



CLASS OF 2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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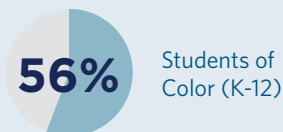
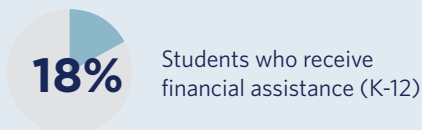
BRENTWOOD SCHOOL is a nonprofit, independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school. Located in West Los Angeles, Brentwood School benefits from its close proximity to major freeways and draws students from the greater Los Angeles area.

606 Students in grades 9-12

8:1 Student/faculty ratio (9-12)

149 Students in the senior class

110 Zip codes where our students live



ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

Admission to Brentwood School is a thorough and competitive process that includes a detailed application, student and family interviews, a review of transcripts, and a writing sample. We strive to admit students whose families support the school's mission and core values.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

Brentwood School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). Brentwood School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Student-driven learning that values curiosity and critical thinking provides each Brentwood Upper School student with a deep foundation in liberal arts and a path toward leadership.

Through the Brentwood curriculum, every student graduates with problem-solving skills, awareness of self and others, the ability to communicate effectively, and an ethical and curious mindset.

Brentwood's curriculum is challenging, and while it offers many AP courses, the school's elective and honors courses are just as, if not more, rigorous and relevant than the Advanced Placement curriculum. We do not counsel students to "collect" APs. Instead, we encourage students to choose courses that reflect their authentic interests and pursuits.

THE HIGHEST COURSE THAT STUDENTS CAN TAKE IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES ARE:

Math — Multivariable Calculus and AP Calc BC

Science — AP Physics C: Mechanics

History — AP Art History and AP US History

Visual Arts — AP Studio Art

Music — AP Music Theory

English — AP Literature

World Languages — Honors Mandarin 5, AP Spanish Language, AP French, and AP Latin

For a list of course offerings, [click here](#).

ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORS AND AP COURSES

Enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Brentwood is selective and requires meeting departmental eligibility standards. Criteria may include earning a qualifying grade in prerequisite courses and placement testing. Even students who earn an "A" in the prerequisite course may be deemed ineligible at the discretion of the department. In addition, Honors and AP courses fill quickly and may not always align with a student's schedule. As a result, a student may be eligible and request a course but not ultimately be enrolled due to capacity or scheduling constraints.

Grading System

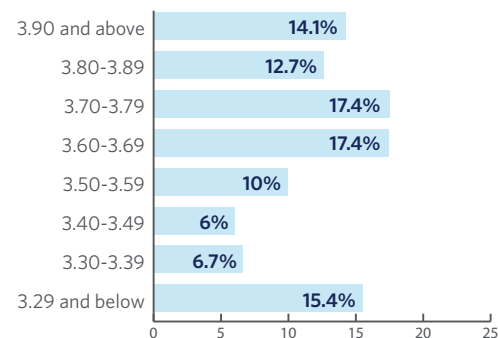
Students are required to enroll in six academic classes per semester. Brentwood School records only semester grades on student transcripts. Students earn 0.5 credit for each course per semester.

Brentwood School does not rank. Students have an unweighted GPA. Weighted GPA is only used to report to colleges on the transcript using a 4.0 scale. Only coursework completed at Brentwood is represented in the cumulative GPA.

CRITERIA

Letter	Grade Point	Percentage
A	4.0	100-93%
A-	3.7	92-90%
B+	3.3	89-87%
B	3.0	86-83%
B-	2.7	82-80%
C+	2.3	79-77%
C	2.0	76-73%
C-	1.7	72-70%
D+	1.3	69-67%
D	1.0	66-63%
D-	0.7	62-60%
F	0.0	59-0%

UNWEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION (149 SENIORS)



TEST SCORES

ACT SUMMARY

Section	Mean
Composite	30
English	32
Math	29
Science	30
Reading	31

SAT SUMMARY

Section	Mean
Composite	1355
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	669
Mathematics	666

