

Byron Nelson High School Profile

“Learn, Serve, Lead”

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Community

Spanning 234 square miles, Northwest Independent School District (NISD) serves the educational needs of students in Tarrant, Denton and Wise counties. Located in one of the state's fastest growing areas, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently, the district consists of four high schools, six middle schools and twenty elementary schools utilizing a K–5, 6–8, 9–12 grade-level configuration.

School

Byron Nelson High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school **3,000** students in grades 9–12.

The school opened in August 2009 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2012. Byron Nelson High School is accredited by the **Texas Education Agency**. The student body at BNHS is culturally diverse with a population that is 61% White, 19% Hispanic, 11% African American, 7% Asian, 1% Pacific Islander, and 1% American Indian.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized into an eight-period day with seven academic classes each day plus one lunch period. Seven credits per school year is the standard maximum course load with each class approximately 45 minutes in length. Twenty-six credits are required to graduate under the “Foundation with Endorsement” plan. Students graduating under the “Foundation with Endorsement” plan must qualify for at least one endorsement from the following five categories: Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Public Service, STEM, or Multidisciplinary Studies.

AP is an open-enrollment program and we offer 24 different AP courses. The following AP® courses are offered:

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Chemistry, AP English 3 Language and Composition, AP English 4 Literature and Composition, AP European History, AP Government and Politics, AP Physics C, AP Statistics, AP PreCalculus, AP United States History, AP World History, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, AP Economics, AP Capstone (AP Seminar and AP Research), AP Music Theory, AP Art 3D Design, AP Art Studio, AP Art 2D Design, and AP Spanish.

Honors classes are offered in English 1 & 2, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, World Geography, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish 1, 2 & 3, French 1 & 2, German 1 & 2, and Computer Science 1, 2 & 3.

Gifted and Talented (GT) students are challenged and supported through a range of Honors and AP courses offered across multiple subjects and grade levels.

Northwest ISD continues to offer a wide range of College Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit classes. Students may earn credit toward high school graduation by completing a college-level course from an accredited college or university. The following Dual Enrollment courses are offered through U.T. Austin OnRamps: Microeconomics, Physics, PreCalculus, Statistics, College Algebra, English 3 & 4, and U.S. History. The following courses are offered through TCC: English Composition 1 & 2, British Literature 1, American Literature 2, College Algebra, PreCalculus, Contemporary Math, Federal Government, Texas Government, Economics, Introduction to Speech, Psychology, General Chemistry 1 & 2, Physics 1 & 2, Environmental Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Sociology, Stars and Galaxies, Solar System, Business & Professional Communications, and Art Appreciation.

The Academy of Biomedical Sciences and The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services are offered at BNHS. There is a rigorous curriculum that provides a smooth transition for students wanting to continue their career interest in the medical or culinary arts fields through post-secondary instruction. Students earn college credits and/or professional certifications specific to each academy.

Northwest ISD students utilize Major Clarity to support college planning and college applications. Students can request transcripts through Parchment.

Grading and Ranking

Northwest ISD determines grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and a weighted GPA on a 7.0 scale. The unweighted GPA is considered the student's GPA and is reported as such. The weighted GPA is only used in the determination of class rank. The college admissions process generally allows for students to indicate if the GPA and class ranking are weighted.

A – Excellent	90–100
B – Good	80–89
C – Satisfactory	70–79
F – Failing	69 and below

Level 2 Regular Courses	Level 3 GT & Honors	Level 4 AP, OnRamps & Dual Credit
4.0 – 5.0 = 90-100%	5.0 – 6.0 = 90-100%	6.0 – 7.0 = 90-100%
3.0 – 3.9 = 80-89%	4.0 – 4.9 = 80-89%	5.0 – 5.9 = 80-89%
2.0 – 2.9 = 70-79%	3.0 – 3.9 = 70-79%	4.0 – 4.9 = 70-79%

Rank

Class rank is calculated using only grades earned for high school credit in the following subjects and for electives under these subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Languages other than English.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

Northwest ISD shall include in the calculation of grade point average grades earned in all courses, including grades earned in middle school courses for high school credit. The grade point average calculation shall exclude grades earned in or by a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; local credit courses; academic courses substituted for physical education; summer school courses taken for remediation; and distance learning in the form of traditional correspondence courses.

Class of 2025

There were **676** graduates in the Class of 2025.

Un-weighted GPA	Weighted GPA
36 earned a 4.0	40 earned a 6.0 – 7.0
284 earned 3.5 – 3.99	168 earned 5.0 – 5.99
201 earned 3.0 – 3.49	217 earned 4.0 – 4.99
94 earned 2.5 – 2.99	173 earned 3.0 – 3.99
51 earned 2.0 – 2.49	69 earned 2.0 – 2.99
10 earned 1.5 – 1.99	9 earned 1.0 – 1.99

Vision Statement

The vision of BNHS is to be an exemplary community empowering learners with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary for lifelong success in an ever-changing society.

Mission Statement

BNHS, in partnership with students, parents, and the community, will ensure a premier education for all learners. Through innovative educational opportunities, students will be challenged, engaged and offered leadership experiences, thereby, creating the Byron Nelson culture.

Standardized Test Results

The STAAR, State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness assessment, evaluates student learning based on the state-required curriculum—the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students are required to earn a passing score on the following STAAR tests: English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology and U.S. History.

STAAR - EOC	2024 – 2025
English 1	88%
English 2	53%
Mathematics	78%
US History	99%
Biology	98%

100% of the Class of 2025 took the SAT®	
Mean Total Score	1037
Mean Math	510
Mean English/Reading/Writing	527

Advanced Placement Results (May 2025)

- 1,104 students took AP Exams
- A total of 2,313 exams were taken in 24 subjects
- 80% of the AP exams received scores of 3 or higher
- 96% of the AP exams received scores of 2 or higher
- Total of 432 AP Scholars
 - 182 AP Scholars, 82 AP Scholars with Honors, 163 AP Scholars with Distinction, 44 AP Capstone Diplomas, 20 AP Seminar and Research Certificates

Post High School Placement Based on Class of 2025 Senior Survey

- 68% Attend a 4-year university
- 5% Attend a training or technical school
- 11% Attend a 2-year college
- 4% Join the military
- 5% Work full-time

Awards and Distinctions, 2024 – 2025

- 2 National Merit Scholar Finalists
- 11 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 13 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars
- 5 National African American Recognition Program Scholars
- 6 National Indigenous Recognition Program Scholar
- 69 National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program Scholars
- 7 First Generation Recognition

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