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GRADING SYSTEM

Numerical grades are awarded based on a 100 scale according to course designation. Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses receive a weighted adjustment. Grades are listed on the transcript, and GPA is shown both weighted and unweighted.

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79

D = 60-69 F = Below 60

**VANGUARD IS
NON RANKING**

ACADEMIC RIGOR

All Vanguard courses are taught at a rigorous, college preparatory level. Courses designated H (Honors) or AP (Advanced Placement) go beyond graduation requirements. Honors and Dual Credit courses receive a 10 point weight, and AP courses receive a 15 point weight on the 100 point scale. GPA calculated on a 4.0 scale can be reported as needed.

"We believe that rigor challenges us to grow, respect strengthens our community, and responsibility prepares us to lead."

Head of School, Johnny Graham

School Profile

VANGUARD COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL - 2025-2026

Vanguard is accredited by Cognia NCA CASI, NWAC, SACS CASI and approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Memberships include Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), Southern Association of Independent Schools, Texas Association of Non-Public Schools, The College Board, National Association of College Admissions Counseling, and Texas Association of College Admission Counseling.

Small School - Big Education since 1973

Vanguard College Preparatory School is a private, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students in grades 6-12 in Waco, Texas. Current enrollment is 285, which includes our international residential students.

Vanguard has a college-style campus with small academic class sizes where students receive individualized attention for grades 6-12. Vanguard focuses on a complete education that emphasizes excellence in academics, the arts, athletics and other activities like clubs and community service. Academically, the school offers a comprehensive program enabling our students to think independently, write and speak with clarity, and appreciate the values and joys of the humanities, the arts, and the sciences. We hope that our students will graduate from Vanguard with a feeling of self-confidence and pride in their particular talents, capable of attending the colleges of their choice, and well prepared for what lies ahead. Our students also learn the importance of self-discipline, respect, personal responsibility and compassion.

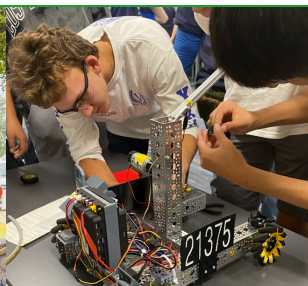
The teaching faculty is comprised of 34 faculty members. The teacher-student ratio is 1:9 with an average class size of 13. The academic year begins on August 14th. The first semester ends on December 19th, and the second semester ends with graduation on May 23rd. Students are supported and encouraged to develop valuable study skills and the self-discipline necessary to succeed in postgraduate experiences. Opportunities for independent study are available.

Mission Statement

Vanguard College Preparatory School is a non-parochial, independent school in Waco, Texas that prepares our students for academic success and fulfilling lives. The foundation of the Vanguard experience is based on our core values - rigor, respect and responsibility. The community of Vanguard students, faculty, administrators, and parents are committed to a personalized learning experience that prepares each student to excel at the collegiate level. This commitment is what truly makes Vanguard Waco's best high school.

Course Designation

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for graduation is 24 credits taken in 9th-12th grades.

CREDITS TO GRADUATE

- 4** English
- 4** Social Science (must include World Hist, US Hist, Econ/Gov)
- 2** Foreign Language (Spanish, French or Latin)
- 4** Math (must include Geometry and Algebra II)
- 4** Science (must include Biology I and Chemistry I)
- 1** Technology Applications
- 1** Fine Arts
- 0.5** Speech/Mock Trial
- 1.5** Physical Education
- 1** College Preparation (PSAT/SAT/ACT, College Admission)
- 1** Elective
- 24** Total (minimum)

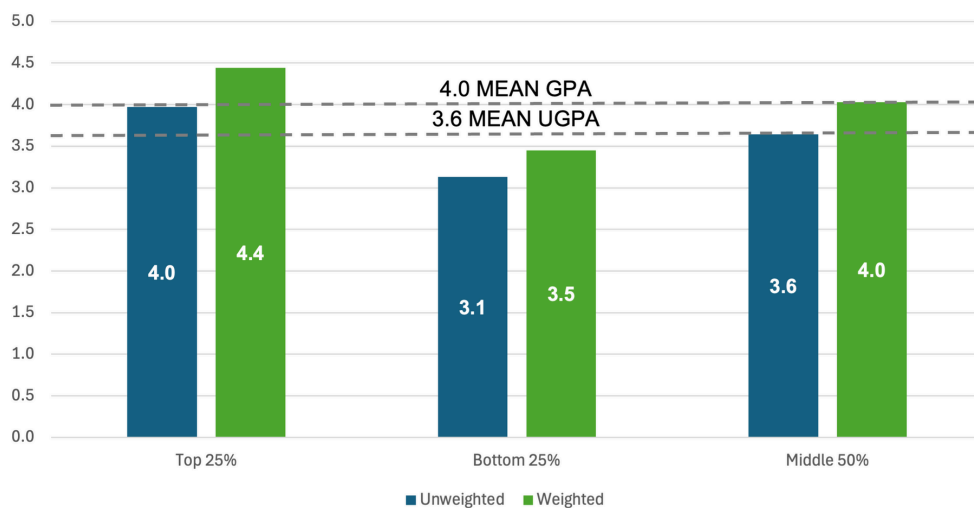


Statistical Profile

VANGUARD VIKINGS

Number Graduating in Classes of 2024 and 2025	87
Enrollment Grades 9-12	187
Percent College Bound	100%
Advanced Placement Courses	19
Percentage Expected to Attend a Four-Year University	95%
Percentage of Students of Color	28.2%
Percentage of Students 9-12 on Financial Aid	61%
SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing	620
SAT Math	610
ACT Composite	28
National Merit Finalist - Last 5 Years	5
National Merit Commended - Last 5 Years	19