AP COURSE

AP COURSE	# STUDENTS TESTED	% STUDENTS SCORING 3, 4, OR 5
2D Art Design	8	100%
Art History	10	60%
Biology	32	84%
Calculus AB	36	86%
Calculus BC	53	89%
Chemistry	23	100%
Comp. Government and Politics	35	80%
Computer Science A	29	59%
Computer Science Principles	35	86%
Drawing	10	80%
English Language	35	100%
English Literature	15	93%
Environmental Science	55	71%
French Language	9	89%
Human Geography	16	100%
Macroeconomics	81	98%
Microeconomics	87	91%
Music Theory	7	86%
Physics C: Mechanics	18	72%
Spanish Language	39	82%
Statistics	60	73%
US Government and Politics	45	87%
US History	10	100%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

All students who take an AP course are required to take the corresponding AP exam to have the AP designation included on their transcript. Students may also take an AP exam through an independent study course or through their own initiative.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT NUMBERS

272 AP Students	48 AP Scholars
779 Exams Taken	37 AP Scholars with Honors
24 Exam Subjects	72 AP Scholars with Distinction
28% Tests with a score of 5	124 out of 149 seniors are enrolled in at least one AP class
31% Tests with a score of 4	5 Average number of APs taken per student
26% Tests with a score of 3	3 Average number of APs taken during senior year
	12 Highest total number of APs taken

Distinguished Programs

APPLIED SCIENCE

The Applied Science program provides students with hands-on research experiences and practical applications of scientific principles. This advanced topics program focuses on allowing students to engage in original scientific projects, design and conduct experiments, and explore various scientific disciplines. It aims to promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation while giving students an opportunity to work as scientists and researchers. Applied Science often encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, enabling students to address real-world problems that may span multiple scientific fields. The program coordinator has expertise in chemistry, entrepreneurship, renewable energy, nanomaterials, and sustainable fabrics.

BENEFACTA PROGRAM

The Benefacta Award encourages and recognizes extraordinary community engagement within and beyond the school community. Students who have completed more than 125 volunteer hours in a given school year and who complete a written reflection of their experiences may apply for the Benefacta Award.

BRENTWOOD THEATER COMPANY (BTC) BRENTWOOD DANCE COMPANY (BDC)

BTC and BDC are advanced, audition-based ensembles open to juniors and seniors.

CUM LAUDE

Students in the top 20% of the senior class may be considered for admission into the Cum Laude Society. Cum Laude scholars must also have consistently exhibited integrity, compassion, good judgment, and social responsibility.

DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Dean's List have no effort or citizenship marks of U and a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

COMMUNITY

Brentwood School recognizes and values the varied backgrounds and personal experiences that each individual brings. Its exceptional academic and co-curricular offerings, within a diverse and multifaceted community, cultivate strong critical thinking and innovation in students, who in turn become lifelong learners and leaders. Brentwood encourages students to embrace and navigate their differences through cross-cultural interactions, including celebrations, cultural events, dialogues, and group programming.

FOUNDATIONS

A required class for all 9th graders, Foundations is designed to prepare students for what they will experience in and out of the classroom throughout the Upper School. During this yearlong, non-graded class, students rotate through different units focused on community, ethics, mental health, substance use and abuse, and relationships. Throughout these units, students learn by talking and listening to their peers. Two 12th grade teaching assistants help mentor the students and model communication skills.

HONOR ROLL

Brentwood School names students to the Honor Roll if they have no effort or citizenship marks of U and a grade point average for the prior semester of 3.2 to 3.59.

HONORS HUMANITIES (10TH GRADE)

This inaugural interdisciplinary course, co-taught by faculty from both the English and History departments, combined World History and World Literature in a single, integrated curriculum. Enrollment was highly selective, requiring a writing sample, teacher recommendations, and top performance in prior English and History courses.

