



# 2025-2026 PROFILE

# HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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## COMMUNITY

Highland Park High School is a public, four-year comprehensive high school located just north of downtown Dallas in the six-square-mile suburban area of Highland Park and University Park. Highland Park High School serves approximately 34,100 residents who are predominantly college-educated professionals and business leaders in the Dallas community. Since Highland Park schools were founded in 1914, there has been a consistent effort to build a tradition of excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities.

## SCHOOL

Enrollment for 2025-2026 is 2,008 with 554 seniors, 507 juniors, 497 sophomores and 450 freshmen. The faculty consists of 135 certified teaching staff with 67% having a master's degree or higher. The academic school year consists of two semesters, each divided into two 9-week grading periods. Highland Park High School students not only pursue superior academic achievement, but they are also engaged in music, drama, journalism, athletics, arts and other fields that match their personal strengths and interests. More than half of the students at HPHS participate on school athletic teams and approximately 80% of HPHS students are active in extracurricular activities.

## SCHOLAR TRENDS

National Merit Scholarship Program

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Finalists	16	12	15	xx*
Semifinalists	16	13	15	18
Commended	35	30	39	24

College Board National Recognition Program

	2023	2024	2025
Hispanic Scholars	14	10	8
African American Scholars	2	2	
Indigenous Scholars	7	5	1
First Generation Scholars			2

\*Data for 2026 not yet available

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

HPHS students must have a minimum of 26 credits from courses taken during their middle and high school years. In addition, 50 hours of community service are required. The 26 credits must include the following subject areas:

- English - 4 credits
- Mathematics - 4 credits
- Science - 4 credits
- Foreign Language - 2 credits
- World Geography - 1 credit
- World History - 1 credit
- United States History - 1 credit
- U.S. Government - .5 credit / Economics - .5 credit
- Health - .5 credit / Speech - .5 credit
- Physical Education - 1 credit
- Technology - 1 credit
- Fine Arts - 1 credit

## SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Highland Park High School, in upholding its tradition of excellence, has earned the following achievements:

- Our students earned 775 Advanced Placement Scholar Awards.
- HPHS has won 13 UIL Lone Star Cup awards, demonstrating excellence in academics, arts, athletics and a commitment to community service.
- HPHS has won a total of 123 state team UIL titles in athletics and academics since the school opened 100 years ago in 1922. The school holds the UIL record for the most athletic state titles by one school, with 77 titles in all classes. Some recent state championships include:
  - Academic Decathlon team placed 2nd in the 2023 6A State Finals and the previous year won its 6th state title in 7 years.
  - The boys golf team has won a UIL record 22 team state titles and 12 individual state championships.
  - The Scots Lacrosse teams have won 13 State Championships.
  - The Scots Varsity Football team won three consecutive state championships in 5A Div. I from 2016-18.
  - 10 individuals named to Texas All-State Band, All-State Orchestra and All-State Choir.

## TESTING PROFILE

SAT Composite Scores

	Total Seniors Taking Exam	ERW Norms		Math Norms		Composite	
		HPHS	Nat'l	HPHS	Nat'l	HPHS	Nat'l
2022-2023	263	642	480	644	530	1286	1028
2023-2024	262	640	519	640	505	1281	1024
2024-2025**	304	638	490	628	474	1266	964

ACT Composite Scores

	Total Seniors Taking Exam	Norms	
		HPHS	State
2022-2023	400	26.9	19.3
2023-2024	373	25.9	19.4
2024-2025**	xxx	xx.x	xx.x

Advanced Placement Scores\*

	Total Students Taking Exam	Total Exams Given	% Scoring 3 or Higher
2022-2023	1307	3604	75%
2023-2024	1316	3808	80%
2024-2025	1304	3878	85%

\*Highland Park High School offers open enrollment for AP courses. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.

\*\*Data for 2024-2025 will be available in October 2025.

*Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve*

HPHS is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the NACAC Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission.

HPHS is also a member of the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and College Board.

HPHS has met all standards of and is accredited by the Texas Education Agency.

## CLASS OF 2025

96% of the Class of 2025 matriculated to institutions of higher education.  
Community Service Hours totaled more than 71,100 hours.

### [CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF COLLEGES ATTENDED BY THE CLASS OF 2025](#)

#### REPORTING STUDENT DATA

Highland Park High School does not rank students below the top 10%. Texas state law requires all public schools to numerically rank the top 10% of the senior class.

#### GRADE WEIGHTING AND REPORTING

Highland Park High School reports a weighted grade point average. This average includes all course work taken at HPHS. The weighted GPA is calculated using the values shown below:

Numerical Grade	Category I	Category II	Category III
97-Above	5.0	4.5	4.0
93-96	4.8	4.3	3.8
90-92	4.6	4.1	3.6
87-89	4.4	3.9	3.4
83-86	4.2	3.7	3.2
80-82	4.0	3.5	3.0
77-79	3.8	3.3	2.8
73-76	3.6	3.1	2.6
71-72	3.4	2.9	2.4
70	3.0	2.5	2.0
60-69	1.0	1.0	1.0
Below 60	0	0	0

Category I: AP courses and courses that require AP pre-requisite

Category II: Honors & TAG courses

Category III: All other courses

#### SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The HPHS Senior Internship Program provides the opportunity for students to explore their post-secondary career interests. This student-led exploration allows them to develop as professional communicators, effective time-managers, and responsible professionals. All students will participate in a professional learning community, develop marketing tools, complete at least one professional internship within a field of interest, and reflect and share their experiences with others as they spend 10 hours each week achieving their internship goals throughout the year.

#### MAPS PROGRAM

The Moody Advanced Professional Studies (MAPS) program is a profession-centered approach to education, offering students tangible learning opportunities while earning multiple course credits. Students apply their learning to challenging projects in collaboration with university faculty and business professionals. MAPS focus areas include:

- Business Design and Leadership
- Engineering Design
- Brain Science and Health
- Environmental Architecture
- Modern Media
- Sports Analytics

Click [HERE](#) to visit our Academic Planning Guide for all MAPS courses and focus area details.

The weighted grade point average for the top ten percent of the Class of 2026 (through 6 semesters) is:

4.345 and above

#### COURSE OFFERINGS

Highland Park High School expects students to complete a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum from course offerings that include the following:

##### ARTS

AP 2D Art & Design	AP Art History*
AP 3D Art & Design	AP Music Theory
AP Drawing	

##### ENGLISH

AP English Language & Composition	AP Research
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Seminar

##### HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Comparative Govt & Politics	AP Psychology
AP European History	AP United States Government
AP Human Geography	AP United States History
AP Macroeconomics	AP World History

##### MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Calculus AB	AP Statistics
AP Calculus BC	Computer Science III**
AP Computer Science A	Linear Algebra*
AP Computer Science Principles	Multivariable Calculus**

##### SCIENCE

AP Biology	Organic Chemistry**
AP Chemistry	AP Physics 1: Algebra based
AP Environmental Science	AP Physics 2: Algebra based
Medical Microbiology**	AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Pathophysiology**	AP Physics C: Mechanics

##### WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURE

AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP Latin
AP French Language & Culture	Latin V Honors**
AP Spanish Language & Culture	Seminar in Languages other than English: French*
AP Spanish Literature & Culture	

\*Course was not active 2025-2026 \*\*Course has AP Prerequisite

## Mission Statement

Highland Park High School, upholding its tradition of excellence, exists to provide a learning environment that prepares students to serve as engaged global citizens in a complex and ever-changing world.