Class of 2026 GPA's



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Vanguard recognizes that in education, each year is a building block preparing students to be productive, responsible, and successful citizens. Vanguard provides a diverse group of students with the necessary resources and tools to become educated, empowered and inspired on their journey to adulthood. Our challenging and well-rounded curriculum encourages students to make the very most of their skills and talents as they find their passions inside and outside the classroom.

Vanguard students thrive in our challenging, yet supportive, environment. We recognize that our students will enter into a broader community where it is vital to understand the world on global terms, to be able to communicate with others within that world and to understand the cultural lenses through which others view their world.



ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

In **May 2025**, Vanguard had 113 students take 213 AP Examinations with 83% receiving scores of 3 or higher.

The average AP score by VCPS students was 3.6 and **21 AP** courses scored above the Texas State average.

39 students named as AP Scholars.

All Vanguard AP students are required to take the AP exam.

- 2D/3D Art & Design
- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Drawing
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- European History
- French
- Latin
- Physics 1
- Pre Calculus
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- U.S. Government
- U.S. History
- World History

Vanguard offers many arts, robotics, STEM, theater, and music classes as well as community service experiences.

Vanguard By the Numbers

The Vanguard Faculty and Staff tenure is integral to student success!

Our dedicated faculty and staff are tenacious and constant in their commitment to providing an academically challenging experience for our students within the context of a balanced program in academics, athletics and the arts.

300	Students 6th - 12th Grade
65%	of Faculty have Masters or Ph.D
18%	Faculty have taught over 10-47 years at Vanguard
60%	Receive Tuition Assistance
10 : 1	Student Teacher Ratio
157	College acceptances in 35 states over the past 5 years including Princeton, Yale, Northwestern, Cornell, Vanderbilt, Rice, UChicago and Michigan
13	Central Texas Zip Codes
6	International Countries
3	State Awarded FIRST Tech Robotics Teams
12	Golf State Titles in a row
2025	Challenge Team Winners
60+	State Team Titles
62	Art Medals in UIL and TAPPS
3	Tennis Team State Titles in past 6 years
Superior	Literary magazine, Liquid Paper, ranked superior by the National Council of Teachers of English
14	Student led on campus clubs
#1	Best High School in Central Texas
#1	Best High School for STEM in Central Texas
#19	Best Private High School in Texas
#1	#1 Most Diverse Private High School Central Texas



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COLLEGE MATRICULATION OF THE VANGUARD GRADUATE



We are focused on preparing students for college and beyond.
The true measure of a school's value lies in how well it prepares students for their future,
fostering skills like critical thinking, resilience, and creativity.

95% of our graduating seniors enroll in four-year colleges and universities. The Classes of 2024/25 was awarded over \$13 million in academic scholarships. During the past eight years, Vanguard graduates have been accepted to:

Abilene Christian University*
Austin College*
Baylor University*
Concordia University Texas*
Dallas Baptist University*
Midwestern State University*
Our Lady of the Lake University
Rice University
Sam Houston State University
Schreiner University
Southern Methodist University*
Southwestern University*
St. Edward's University
St. Mary's University*
Texas A&M University*
Texas A&M Univ., Corpus Christi*
Texas Christian University*
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State University*
Texas Tech University*
Trinity University*
University of Houston*
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*
University of North Texas*
University of Texas at Arlington*
University of Texas at Austin*
University of Texas at Dallas*
University of Texas at San Antonio
Allegheny College
Amherst College
Arizona State University*
Auburn University*
Azusa Pacific University*
Belhaven University
Belmont University*
Boston University*
Bowdoin College*
Brigham Young University*
Brown University
California Lutheran University*
Case Western Reserve University*
Colgate University
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University*
Columbia University

Cornell University*
Dartmouth University
Davidson College*
Denison University*
Duke University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ*
Emerson College
Emory University*
Full Sail University
Georgia Tech University
George Washington University
Hamilton College
Harding University
Harvard University*
Lewis and Clark College
Louisiana State University*
Michigan State University*
Mount Holyoke College*
New York University*
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University*
Oklahoma State University
Oral Roberts University
Ouachita Baptist University*
Penn State University*
Pepperdine University*
Princeton University*
Purdue University*
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College*
Rutgers University*
Samford University*
Seton Hall University
Sewanee (University of the South)
Stanford University
Stetson University
The Citadel*
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama*
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas*
University of California, Davis*
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz

University of California Los Angeles*
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Charleston
University of Chicago*
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Connecticut*
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign*
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri*
University of Nebraska
University of Nevada
University of New Mexico*
University of N. Carolina Chapel Hill
University of North Dakota*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma*
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Rochester*
University of South Dakota*
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Tulsa
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin*
University of Virginia*
Vanderbilt University*
Vassar College*
Virginia Tech University*
Wake Forest University*
Washington & Lee University
Washington State University*
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
Willamette University*
Yale University*

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