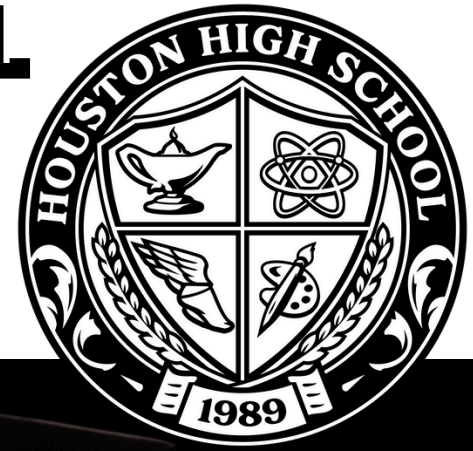


# HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE



9755 Wolf River Blvd. Germantown, TN 38139  
901-756-2370 School Code: 430-758

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGLISH - 4 CREDITS

MATH - 4 CREDITS

SCIENCE - 3 CREDITS

U.S. HISTORY - 1 CREDIT

WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY - 1 CREDIT

ECONOMICS - 0.5 CREDIT

GOVERNMENT - 0.5 CREDIT

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - 1 CREDIT

LIFETIME SPORTS - 0.5 CREDIT

FINE ARTS - 1 CREDIT

SAME FOREIGN LANGUAGE - 2 CREDITS

PERSONAL FINANCE - .5 CREDIT

ELECTIVES (FOCUS AREA) - 3 CREDITS

TOTAL: 22 CREDITS



### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Houston is a comprehensive high school that was established in 1989. It is located in the Shelby County suburban community of Germantown, Tennessee. Houston High School is the flagship high school within the Germantown Municipal School District. HHS holds memberships in the following: NASSP, NACAC, SACAC, The College Board, and TSSAA. The student body represents diverse ethnic, racial, religious, and socioeconomic groups. The administration and staff consist of 129 certified personnel, and over 80 percent have advanced degrees (Masters or higher). The school year is 180 days, divided into two semesters. The school day consists of seven 47 minute classes. The campus is situated on 70 acres and houses approximately 2000 students in grades 9-12.

# ACADEMICS

## GRADING SCALES

### 2022-PRESENT

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 and Below

## GPA

Students' grade point averages are calculated on a 4.0 scale and are weighted if Honors, Dual Enrollment, Industry Certification, and/or Advanced Placement courses have been taken. Honors courses are given an additional 3 numerical points at the end of each quarter. AP and DE courses are given an additional 5 numerical points at the end of each quarter. Notation of course level appears in the course title on the student transcript, except for the Industry Certification courses. The GPA includes all grades earned during grades 9-12.

## LAUDE SYSTEM

*Houston High School does not participate in a ranking system*

Summa Cum Laude: 4.25 and above

Magna Cum Laude: 4.0 - 4.24

Cum Laude: 3.75 - 3.99

Honors and Industry Courses  
.5 extra quality point is added  
AP and Dual Enrollment Courses  
1 extra quality point is added

**2026 CLASS SIZE 424**

## ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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# CURRICULUM

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

### ARTS

AP Studio Art Drawing

AP Music Theory

### ENGLISH

AP English Language and Composition

AP Research

AP English Literature and Composition

AP Seminar

### SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Comparative Government  
& Politics

AP Human Geography

AP Psychology

AP U.S. History

AP European History

AP Macroeconomics

AP U.S. Government

AP World History

### MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Calculus AB

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Calculus BC

AP Precalculus

AP Computer Science A

AP Statistics

### SCIENCE

AP Biology

AP Physics II

AP Physics I

AP Environmental Science

AP Chemistry

### WORLD LANGUAGES

AP French Language

AP German Language

AP Spanish Literature

AP Latin Literature

### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Agriscience

Principles of Manufacturing

Clinical Internship

STEM IV

Diagnostic Medicine

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

### THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

Anatomy & Physiology

Human and Social Sciences

Audio/Visual Production

Oral Communications

Biology II

Personal Finance

Chemistry

Statistics

College Algebra & Trigonometry

STEM IV

Criminal Justice

U.S. History

English 12

### SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mechatronics I

Mechatronics II

Mechatronics III

Mechatronics IV

## COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELORS

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# SCHOOL RECOGNITION

## HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL HAS A LONG TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING RECOGNITION IN 2024-2025:

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- 190 students scored a 30 or higher on the ACT
- 12 students earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT
- The Class of 2025 earned a record-breaking \$57 million in college scholarship offers
- 3 QuestBridge Scholars matched with top-tier colleges with full scholarships
- 4 U.S. Presidential Scholar nominations
- 3 ACT Presidential Scholar nominees
- 1 Presidential Scholar Semifinalist
- 9 National Merit Finalists and 9 Commended Scholars
- 8 Tennessee Ned McWherter Scholars
- 1 student accepted to all three U.S. military academies
- 1 Gates Scholar, one of just 750 nationwide, receiving full college tuition

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

SCHOOL YEAR	TOTAL STUDENTS	TOTAL EXAMS	% SCORING 3+
2019–20	530	1,010	79%
2020–21	550	1,131	74%
2021–22	503	989	82%
2022–23	551	1,163	83.30%
2023–24	617	1,453	88%
2024–25	672	1,388	90.33%

### FINE ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Orchestra: 54 selected for All-West, 12 for All-State. Ranked #1 in Tennessee for All-State selections 11 years in a row. First-ever international tour to Salzburg and Prague. Students accepted into elite programs like the National Youth Orchestra and Interlochen.
- Band: 12 All-State selections and [Insert number] All-West. Superior ratings at every competition. Named Division Champion at UofM Bandmasters and Grand Champion at Northeast MSCC. Over 100 performances this year.
- Choir: 17 All-West and 7 All-State selections. Featured with Germantown Symphony and University of Memphis.
- Theatre: Earned 18 HSMTA nominations, including 6 for performance and Best Overall Production. Seniors invested up to 1,700 hours in productions; nearly 50% plan to pursue theatre in college.

### ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

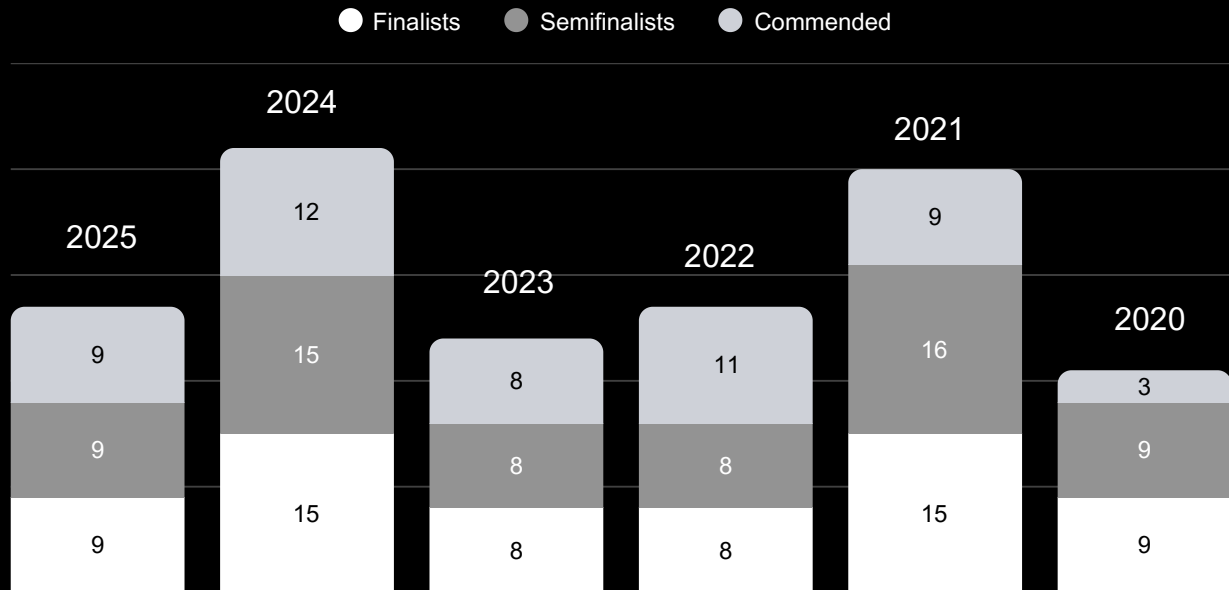
- Girls Soccer: 2024 6A State & Regional Champions
- Football: 6A State Runner-Up, Regional Champions
- Cross Country: Boys – Regional Champions; Girls – Regional Runner-Up
- Volleyball: Regional Champions
- Boys Basketball: District Champions
- Spring Sports: Still in progress—more wins to come!
- College Signings: 20+ student-athletes signed to play at the next level across multiple sports

# ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

## ACT SCORES

The average ACT score for all members of the class of 2024 based on each student's highest ACT was 24.02.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**99% of the class of 2024 matriculated to institutions of higher education**

4 Year College  
86%

2 Year College and Trade School  
13%

Military  
1%

Alabama, University of  
American University  
Arizona, University of  
Arizona State University  
Arkansas, University of  
Auburn University  
Baylor, University of  
Belmont University  
Boise State University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
Butler University  
California, Berkeley, Univ of  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Clemson University  
Colorado, University of  
Columbia University  
Connecticut, University of  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
DePaul University  
Duke University

Emory University  
Fashion Institute of Technology  
Florida, University of  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia, University of  
Hendrix College  
Howard University  
Illinois, University of  
Illinois State University  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kentucky, University of  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Memphis, University of  
Miami University of Ohio  
Miami University  
Michigan, University of  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Milligan University  
Millsaps College

Mississippi, The University of  
Mississippi State University  
Missouri, University of  
Missouri State University  
Montana State University  
Morehouse University  
New York University  
North Carolina, University of  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Ohio State University  
Ohio Wesleyan College  
Oklahoma, University of  
Pennsylvania, University of  
Pepperdine University  
Pittsburgh, University of  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
St. Louis University  
Samford University  
San Diego State University

Savannah College of Art  
Sewanee: University of the South  
South Carolina, University of  
Southern California, University of  
Southern Methodist University  
Stanford University  
Syracuse, University of  
Tennessee, University of  
Texas, University of  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Tulane University  
UCLA  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Military Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Chicago  
University of the South, Sewanee  
Vanderbilt University  
Vermont, University of  
Virginia, University of  
Wake Forest University  
Washington, University of  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Xavier University