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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 2025-2026

## STUDENT POPULATION

The Altamont School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school located atop Red Mountain, just minutes from downtown Birmingham. Altamont was established in 1975 through the merger of Birmingham University School and Brooke Hill School. Altamont enrolls 361 students in grades 5-12. The school draws students from 32 post codes and 70 schools; 60% identify as Caucasian; 16% identify as African American; 15% identify as Asian American/Indian; 5% identify as multiracial; and 4% identify as Latinx. 36% of the student body share \$1.7m in need-based financial aid and scholarships.

### Class of 2025

48 graduates  
100% attending a 4 year college or university  
ACT Composite Average: 27 Mid 50%: 24-32 SAT Average: 1375 Mid 50%: 1310-1510

## FACULTY and CURRICULUM

There are 47 full time teaching faculty at The Altamont School. The Altamont School follows a seven-period day that also includes an Advisory and an Activities period. Advisory provides students with dedicated time in a small group setting to meet regularly with a faculty advisor, who serves as mentor and advocate. The Activities period offers students the opportunity to pursue interests beyond the classroom through clubs, the arts, athletics, and service initiatives. This balance of academic structure, personal guidance, and enrichment ensures that every student is supported in developing both intellect and character. Students may choose from 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses across multiple disciplines. In addition to completing four core academic classes each year, graduation requirements include:

- World Languages: A minimum of three consecutive years of the same language providing students the opportunity to earn the Global Seal of Bilingualism.
- Science: All students take biology, chemistry, and physics, or 2 science courses in place of physics
- Fine Arts: One credit
- Physical Education/Health: One credit
- The senior curriculum culminates in two intensive, honors-level Senior Seminars in English and History.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Altamont does not rank. Transcripts provide two grading scales, 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. Altamont offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum in which all courses are taught at the honors level or above.

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

### HONOR CODE and CORE VALUES

The Altamont environment is built on respect and encouragement. Our Honor Code is simple, students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. The student led Honor Committee provides guidance to support student success. Guiding every aspect of school life are our core values of respect, balance, integrity, curiosity, and leadership.

### C. KYSER MIREE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CENTER

The C. Kyser Miree Ethical Leadership Center 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. Students who take part in the Miree Center are required to take an Experiential Leadership course in 10th grade, 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 goal that addresses a specific community need over two years.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At Altamont, each grade level is paired with a dedicated community partner where students have the opportunity to engage with authentic community needs while contributing to each partner's mission. In return, our partners collaborate with us by sharing goals, resources, and expertise that enhance students' educational experiences. Examples include partnerships with University of Alabama in Birmingham, KultureCity, and Lakeshore Foundation. These hands-on, real-world opportunities enrich our programs, strengthen connections with the broader community, and help cultivate compassionate, independent, and innovative thinkers.

### THE WRITING CENTER

Altamont offers students a safe, welcoming space for peer feedback on writing from any class and at any stage of the writing process. Emphasizing a cross-disciplinary approach, our tutors are trained by English, History, and Science teachers, and the UAB Writing Center director and tutors. The center's goal is to foster a strong sense of community among tutors that in turn creates an approachable, supportive environment for every Altamont student.

### FALL PROJECT WEEK

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 Fall Project Week trips are aligned with 4 pillars: worldview expansion, life skills development, community building, and reinforcement of curriculum.

# COURSES BY DEPARTMENT

## English

9th English, 10th English, AP American Literature, Modern Eastern Literature, 20th Century Drama, Reframing Western Literature, Critical Communication & Rhetoric, Honors Poetry, Women Writers, Creative Writing, Journalism

## 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, Latin American Studies, History through Film

## Mathematics

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Discrete 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, AP Spanish, Honors Slavery in the Ancient World

## 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

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

PE with Health, Weight Training and Conditioning, Annual Staff, and Standardized Test Preparation

