

BLAKE



PROFILE 2024–2025

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1900, Blake is a coeducational, independent, nonsectarian day school serving 1,316 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



64
local communities
represented



38%
identify as
Students of Color



46
languages spoken
at home



26%
receive financial
assistance



93%
advance from
Blake Middle to
Upper School

541
enrolled in
Upper School
(grades 9-12)

34%
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: Computer Science: Python

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

- Advanced Topics: Conjectures, Refutations & Proofs*
- Advanced Topics: Graph Theory & Network*
- Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra*
- 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

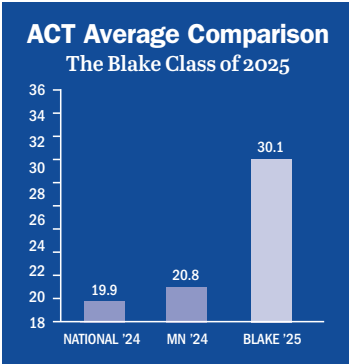


Approved and sponsored by the student government. Groups focus on creative writing, history, politics, languages, chess, arts, finance, e-sports, rocket science, the environment and more.

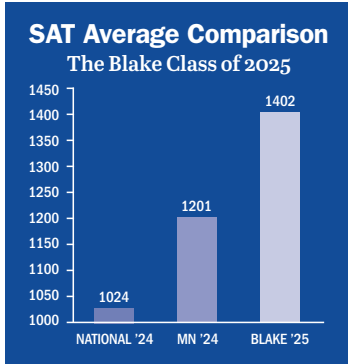
GRADE POINT AVERAGE				Grade Interpretation
	2025	2024	2023	
GPA*	3.60	3.55	3.63	A 4.00
Class size	132	131	134	A- 3.67
Blake does not rank students or weight grades. Blake discloses suspensions per college request.				
*Includes all Blake courses taken during the academic year beginning in ninth grade 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

	2025	2024	2023
ACT Median Score			
Composite	30.1	30.1	30.4
SAT Mean Score			
EBRW	705	691	704
Math	697	704	701
Composite	1402	1396	1406



In Minnesota, 66% of graduating seniors took the ACT.



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



Number of Test Takers

ACT			SAT		
2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023
102	103	114	37	23	27

National Merit

	2025	2024	2023
Semifinalists/Finalists	13	13	12
Commended	16	17	5
National Hispanic Scholar	0	0	0
Total	29	30	17
Percent of class	22%	23%	13%
AP Scholars (3 exams)	23	12	15
Scholars: Honors (4 exams)	10	12	17
Scholars: Distinction (5+ exams)	28	22	32
AP International Diploma (7+ exams)	0	1	1
Total	61	47	65

2023–24 AP Exam Scores

	Total Tests	Score: 4	Score: 5
Biology	30	15	8
Calculus AB	40	10	2
Calculus BC	34	8	20
Chemistry	30	9	18
English Language	18	9	8
English Literature	37	13	20
European History	30	13	16
French Lang & Culture	9	7	1
Physics I	41	12	10
Physics C, Mechanics	15	4	8
Physics C, E & M	16	6	9
Spanish Lang & Culture	27	14	10
Statistics	22	4	6
U.S. Gov't & Pol	50	16	25
U.S. History	83	24	27

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

Curiosity
Kindness
Inclusivity
Resilience

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ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools
Administration of the
Central States (ISACS)

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2020-2024

Five or More Graduates

Bates College	6	Macalester College	11	Tufts University	12
Boston College	7	Miami University-Oxford	7	Tulane University of Louisiana	15
Boston University	9	Middlebury College	10	University of California-Los Angeles	8
Brown University	8	New York University	7	University of California-San Diego	5
Carleton College	14	Northeastern University	8	University of Chicago	5
Colby College	8	Northwestern University	13	University of Colorado Boulder	14
Colgate University	9	Pitzer College	6	University of Denver	14
Colorado College	11	Purdue University	7	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	31
Cornell University	5	Rice University	6	University of Pennsylvania	6
Dartmouth College	6	Saint John's University	5	University of St Thomas	5
DePaul University	5	Southern Methodist University	8	University of Wisconsin-Madison	18
Indiana University-Bloomington	5	St Olaf College	12	Washington University in St Louis	14
Loyola Marymount University	9	Texas Christian University	7	Yale University	12

One to Four Graduates

American University	1	Hofstra University	1	Trinity College Dublin	2
Amherst College	1	Howard University	1	Trinity University	2
Arizona State University-Tempe	4	Illinois Wesleyan University	1	Union College	1
Augsburg University	1	Iowa State University	3	University of Arizona	4
Babson College	3	Johns Hopkins University	3	University of California-Berkeley	3
Barnard College	4	Kenyon College	4	University of California-Santa Barbara	3
Berklee College of Music	1	Knox College	1	University of Colorado Denver	1
Bowdoin College	2	Lafayette College	3	University of Edinburgh	1
Bradley University	1	Lehigh University	2	University of Hawaii at Manoa	2
Brandeis University	1	Lewis & Clark College	4	University of Illinois	
Bucknell University	1	List College -	2	at Urbana-Champaign	1
Camberwell College of Arts	1	Jewish Theological Seminary		University of Iowa	4
Carnegie Mellon University	4	Louisiana State University	1	University of Kansas	1
Case Western Reserve University	3	Luther College	2	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	1
Chapman University	2	Marquette University	2	University of Miami	3
Claremont McKenna College	2	Michigan Technological University	1	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	3
Clemson University	1	Minnesota State University-Mankato	1	University of North Carolina	
College of Charleston	1	Montana State University	2	at Chapel Hill	2
College of Saint Benedict	1	Northeastern University London	1	University of North Dakota	2
College of the Holy Cross	3	Northland College	1	University of Notre Dame	4
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	2	Occidental College	2	University of Puget Sound	4
Columbia College Chicago	1	Ohio State University	1	University of Richmond	2
Columbia University	3	Oregon State University	1	University of San Diego	4
Connecticut College	2	Pace University, Westchester	1	University of Southern California	4
Culinary Institute of America	1	Pennsylvania State University	1	University of St Andrews	1
Dalhousie University	1	Pomona College	2	University of Sydney	1
Davidson College	2	Princeton University	3	University of Utah	1
Deerfield Academy	4	Providence College	1	University of Vermont	1
Drake University	1	Reed College	1	University of Virginia	3
Duke University	3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2	University of Washington-Seattle	1
Durham University	1	Rollins College	1	Valparaiso University	1
Elon University	2	San Diego State University	1	Vanderbilt University	4
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Santa Clara University	4	Vassar College	1
Emory University	3	Sarah Lawrence College	1	Verto Education	1
Fordham University	4	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2	Villanova University	2
Fort Lewis College	1	Scrpps College	3	Virginia Military Institute	1
Furman University	1	Skidmore College	4	Virginia Tech	1
Georgetown University	4	St Catherine University	2	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	1
Gonzaga University	1	St. Lawrence University	1	Wake Forest University	4
Grinnell College	3	Stanford University	4	Wartburg College	1
Gustavus Adolphus College	2	Swarthmore College	1	Washington and Lee University	1
Hamilton College	3	Syracuse University	4	Wellesley College	4
Harvard University	3	Texas A&M University, College Station	1	Wesleyan University	2
Harvey Mudd College	2	The George Washington University	3	Western Kentucky University	1
Haverford College	1	The New School	1	Whitman College	4
High Point University	1	The University of Alabama	1	Willamette University	1
Hobart and William Smith	2	Trinity College	3	Williams College	1