Designed in the style of a college-level seminar, the course demanded extensive analytical writing, critical reading, and seminar-based discussion. Students engaged in original research and essays that required synthesis of historical and literary sources, developing advanced skills in argumentation, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary analysis. A single grade was awarded, satisfying both an Honors English and an Honors History credit. Only ten students completed this program, which stands out as one of the most challenging academic opportunities offered at Brentwood.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study is for students interested in pursuing a research-based academic endeavor of intellectual curiosity that expands beyond Brentwood's course offerings. The student's Independent Study advisor approves the student's proposal and guides them until the completion of the research project.

The Independent Study is notated on the transcript. However, it does not count toward the required course load. Independent Study courses receive credit/no credit.

PEER LEADERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Selected after a rigorous application process, Peer Leaders and Teaching Assistants are trained to conduct weekly outreach sessions with 9th graders. Facilitating dialogue through an activity-based model, Peer Leaders take a course in Applied Psychology while TAs support the Foundations course to guide freshmen during a critical developmental phase. These seniors are engaged role models in our community.

PREFECT

The student body elects five Prefects from the senior class each year. Together they lead the Upper School. Two are chosen by the Head of School to be Co-Head Prefects.

SUMMER STUDY

Courses offered during the summer are an extension of our college preparatory program and fulfill graduation requirements. Some students choose to take summer classes to broaden their academic opportunities during the school year.

PALISADES FIRES - JANUARY 2025

In January 2025, Brentwood School was closed for two weeks due to the Los Angeles/Palisades fires. More than 100 families in our community were directly affected, experiencing the loss of homes, displacement, and in some cases, loss of employment. Students faced significant disruptions, including long commutes, lack of stable housing, and limited access to resources such as books, laptops, and clothing. During this period, the school emphasized community support and stability, eliminating final exams and adjusting schedules to ensure students' well-being and continuity of learning.

BELDEGRUN CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP

The Beldegrun Center for Innovative Leadership (BCIL) at Brentwood School prepares community members to engage with real-world challenges and explore solutions within and beyond the classroom. The BCIL offers experiential learning through innovative course offerings, a speaker series, leadership development workshops, and extracurricular opportunities. Our programming includes social entrepreneurship, civic leadership, community engagement, peer programming, STEM, and more.

Brentwood Athletics

Brentwood School athletes strive to provide an enduring source of pride for our school and our community. We have 35 teams across 18 sports so our student-athletes can find a place within Eagle athletics to compete and celebrate their unique talents and strengths.

18 SPORTS OFFERED (9TH - 12TH)

Baseball
Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Cheer
Cross Country

Drill
Equestrian
Fencing
Flag Football
Football

Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming

Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Water polo



71%

Students playing
a sport this year

Student Life

The Student Life program is the non-academic heartbeat of the student body at Brentwood School. We offer more than 50 student-led clubs and activities. Student Life also includes assemblies and a robust advisory program that focuses on social-emotional development, annual events including homecoming, coffeehouse, semi-formal, and junior/senior prom, and our student body color wars, known as September Splash. Brentwood school prides itself on a vibrant, energetic Student Life program.

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING

Brentwood School notifies colleges of any serious academic or disciplinary matters that affect a student's application and profile. If a student violates school rules, the infraction may be noted in the School Recommendation and/or Secondary School Report Form. If a serious infraction occurs after application forms have been sent, Brentwood School and the student will notify the Admission Office of the colleges to which the student has applied.

College Placement

(LAST THREE YEARS)

100% of our students are admitted to four-year colleges and universities.

The American University of Paris
Babson College
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Bucknell University
Cal Poly Humboldt
California Institute of Technology
California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Northridge
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Colby College
Colgate University
Columbia University in the City of New York
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College

Duke University
Emerson College
Emory University
Florida International University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Haverford College
Howard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Kenyon College
Knox College
Loyola Marymount University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Middlebury College
The New School
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University

Princeton University
Reed College
Rochester Institute of Technology
San Diego State University
Santa Monica College
Skidmore College
Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
University College London
The University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz

University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Oregon
University of Richmond
University of Southern California
University of St Andrews
The University of Texas at Austin
University of Virginia
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University