

BLAKE



PROFILE 2025–2026

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1900, Blake is a coeducational, independent, nonsectarian day school serving 1,316 students on two campuses, Hopkins (Pre-K to 8) and Minneapolis (9 to 12). In small classes and through comprehensive curriculum, students from a variety of backgrounds and lived experiences find common ground in shared values. Blake provides ample opportunities for students to develop outside of the classroom. They not only become critical thinkers but also leaders, artists, athletes and citizens of the world.

BLAKE BY THE NUMBERS



85%
faculty with
advanced degrees



16
average
class size



10:1
student-adult
ratio

OUR STUDENTS



68
local communities
represented



38%
identify as
Students of Color



46
languages spoken
at home



26%
receive financial
assistance



90%
advance from
Blake Middle to
Upper School

544
enrolled in
Upper School
(grades 9-12)

53%
Upper School
admit rate

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 credits in seven disciplines:

- Computer Science
- English
- Math
- Modern & Classical Languages
- Social Studies/History
- Science
- Visual, Performing Arts & Debate

Other courses include:

- 6 AP courses in Humanities including:
 - Advanced Topics: Identity & Representation
 - Advanced Seminar: US History
- 18 Honors and AP courses in STEM including:
 - Advanced Science: Organic Chemistry I & II
- 4 AP courses in Modern & Classical Languages
- Independent Study, by application
- Senior Seminar: Communication & Society: Senior Capstone Course

Enrollment in and advancement in honors and AP courses in math, science and social studies requires a minimum grade or departmental approval. Students cannot enroll in AP social studies courses until junior year.



POST-AP COURSES

English

- All senior electives offered at post-AP level

Computer Science

- Advanced Topics: Python

Math

**Offered on a rotation, year-to-year*

- Advanced Topics: Conjectures, Refutations & Proofs*
- Advanced Topics: Linear Algebra*
- Advanced Topics: Interest Theory & Actuarial Math*

Modern & Classical Languages

- Advanced Hispanic Culture & Literature
- Advanced Topics: Chinese Culture & Literature
- Advanced Topics: Hispanic Theater & Film
- Advanced Topics: LeMonde Francophone
- Advanced Classics: Age of Augustus and Empire
- Advanced Classics: Politics & Poetry

Social Studies

- Advanced Topics: Research

GLOBAL LEARNING

- Academic immersion courses are led by Blake faculty who partner with local organizations. Destinations have included China, Sierra Leone, Cuba, Vietnam, Morocco, India, U.S.-Mexico border and Rwanda.
- Through Global Online Academy (GOA), a consortium of leading independent schools, students learn about real-world topics in a global community.
- Blake partners with School Year Abroad, the High Mountain Institute, the Alzar School and other organizations for off-campus study.

UPPER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULARS

Athletics



80% of Upper School students participate in at least one of 32 sports on 77 different athletic teams. (Students commute from the Upper School to Blake's athletic facilities in Hopkins.)

Visual & Performing Arts



Includes two choral ensembles, two instrumental ensembles and three annual stage productions. Students lead an average of six curated gallery shows and attend 45 debate tournaments per year.

Student Publications



Spectrum, award-winning student newspaper; Flash, literary arts magazine; yearbook.

Student Leadership



Forum, student government; Community Judiciary Board; Student InterAction Committee (SIAC); peer counselors; Bear-to-Bear peer tutoring; Student Diversity Leadership Council; Student Interview and Recommendation Committee.

Academic Clubs



DECA, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, math team, robotics, mock trial, ModelUN, debate.

Service Learning



25% of Upper School students choose to participate in Community Service Board committees and/or Service Path Recognition where they volunteer for at least 100 hours in one year.

Affinity Groups



Student-led spaces for identity-based affirmation and support. Specific groups focus on gender, sexuality, religion, race, ethnicity, family structure and ability.

Clubs & Organizations

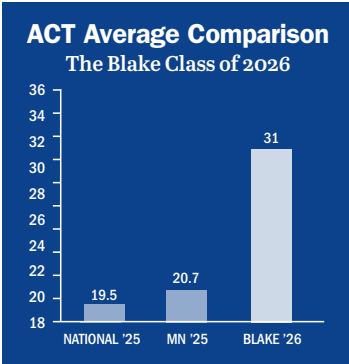


Approved and sponsored by the student government. Groups focus on creative writing, history, politics, languages, chess, arts, finance, e-sports, rocket science, the environment and more.