## College and University Acceptances Classes of 2021-2025

Agnes Scott College	Colorado College	Howard University (5)	Pitzer College	The Ohio State University (6)	University of Mississippi (25)
Alabama A&M University	Colorado School of Mines	Indiana State University	Pomona College (2)	The University of Alabama (96)	University of Missouri (3)
Albany College of Pharmacy	Colorado State, Fort Collins (3)	Indiana University, Bloomington (4)	Prairie View A&M University	The University of Montana (2)	University of Montevallo (8)
Allegheny College	Columbia College, Chicago	Jacksonville University	Princeton University	The University of Tennessee at Knoxville (6)	University of North Alabama
Alverno College	Columbia University (2)	James Madison University	Purdue University (4)	The University of Texas at Austin (4)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (8)
American University (2)	Connecticut College (2)	Jefferson State Community College	Queens University of Charlotte	Thomas Jefferson University (2)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2)
Amherst College (2)	Cornell University (2)	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Reed College (5)	Trinity College	University of Notre Dame (4)
Appalachian State University (12)	Dartmouth College (8)	Kenyon College (3)	Rhodes College (22)	Trinity College Dublin	University of Oregon (2)
Art Center College of Design	Davidson College (6)	King's College London	Rice University (6)	Trinity University (4)	University of Pennsylvania (7)
Auburn University (98)	Denison University	Knox College	Ringling College of Art & Design	Troy University (5)	University of Pittsburgh (6)
Auburn University at Montgomery	DePaul University (2)	Lafayette College (4)	Roanoke College	Tufts University (16)	University of Puget Sound (3)
Bard College (3)	Dickinson College (3)	Lees-McRae College	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	Tulane University (17)	University of Richmond (5)
Barnard College	Dillard University	Lehigh University (5)	Rollins College (4)	Tuskegee University (3)	University of Rochester (5)
Barry University	Drew University (2)	Lewis & Clark College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (4)	Union College	University of San Diego (3)
Bates College (3)	Drexel University (9)	Louisiana State University (13)	Royal Holloway, University of London	University College London	University of San Francisco (2)
Baylor University (6)	Duke Kunshan University	Loyola Marymount University (3)	SUNY College of Environmental Science	University of Alabama at Birmingham (50)	University of South Alabama (8)
Belmont University (14)	Duke University (6)	Loyola University Chicago (2)	Saint Louis University (2)	University of Alabama at Huntsville (14)	University of South Carolina (6)
Berea College (2)	Eckerd College	Loyola University Maryland	Samford University (19)	University of Arizona (2)	University of South Florida
Berry College	Elon University (13)	Loyola University New Orleans (3)	San Diego State University (2)	University of Auckland	University of Southern California (4)
Birmingham Southern College (12)	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Macalester College	Santa Clara University	University of British Columbia	University of Toronto
Bocconi University	Emerson College	Marquette University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of California, Berkeley (2)	University of Utah
Boston Architectural College	Emory University (10)	Massachusetts College of Art	Savannah College of Art & Design (9)	University of California, Davis	University of Vermont (3)
Boston College (2)	Florida A&M University (3)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)	School of Visual Arts	University of California, Irvine (2)	University of Virginia (13)
Boston University (8)	Florida State University (2)	McGill University	Scripps College	University of California, Los Angeles (10)	University of Washington, Seattle (5)
Bowdoin College (2)	Fordham University (9)	Mercer University	Seton Hall University (2)	University of California, San Diego (12)	University of Waterloo
Brands University	Franklin & Marshall College (4)	Miami University Oxford (2)	Sewanee: The University of the South (26)	University of California, Santa Barbara (5)	University of Wisconsin (4)
Brenau University	Furman University (10)	Michigan State University	Skidmore College (6)	University of California, Santa Cruz	Vanderbilt University (7)
Brewar College	George Mason University (2)	Middlebury College (4)	Smith College (2)	University of Central Arkansas	Vassar College
Brown University (3)	George Washington University (5)	Millsaps College (2)	Southern Methodist University (9)	University of Chicago (2)	Villanova University (2)
Bryn Mawr College (3)	Georgetown College	Mississippi State University (7)	Southwestern College	University of Cincinnati	Virginia Military Institute
Bucknell University (3)	Georgetown University (6)	Montserrat College of Art	Spelman College (4)	University of Colorado Boulder (15)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (4)
Buena Vista University	Georgia Institute of Technology (6)	Morehouse College (2)	Spring Hill College (4)	University of Connecticut	Wake Forest University (13)
Butler University (4)	Gettysburg College (2)	Mount Holyoke College	St. Johns College, Annapolis	University of Delaware	Washington University in St. Louis (10)
Cal Poly Humboldt	Goucher College	New York University (9)	St. Lawrence University	University of Denver (6)	Washington and Lee University (2)
California College of the Arts	Grinnell College	North Carolina A&T State University	St. Olaf College	University of Florida (4)	Wellesley College
California Polytechnic State University	Hamilton College	North Carolina State University (3)	St. Thomas University	University of Georgia (10)	Wesleyan University (3)
Carleton College (3)	Hampden-Sydney College (3)	Northeastern University (12)	Stanford University (2)	University of Glasgow (Scotland)	Western Colorado University
Carnegie Mellon University (3)	Hampshire College (2)	Northern Arizona University	Swarthmore College	University of Idaho	Western Washington University
Case Western Reserve University (11)	Hampton University (2)	Northwestern University (4)	Sweet Briar College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Whitman College (3)
Centre College (3)	Harvard University	Oberlin College (4)	Syracuse University (3)	University of Iowa	William & Mary (2)
Chapman University	Harvey Mudd College	Occidental College	Tabor College	University of Kansas	Williams College (2)
Claremont McKenna College (3)	Haverford College	Oglethorpe University (4)	Temple University (5)	University of Kentucky (7)	Wofford College (5)
Clark University (2)	High Point University (2)	Oklahoma State University	Temple University, Japan	University of Maine	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Clemson University (9)	Hobart & William Smith Colleges	Oxford College of Emory University (2)	Texas Christian University (14)	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Xavier University of Louisiana (2)
Colby College	Hollins University	Pennsylvania State University	Texas Southern University	University of Maryland, College Park (5)	Yale University (7)
Colgate University (4)	Holy Cross College	Pepperdine University	The American University of Paris	University of Miami (6)	
College of Charleston (13)	Hong Kong University of Science & Tech	Piedmont University	The College of Wooster	University of Michigan (16)	