

BLAIR ACADEMY CLASS OF 2027 PROFILE

Coeducational boarding school, founded in 1848

463-acre campus listed on the National Register of Historic Places

More than a third of students receive $9.9 million in aid, creating a socioeconomically diverse community

160 course offerings for a superior college preparatory education

27 states & 27 countries represented in our community

484 students in grades 9-12, including 9 postgraduates

Class of 2027 size: **123**

WHO WE ARE

Blair Academy

At Blair Academy, our mission is to know students well and empower them to pursue a superior college preparatory education that sets them up to become persons of accomplishment and character. In 2024-2025, we replaced AP coursework with faculty-designed advanced survey (AdvSur) and seminar (AdvSem) courses equivalent to first-year college classes. This bold and rigorous curriculum epitomizes Blair's commitment to educational excellence, positioning students to develop agency, higher-order thinking, cultural responsiveness and rich relationships with their learning community and the ideas with which they engage.

Academic rigor at Blair is balanced by our dynamic and diverse community, which centers on strong relationships with peers and faculty, as well as experiences that challenge students as skilled learners and service-minded leaders. Students leave Blair not only as prepared undergraduates, but also as global citizens and changemakers who contribute to the greater good.

Toward this end, leadership opportunities are woven throughout the Blair student experience. The most visible roles—faculty selected or student elected—include:

- Academic Honor Committee
- Activities Council
- Admission Ambassadors
- Advancement Ambassadors
- Athletic Captains
- Be Well @ Blair
- Belonging & Equity Committee
- Blue & White Key Society
- Class Councils
- CARE Team
- Dormitory Prefect
- Rules & Discipline Committee

SIGNATURE BLAIR PROGRAMS

Blair has invested in signature programs that challenge students to think critically, conduct original research and engage in team-based problem solving.

Integrated Science Research (ISR)
In this rigorous, multi-year program, students delve into scientific writing, explore current industry research, connect with mentors, and design and execute research experiments under the guidance of faculty who are experienced researchers.

Advanced Literary Writing (ALW)
Over three semesters, students develop a significant piece of literary writing. Whether their focus is on literary analysis and theory, fiction, narrative nonfiction, drama or poetry, each student produces a polished final piece. Guided by Blair faculty, ALW students develop a plan with their instructor, incorporate regular feedback from peer workshops, and consult with both internal and external experts.

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HOW WE GRADE

BLAIR 6.0 SCALE	4.0 EQUIVALENT	LETTER EQUIVALENT
6.0	4.3	A+
5.5	4.0	A
5.0	3.7	A-
4.5	3.3	B+
4.0	3.0	B
3.5	2.5	B-/C+
3.0	2.0	C
<3.0	1.0	D/F

Only 3% of semester-end grades are 6.0

ADVANCED COURSEWORK PORTFOLIOS

Blair's Portfolio Symposiums serve as capstone experiences for students in advanced survey and seminar courses. These invitation-only events allow select juniors and seniors to present their most meaningful work, reflect on their learning journeys, and engage in scholarly dialogue with faculty and peers. **Twenty students from the Class of 2027 were invited to share their portfolios, and six were awarded Portfolios of Distinction**—an honor that required them to formally defend their thesis and respond to in-depth questions about their thinking and process. These symposiums showcase Blair's commitment to a more authentic, inquiry-driven education.

2026-2027 CURRICULUM

As of the 2024-2025 year, we no longer offer Advanced Placement classes at Blair. Our most rigorous courses, advanced survey (AdvSur) and advanced seminar (AdvSem) courses, align with first- and second-year college coursework. Department approval is required.

To visualize the various academic pathways students may take through the School's curriculum, visit **www.blair.edu/curriculum**.

