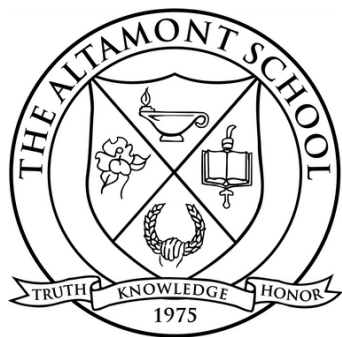




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The mission of The Altamont School is to improve the fabric of society by graduating compassionate, well-educated individuals capable of independent thinking and innovative ideas. To this end, the school attracts, nurtures, and challenges students whose commitment to truth, knowledge, and honor will prepare them not only for the most rigorous college programs, but also for productive lives.

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2026-2027

STUDENT POPULATION

The Altamont School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school located atop Red Mountain, just minutes from downtown Birmingham. Altamont was established in 1975 through the merger of Birmingham University School and Brooke Hill School. Altamont enrolls 361 students in grades 5-12. The school draws students from 32 post codes and 70 schools; 60% identify as Caucasian; 16% identify as African American; 15% identify as Asian American/Indian; 5% identify as multiracial; and 4% identify as Latinx. 36% of the student body share \$1.7m in need-based financial aid and scholarships.

Class of 2026

51 graduates
100% attending a 4 year college or university
ACT Composite Average: 28 Mid 50%: 24-31 SAT Average: 1321 Mid 50%: 1240-1460

FACULTY and CURRICULUM

There are 47 full time teaching faculty at The Altamont School. The Altamont School follows a seven-period day that also includes an Advisory and an Activities period. This balance of academic structure, personal guidance, and enrichment ensures that every student is supported in developing both intellect and character. Students may choose from 16 Advanced Placement (AP) courses across multiple disciplines. In 2026 Altamont began a partnership with Global Online Academy expanding access for our students to pursue advanced, specialized, and elective coursework beyond Altamont's on-campus offerings. GOA courses connect students and educators from schools around the world while emphasizing collaboration, critical thinking, and independent learning.

In addition to completing four core academic classes each year, graduation requirements include:

- World Languages: A minimum of three consecutive years of the same language providing students the opportunity to earn the Global Seal of Biliteracy.
- Science: All students take biology, chemistry, and physics, or 2 science courses in place of physics
- Fine Arts: One credit
- Physical Education/Health: One credit
- The senior curriculum culminates in two intensive, honors-level Senior Seminars in English and History.

GRADING SYSTEM

Altamont does not rank. Transcripts provide two grading scales, a 100-point unweighted scale, and a 4.0 weighted scale. The weighted scale includes a .5 increase for honors classes and a 1.0 increase for AP courses. Altamont offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum in which most courses are taught at the honors level or above.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

HONOR CODE and CORE VALUES

The Altamont environment is built on respect and encouragement. Our Honor Code is simple, students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. The student led Honor Committee provides guidance to support student success. Guiding every aspect of school life are our core values of respect, balance, integrity, curiosity, and leadership.

C. KYSER MIREE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CENTER

The C. Kyser Miree Ethical Leadership Center asks students to examine the individual as a contributing member of society who actively seeks to make global, cultural, or social changes ethically and to develop and practice their skills as a leader through experiential learning and action. Students who take part in the Miree Center are required to take an Experiential Leadership course in 10th grade, complete 60 hours in community engagement or civic action, and attend nine events that challenge or enhance their world view. The cornerstone of the Miree Center is an initiative or project that works toward a goal that addresses a specific community need over two years.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At Altamont, each grade level is paired with a dedicated community partner where students can engage with authentic community needs while contributing to each partner's mission. In return, our partners collaborate with us by sharing goals, resources, and expertise that enhance students' educational experiences. Examples include partnerships with University of Alabama in Birmingham, KultureCity, and Lakeshore Foundation. These hands-on, real-world opportunities enrich our programs, strengthen connections with the broader community, and help cultivate compassionate, independent, and innovative thinkers.

THE WRITING CENTER

Altamont offers students a safe, welcoming space for peer feedback on writing from any class and at any stage of the writing process. Emphasizing a cross-disciplinary approach, our tutors are trained by English, History, and Science teachers, and the UAB Writing Center director and tutors. The center's goal is to foster a strong sense of community among tutors that in turn creates an approachable, supportive environment for every Altamont student.

FALL PROJECT WEEK

Every student at Altamont participates in a grade-level specific off-campus trip designed to enrich the student experience by providing unique and immersive learning opportunities that extend beyond the confines of the conventional classroom. All Fall Project Week trips are aligned with 4 pillars: worldview expansion, life skills development, community building, and reinforcement of curriculum.

COURSES BY DEPARTMENT

English

9th English, 10th English, AP American Literature, Modern Eastern Literature, 20th Century Drama, Reframing Western Literature, Critical Communication & Rhetoric, Honors Poetry, Women Writers, Creative Writing, Journalism

History

Ancient World History, Medieval European History, AP Modern World History, Honors American Studies, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP American Government, AP Comparative Government, 20th Century Europe, Latin American Studies, History through Film

Mathematics

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Discrete Math, Statistics, Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC w/lab, Complex Calculus, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus (not all courses are offered each year)

World Language

French I-V, VII, AP French, Greek, Latin I-VI, Mandarin I-V, Spanish I-VI, AP Spanish, Honors Slavery in the Ancient World

Science

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology w/lab, AP Chemistry w/lab, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics C, AP Psychology, Anatomy & Physiology

Fine Arts

2D Art, 3D Art, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Drawing, Photography, Musical Theater, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Studio Recording and Songwriting, Music Theory, Acting, and Technical Theater (not all courses are offered each year)

Physical Education and Other Electives

PE with Health, Weight Training and Conditioning, Annual Staff, and Standardized Test Preparation

College and University Acceptances Classes of 2022 - 2026

Alabama A&M University Alabama State University Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences American University Amherst College Appalachian State University (3) Art Center College of Design Auburn University (28) Auburn University (Montgomery) Barry University Bates College Baylor University Belmont University (2) Berea College Berry College Boston Architectural College Boston College (2) Boston University Bowdoin College Brandeis University Brenau University Brevard College Brown University Bryn Mawr College (2) Bucknell University Buena Vista University Butler University Cal Poly Humboldt California College of the Arts Carleton College Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Centre College (2) Clemson University Colby College Colgate University College of Charleston Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Columbia College Chicago Columbia University Concordia University (Montreal) Connecticut College Cornell University Dartmouth College (3) Davidson 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