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Baylor School 2026-27 Profile

Baylor School, founded in 1893, is an independent, coeducational boarding and day school located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, enrolling 1,179 students in grades six through twelve.

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OUR MISSION

is to foster in our students both the ability and the desire to make a positive difference in the world.

CORE VALUES

ACADEMICS, CHARACTER, HONESTY, INDIVIDUALITY, LEADERSHIP, RESPECT, AND SPIRITUALITY

THE HONOR CODE

Honor is a core value instilled in students from the moment they enter Baylor. A seat on the Honor Council is considered the **most important** position of leadership within the student body.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Per Baylor's long-standing policy, college counselors report a student's dismissal or withdrawal to colleges and universities where supporting materials have been submitted.

THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

is organized on a semester system; students in grades 9-12 take a minimum of six courses each semester, five of which must be academic courses.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses receive an additional boost to the course grade (+4 points) as do Honors courses (+2 points). Baylor does not rank. Weighted grades are shown on the transcript and are used for determining GPA which is recalculated each semester.

The grading scale is as follows:
A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79
D: 65-69 F: 64 or below

THE TEACHING FACULTY

consists of 127 instructors, 95 of whom hold advanced degrees, 13 at the doctoral level.

CLASS OF 2026 FOUR-YEAR ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA

AP COURSES	PERCENTAGE
1+	**82%**
4+	**57%**
7+	**42%**
10+	**16%**

AP classes are available to students beginning in tenth grade. Enrollment is limited by space and progression.

TOTAL AP CLASSES OFFERED: **29**
AVERAGE TOTAL APS TAKEN: **5**

TOTAL HONORS CLASSES OFFERED: **16**
AVERAGE TOTAL HONORS TAKEN: **2**

CLASS OF 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

THE **171** MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2026 SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO **264** UNIVERSITIES IN **42** STATES AND **SIX** COUNTRIES

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2026 ARE ATTENDING **81** INSTITUTIONS IN **30** STATES AND **TWO** COUNTRIES

ON AVERAGE, STUDENTS SUBMITTED **SIX** APPLICATIONS

THE CLASS OF 2026 SUBMITTED **33** EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS

71% OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE OF TENNESSEE

IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, BAYLOR GRADUATES HAVE MATRICULATED AT **250+** INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

99% OF BAYLOR GRADUATES ATTEND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Scan here for a full list of college matriculations.

STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR CLASS OF 2026

(middle 50%)

ACT: **22-29**
SAT: **1040-1300**

All members of the Class of 2026 required to sit for ACT fall and SAT spring of junior year.

CLASS OF 2027 GRADE DISTRIBUTION

STUDENTS IN CLASS: **225**

TOP 10% GPA RANGE:
4.24 - 4.4/96.91 - 101.45

AVERAGE GPA: **3.82**

ENROLLMENT

809 UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

244 BOARDING STUDENTS

STUDENTS FROM 19 STATES AND 19 COUNTRIES

THE CURRICULUM

ENGLISH
4 CREDITS REQUIRED

Eng I or Honors Eng I
Eng II or AP English Language
English III or
AP English Literature

*Seniors are required to take two semester-long English IV courses, including *Composition and one of the following:*

*African American Literature
*+Gothic and Horror Literature
*Literature of the Journey
*Mystery and Murder
*Tolkien and Fantasy Literature
*Science Fiction in Literature
*Wilderness Literature
*Women's Literature

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES
3 CREDITS REQUIRED

World History I
World History II or AP World History
US History or AP US History
AP European History
AP Art History
+AP Business with Personal Finance
AP Human Geography
*AP Comp Government & Politics
*AP US Government and Politics
*AP Macroeconomics
*AP Microeconomics
*Global Affairs and Contemporary Issues
*History of Christianity
*History of Civics
*History of Entrepreneurship
*History of the Modern US
*History of the Middle East
*History of World Religions
*History of Women, Gender, and Society
*History of World War II

SCIENCE
3 CREDITS REQUIRED

Biology or Honors Biology
Chemistry or Honors Chemistry
Physics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics I
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
*Anatomy and Physiology
*Astronomy
*+Botany
*Forensic Science
*Global Health Topics
*+Introduction to Geology
*Marine & Aquatic Biology

RESEARCH

Areas of Focus: Biomedical, Engineering, Environmental, and Sustainability

*Foundations of Scientific Research
*Research
Honors Advanced Research
Honors Thesis Research

MATH
4 CREDITS REQUIRED

Algebra I
Geometry or Honors Geometry
Algebra II
Algebra II w/Trig or Honors Alg II w/Trig
Precalculus or Honors Precalculus
Trigonometry and Analysis
Calculus
Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
+Honors Abstract Math: Advanced Algebra
+Honors Abstract Math: Advanced Calculus

+offered every other year

WORLD LANGUAGES
2 CREDITS REQUIRED

Chinese: II, III, IV, AP
French: I, II, III, IV, AP
German: II, III, IV, AP
Latin: I, II, III, IV, AP
Spanish: I, II, III, Honors III, IV, AP Lang, AP Lit

FINE ARTS
1 CREDIT REQUIRED

Band
Concert Choir
Orchestra
AP 3D Art & Design
AP Studio Art
*2D/3D Art & Design I and II
*Dance in American Culture
*Digital Design
*Drawing I and II
*Form and Function I and II
*Painting I and II
*Photography I and II
*Pottery I and II
*Theater I: Improvisation and Acting for the Stage
*Theater II: Scene Study and Performance
*Theater III: Advanced Acting and Theater Production

COMPUTER SCIENCE

*Computer Sci I: Intro to Computer Sci
*AP Computer Science Principles

APPLIED HUMANITIES

*+Advanced Media Production
*Audio Journalism
*Digital Narratives
*Film Production

Additional requirements include two years of Physical Education and Wellness.

*one-semester course | +new course as of 2026-27

CIVIC & GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

The Civic and Global Scholars programs position students as leaders in civic engagement or global development. The programs help students reach beyond themselves and beyond Baylor by seeking opportunities to make a positive difference in their communities now and in the future. Components of the programs include curricular requirements, extra-curricular activities, travel, a digital portfolio, and a capstone project.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

With a mission to train students to think like scientists, the principle of experiential learning guides Baylor Research. Starting as early as tenth grade, students work under PhD-level professionals to gain skills in their chosen area, focusing on individual and group projects, often leading to recognition in peer-reviewed presentations and publications. Work culminates in the annual Baylor Science Symposium. Transcript designation is based on years completed.