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
English www.blair.edu/english	English 1	English 2	American Studies in Rhetoric 1 & 2; Foundations of ALW; AdvSem ALW Capstone; AdvSem Comparative Genre; AdvSem Af. Am. Literature 1 & 2; AdvSem America on the Road 1 & 2; AdvSem Fantasy and Science Fiction; AdvSem Literary Modernism; AdvSem Women's Literature 1 & 2; AdvSem Philosophy and Literature 1 & 2; AdvSem Film and Literature Analysis 1 & 2; AdvSem Shakespeare; AdvSem Sports, Story & Culture; AdvSem *The Odyssey*; AdvSem Memoir; AdvSem Narrative Nonfiction	Meaning of Life 1 & 2; AdvSem Comparative Genre; AdvSem Af. Am. Literature 1 & 2; AdvSem America on the Road 1 & 2; AdvSem Fantasy and Science Fiction; AdvSem Literary Modernism; AdvSem Women's Literature 1 & 2; AdvSem Film and Literature Analysis 1 & 2; AdvSem Shakespeare; AdvSem Memior; AdvSem Sports, Story & Culture; AdvSem *The Odyssey*; AdvSem Narrative Nonfiction; AdvSem Philosophy and Literature 1 & 2
History www.blair.edu/history	Global Issues	Modern European History	U.S. History AdvSur US History	Intellectual History; Race in America; AdvSem Comp. Government and Politics; AdvSur European History; AdvSur Microeconomics; AdvSem US Constitutional Law; AdvSur Art History; AdvSem Modern Global Thought
Languages www.blair.edu/languages	Spanish 1 French 1 Chinese 1 Latin 1	Spanish 2 Spanish 2 Honors French 2 Chinese 2 Latin 2	Spanish 3 Spanish 3 Honors French 3 French 3 Honors Chinese 3 Chinese 3 Honors Latin 3	Spanish 4; AdvSur Spanish Language; AdvSem Spanish-American Film & Culture; AdvSem Contemporary Latin Am. Lit.; French 4; AdvSur French Language; AdvSem Francophone Cinema; AdvSem French Current Events and Media; AdvSem French Murder Mysteries; AdvSur Chinese Language A; AdvSur Chinese Language B; AdvSur Latin A; AdvSur Latin B
Mathematics *& Computer Science* www.blair.edu/math	Algebra 1 Geometry Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Algebra 2H Algebra 2/Precalculus Honors	Precalculus Precalculus Honors Calculus	Calculus; Statistics 1 & 2; AdvSem Calculus A; AdvSur Calculus B & C; AdvSem Multivariable Calculus; AdvSur Applied Statistics; AdvSem Data Science; AdvSur Computer Science; AdvSem Precalc H/Calc A
	Electives Intro to Programming; Software Design			
Sciences www.blair.edu/sciences	Biology Biology Honors	Chemistry Chemistry Honors Foundations of ISR	Physics; AdvSur Biology; AdvSem Organic Chemistry; AdvSur Anatomy & Physiology; AdvSem Chemical Reactions; AdvSem Generative AI; AdvSem Integrated Research	Astronomy; Environmental Science; Engineering Science; Marine Science; AdvSur Biology; AdvSur Organic Chemistry; AdvSur Physics 1 & 2; AdvSur Anatomy & Physiology; AdvSur Engineering Science; AdvSem Chemical Reactions, AdvSem Generative AI; AdvSem Physics of Renewable Energy; AdvSur Psychology; AdvSem Integrated Research

To view course offerings for additional subject areas, please visit www.blair.edu/arts and www.blair.edu/self-society.

WHERE WE GO

Our top spots, 2022-2026

- New York University (30)
- Lehigh University (23)
- United States Naval Academy (20)
- University of Miami (18)
- University of Pennsylvania (18)
- Northeastern University (17)
- Princeton University (16)
- Boston College (15)
- Cornell University (15)
- Boston University (14)
- Tufts University (14)
- University of Virginia (14)
- Bucknell University (13)
- Columbia University (13)
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (13)
- University of Richmond (13)
- Emory University (12)
- Villanova University (12)
- Wake Forest University (12)
- University of Southern California (10)
- Northwestern University (9)
- Barnard College (8)
- Penn State University - University Park (8)
- Tulane University of Louisiana (8)
- University of Chicago (8)

2026 Destinations by Region

- Mid-Atlantic: 41%
- New England: 15%
- South: 21%
- Midwest: 10%
- West: 8%
- International: 5%

100% of Blair graduates go on to 4-year colleges