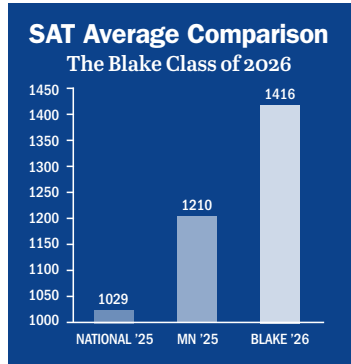
GRADE POINT AVERAGE				Grade Interpretation
	2026	2025	2024	
GPA*	3.52	3.60	3.55	A 4.00
Class size	142	132	131	A- 3.67
Blake does not rank students or weight grades. Blake discloses suspensions per college request.				
*Includes all Blake courses taken during the academic year beginning in ninth grade through junior year.				
				B+ 3.33
				B 3.00
				B- 2.67
				C+ 2.33
				C 2.00
				C- 1.67
				D+ 1.33
				D 1.00
				F no credit

STANDARDIZED TESTING & AWARDS

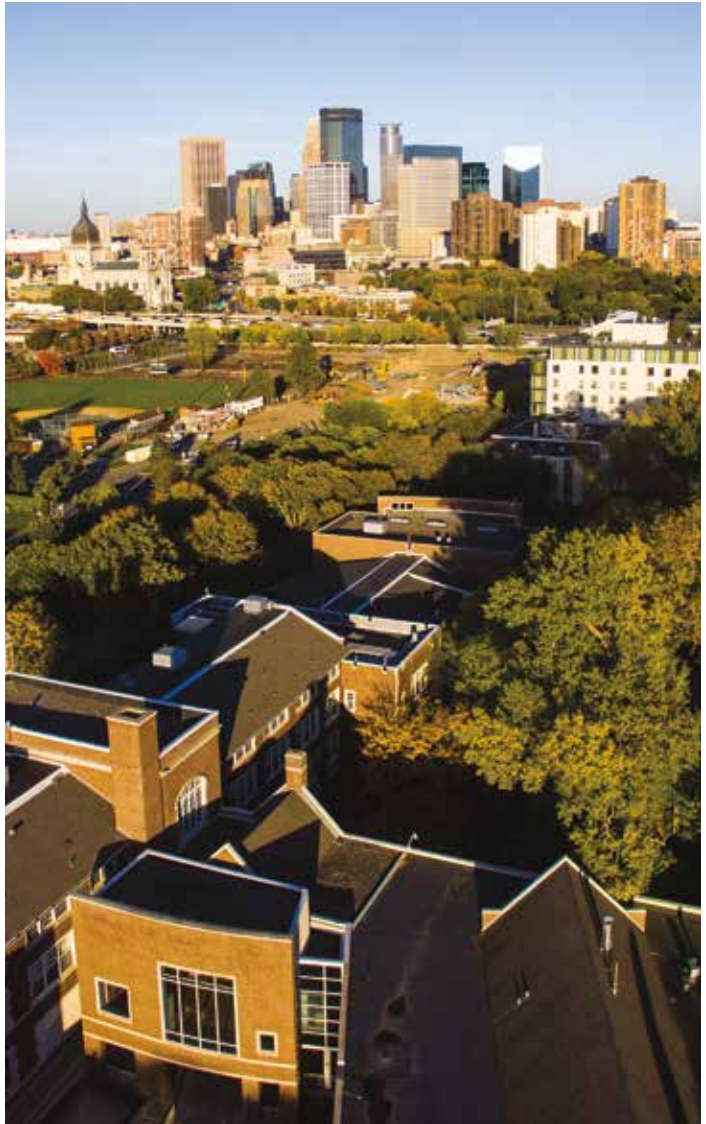
	2026	2025	2024
ACT Median Score			
Composite	31	30.1	30.1
SAT Mean Score			
EBRW	701	705	691
Math	715	697	704
Composite	1416	1402	1396



In Minnesota, 68% of graduating seniors took the ACT.



In Minnesota, 3% of graduating seniors took the SAT.



Number of Test Takers

ACT			SAT		
2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
96	102	103	35	37	23

National Merit

	2026	2025	2024
Semifinalists/Finalists	13	13	13
Commended	14	16	17
National Hispanic Scholar	0	0	0
Total	27	29	30
Percent of class	19%	22%	23%
AP Scholars (3 exams)	21	23	12
Scholars: Honors (4 exams)	10	10	12
Scholars: Distinction (5+ exams)	21	28	22
AP International Diploma (7+ exams)	0	0	1
Total	52	61	47

2024–25 AP Exam Scores

	Total Tests	Score: 4	Score: 5
Biology	41	16	9
Calculus AB	65	19	17
Calculus BC	32	7	23
Chemistry	15	3	11
English Language	11	2	7
English Literature	39	13	21
European History	12	7	5
French Lang & Culture	15	10	2
Physics I	29	8	15
Physics C, Mechanics	15	7	5
Physics C, E & M	14	5	2
Spanish Lang & Culture	31	16	8
Statistics	34	9	10
U.S. Gov't & Pol	22	9	8
U.S. History	65	32	20

COVID-19: Blake shifted to remote learning for the fourth quarter of 2019–2020. Blake started 2020–2021 in a hybrid model, with half of the student body in the building each day. On Nov. 5, 2020, Blake moved to full remote learning and then resumed the hybrid model on January 19, 2021. In the 2021–22 academic year, Blake returned to full in-person teaching and learning. Students received letter grades for all courses and school years.

