as multiracial; and 4% identify as Latinx. 36% of the student body share \$1.7m in need-based financial aid and scholarships.

C. KYSER MIREE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CENTER

The C. Kyser Miree Ethical Leadership Center is unique to Altamont. The mission asks students to examine the individual as a contributing member of society who actively seeks to make global, cultural, or social changes ethically and to develop and practice their skills as a leader through experiential learning and action. Participation in the Miree Center is optional, but all students who take part in the Miree Center are required to take an Experiential Leadership course in 10th grade, must complete 60 hours in community engagement or civic action, and attend nine events that challenge or enhance their worldview. The cornerstone of the Miree Center is an initiative or project that works toward a pre-determined outcome and goal that addresses a specific community need over two full years. During senior year, students must defend their projects to a panel of judges, comprised of community members, to show an understanding of personal growth and leadership throughout their process. Roughly 12% of each graduating class graduates with a Miree Center distinction.

FALL PROJECT WEEK

During the first full week of October of each school year, every student at Altamont participates in a grade-level specific off-campus trip designed to enrich the student experience by providing unique and immersive learning opportunities that extend beyond the confines of the conventional classroom. All FPW trips are aligned with 4 pillars: worldview expansion, life skills development, community building, and reinforcement of curriculum. Previous destinations include Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks, Boston, Chicago, New York City, and dozens of college campuses nationwide.

CURRICULUM

IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Altamont will no longer offer AP US History. Rather, all juniors will take Honors American Studies which will allow for a richer, more in-depth look at important aspects of American History, including events of local significance that the AP curriculum overlooks. The change will impact the Class of 2026 and beyond.

To satisfy graduation requirements:

- All students take 2 honors level intensive senior seminars which fulfill the senior English & history requirement.
- All students must take 3 consecutive years of the same World Language.
- All students must complete Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and either Statistics or Precalculus.
- All students must complete Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, or 2 science courses in place of Physics.
- All students must also complete 2 Fine Arts and 1 Health/PE credit.

GRADING SYSTEM

- Due to the size of Altamont and our typical graduating class, we do not rank our students.
- Altamont provides two grading scales on the transcript- a 100-point unweighted scale, and a 4.0 weighted scale.
- The weighted scale includes a .5 increase for honors classes and a 1.0 increase for AP courses.
- **ALL core courses at Altamont are taught at the honors level and include the GPA increase on the weighted scale.**

THE CLASS OF 2024

- 54 graduates; 100% attending a 4-year college or university
- Average of 6.2 applications per student
- ACT Mid-50% range: 24-32 Composite
- 2 National Merit Semifinalists, Finalists, and winners

COURSES BY DEPARTMENT

English

9th English, 10th English, AP American Literature, Modern Eastern Literature, 20th Century Drama, *Reframing Western Literature*, Critical Communication & Rhetoric, Journalism, Public Speaking, Annual Staff (*Italics* indicates new course for 2024-2025)

History

Ancient World History, *Medieval European History*, *AP Modern World History*, *Honors American Studies*, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, *AP American Government*, *AP Comparative Government*, 20th Century Europe, Contemporary Political Theory, Latin American Studies, South & Civil Rights (*Italics* indicates new course for 2024-2025)

Mathematics

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Finite Math, Statistics, Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC w/ lab, Complex Calculus, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus (not all courses are offered each year)

World Language

French I-V, VII, AP French, Greek, Latin I-VI, Mandarin I-V, AP Chinese, Spanish I-VI

Science

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology w/lab, AP Chemistry w/ lab, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics C, AP Psychology, Anatomy & Physiology

Fine Arts

Creative Writing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Drawing, Photography, Musical Theater, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Studio Recording and Songwriting, Music Theory, Acting, and Technical Theater (not all courses are offered each year)

Physical Education and Other Electives

Co-Ed Physical Education (Team Sports), PE with Health, Weight Training and Conditioning, Annual Staff, and Standardized Test Preparation

CLASSES OF 2021-2024 MATRICULATIONS

Amherst College

Appalachian State University

Art Center College of Design

Auburn University

Bard College

Barnard College

Bates College

Birmingham-Southern College

Boston College

Brandeis University

Bryn Mawr College

Case Western Reserve University

Centre College

College of Charleston

Colorado State University- Ft. Collins

Columbia University

Dartmouth College

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Duke University

Elon University

Florida A&M University

Florida State University

Fordham University

Franklin & Marshall College

Furman University

George Mason University

George Washington University

High Point University

Hollins University

Holy Cross College

Howard University

Indiana University at Bloomington

Jacksonville University

Johns Hopkins University

Knox College

Lees-McRae College

Louisiana State University

Massachusetts College of Art

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Middlebury College

Millsaps College

Mississippi State University

Mount Holyoke College

New York University

Northeastern University

Reed College

Rhodes College

Rice University

Rollins College

Samford University

Savannah College of Art & Design

Scripps College

Sewanee: The University of the South

Skidmore College

Southern Methodist University

Spring Hill College

Tabor College

Texas Christian University

The Ohio State University

The University of Alabama

Tufts University

Tulane University

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Alabama at Huntsville

University of Arizona

University of Auckland

University of British Columbia

University of California at Los Angeles

University of California at San Diego

University of Chicago

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi

University of Montevallo

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of San Diego

University of South Alabama

University of Virginia

University of Washington

Vanderbilt University

Virginia Military Institute

Wake Forest University

Washington University in St. Louis

Williams College

Xavier University of Louisiana

Yale University

bold indicates two or more matriculations