MISSION

Blake engages students with a dynamic, academically challenging education in a diverse and supportive community committed to pluralism and a common set of values. Students pursue an integrated program of academic, artistic and athletic activities, preparing for college, lifelong learning and purposeful lives as community and global citizens.

COMMITMENT TO PLURALISM

A vibrant learning environment springs from a diverse school community. For this reason, Blake seeks and values students, families and employees with a wide range of backgrounds, identities and life experiences. Individually and collectively, we strive for understanding across differences in an inclusive environment where everyone can belong, contribute and thrive.

CORE VALUES

Curiosity
Kindness
Inclusivity
Resilience

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ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools
Administration of the
Central States (ISACS)

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2021-2025

Five or More Graduates

Bates College	6	New York University	10	University of California-Los Angeles	6
Boston College	7	Northeastern University	10	University of California, San Diego	7
Boston University	8	Northwestern University	13	University of Chicago	6
Brown University	8	Pitzer College	6	University of Colorado Boulder	16
Carleton College	14	Purdue University	6	University of Denver	14
Carnegie Mellon University	5	Rice University	6	University of Michigan	6
Colby College	10	Saint John's University	5	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	27
Colgate University	7	Santa Clara University	5	University of Notre Dame	5
Colorado College	13	Southern Methodist University	8	University of San Diego	5
Dartmouth College	7	St. Olaf College	11	University of St. Thomas	6
DePaul University	5	Stanford University	5	University of Wisconsin-Madison	21
Duke University	5	Syracuse University	5	Washington University in St. Louis	10
Fordham University	5	Texas Christian University	8	Wellesley College	5
Loyola Marymount University	7	The George Washington University	5	Yale University	13
Macalester College	8	Tufts University	12		
Middlebury College	6	Tulane University	11		

One to Four Graduates

American University	2	Hofstra University	1	Tuskegee University	1
Amherst College	1	Howard University	1	Union College	1
Arizona State University	4	Illinois Wesleyan University	1	United States Air Force Academy	1
Augsburg University	1	Indiana University Bloomington	4	University of Alabama	1
Babson College	2	Iowa State University	3	University of Arizona	4
Barnard College	2	Johns Hopkins University	2	University of California, Berkeley	1
Bentley University	1	Kenyon College	3	University of California, Santa Barbara	3
Berklee College of Music	1	Knox College	1	University of Colorado Denver	1
Bowdoin College	2	Lafayette College	2	University of Edinburgh	1
Bradley University	1	Lehigh University	3	University of Hawaii at Manoa	2
Brandeis University	1	Lewis & Clark College	3	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	Luther College	2	University of Iowa	4
Bucknell University	1	Marquette University	2	University of Kansas	1
California Institute of Technology	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	University of Massachusetts Amherst	1
Camberwell College of Arts	1	Miami University-Oxford	3	University of Miami	4
Case Western Reserve University	4	Michigan Technological University	1	University of Minnesota Duluth	2
Chapman University	3	Milwaukee School of Engineering	1	University of Minnesota Rochester	1
Claremont McKenna College	3	Minnesota State University - Mankato	2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Clemson University	1	Montana State University	2	University of North Dakota	2
College of Charleston	1	Nashville State Community College	1	University of Pennsylvania	4
College of the Holy Cross	2	Northeastern University London	1	University of Puget Sound	3
Colorado State University	2	Northland College	1	University of Richmond	3
Columbia College Chicago	1	Occidental College	2	University of South Carolina-Columbia	1
Columbia University	4	Oregon State University	1	University of Southern California	4
Connecticut College	2	Pace University, Westchester	1	University of St Andrews	3
Cornell University	4	Penn State University Park	1	University of Sydney	1
Dalhousie University	1	Pratt Institute	1	University of Texas at Austin	1
Davidson College	1	Princeton University	3	University of Utah	1
Denison University	1	Providence College	1	University of Vermont	1
Drake University	1	Reed College	2	University of Virginia	3
Drexel University	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1	Vanderbilt University	4
Durham University	1	Rollins College	2	Vassar College	1
Elon University	2	San Diego State University	1	VERTO Ltd	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Sarah Lawrence College	1	Villanova University	3
Emory University	2	Scripps College	2	Virginia Military Institute	1
Fort Lewis College	1	Skidmore College	4	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	1
Furman University	1	St. Lawrence University	1	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	1
George Mason University	1	Swarthmore College	1	Wake Forest University	3
Georgetown University	3	Texas A&M University	1	Wartburg College	1
Gonzaga University	2	The Culinary Institute of America	1	Wesleyan University	2
Grinnell College	3	The Jewish Theological Seminary	2	Western Kentucky University	1
Gustavus Adolphus College	2	The New School	1	Western Washington University	1
Hamilton College	3	The Ohio State University at Columbus	1	Whitman College	4
Harvard University	3	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1	Willamette University	2
Harvey Mudd College	1	Trinity College	2	Williams College	2
Haverford College	1	Trinity College Dublin	3	Xavier University of Louisiana	1
High Point University	1	Trinity University	2		
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1				