



HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL

2026–27 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Highland Park Independent School District is the #1 rated 5A/6A school district in Texas. It is located just a few miles north of downtown Dallas in the suburban area of Highland Park and University Park, and its residents are predominantly college-educated professionals and business leaders in the Dallas community. The district consists of one high school, one middle school, one intermediate school, and five elementary schools. Highland Park High School has 1,945 students and 135 faculty, including over 73% with master's degrees or higher. Since its founding in 1914, the school district has centered its mission on excellence in academics, extracurriculars, and community service with the motto "Enter to Learn. Go Forth to Serve."

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Highland Park High School is one of the highest performing comprehensive public high schools in Texas with 96% of recent graduates pursuing a college degree. HPHS is also an AP Platinum Honor Roll School, with over 90 % of graduates taking at least one AP course, with the average AP student taking 3 AP courses. 92% of HPHS students take either the SAT or the ACT.

NATIONAL MERIT

Class	Graduates	Finalist	Semifinalist	Commended
2027	502	TBA	16	31
2026	538	18	18	24
2025	569	15	15	39
2024	550	12	13	30

AP SCORES

Year	AP Students	AP Exams	% Scoring 3+	AP Scholars
2025–26	1266	3820	85%	795
2024–25	1304	3878	85%	775
2023–24	1316	3808	80%	685
2022–23	1307	3604	75%	631

SAT SCORES

Class	ERW HP / Nat'l	Math HP / Nat'l	Composite HP / Nat'l
2026	628 / 528	623 / 517	1251 / 1045
2025	638 / 521	628 / 508	1266 / 1029
2024	640 / 519	641 / 505	1281 / 1024

ACT SCORES

English HP / Nat'l	Reading HP / Nat'l	Math HP / Nat'l	Science HP / Nat'l	Composite HP / Nat'l
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
26.9/18.4	27.6/20.0	25.9/18.9	26.7/19.6	26.9 / 19.4
25.8/18.6	26.4/20.1	25.3/19.0	25.8/19.6	25.9 / 19.4

EXTRACURRICULAR EXCELLENCE

More than 80% of HPHS students are active in extracurricular activities across fine arts, athletics, journalism, debate, and other fields that match their personal strengths and interests. Some notable accomplishments include:

- 13 UIL Lone Star Cups, given annually to the Texas school in each classification with the best combined performance in academic, fine arts, and athletic team competitions
- 97 team state titles in athletics (the most of any school in the state) and 26 team state titles in academics and fine arts
- Over 200 individual state titles in academics, fine arts, and athletics
- Each graduating class averages more than 65,000 hours of community service

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

HPHS students graduating on the state Foundation + Endorsement plan, must have a minimum of 26 credits, outlined below, and at least 50 hours of community service.

English – 4 credits	World History – 1 credit	Speech – .5 credit
Math – 4 credits	US History – 1 credit	PE – 1 credit
Science – 4 credits	US Government – .5 credit	Technology – 1 credit
Foreign Language – 2 credits	Economics – .5 credit	Fine Arts – 1 credit
World Geography – 1 credit	Health – .5 credit	Electives – 4 credits

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 (TEA).

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Highland Park High School expects students to complete a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum. In addition to standard courses, HPHS offers Honors and TAG courses, as well as the following college-level courses.

English - AP English Language & Composition - AP English Literature & Composition - Research/Technical Writing (AP Research) - Practical Writing Skills (AP Seminar) - Dual Credit English Effective in the 2025-26 school year, the state of Texas no longer accepts AP Seminar and AP Research for credit. HPHS continues to teach these courses through Practical Writing Skills and Research/Technical Writing.	Social Studies - AP European History - AP Human Geography - AP Macroeconomics - AP Psychology - AP US Government - AP US History - AP World History - AP Comparative Govt & Politics[†]	Math & Computer Science - AP Calculus AB - AP Calculus BC - AP Statistics - Linear Algebra* - Multivariable Calculus*[†] - AP Computer Science A - AP Computer Science Principles - Computer Science III* - Project Based Capstone*
Science - AP Biology - AP Chemistry - AP Environmental Science - AP Physics 1: Algebra based - AP Physics 2: Algebra based - AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism - AP Physics C: Mechanics - Organic Chemistry* - Medical Microbiology* - Pathophysiology*	World Languages & Culture - AP Chinese Language & Culture - AP French Language & Culture - Seminar in LOTE: French*[†] - AP Spanish Language & Culture - AP Spanish Literature & Culture - AP Latin - Latin V Honors*	Fine Arts - AP 2D Art & Design - AP 3D Art & Design - AP Drawing - AP Music Theory - AP Art History * Course has AP Prerequisite [†] Course is not active in 2026-27

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to advanced coursework, HPHS offers other programs for students to explore future career interests and further develop professional skills such as research, communication, decision-making, and leadership.

MOODY ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (MAPS)

In the MAPS program, juniors and seniors apply learning to challenging projects in collaboration with university faculty and business professionals. Students choose from the following focus areas: Business Design & Leadership, Engineering Design, Brain Science and Health, Environmental Architecture, Modern Media, Sports Analytics. Click [HERE](#) for more details on MAPS courses.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The HPHS Senior Internship Program provides the opportunity for students to explore post-secondary career interests while developing professional skills. Senior Interns gain valuable real-world experience under the expert guidance of practicing professionals in a wide range of fields. Internship students spend a minimum of 8 hours each week achieving their internship goals.

GRADE WEIGHTING AND REPORTING

Highland Park High School reports a weighted GPA which includes all course work taken at HPHS, except for eligible courses that can be selected by the student. To encourage extracurricular participation, students may elect to have up to two eligible courses per year excluded from their GPA during sophomore, junior, and senior year. Category I includes AP courses and courses with AP prerequisites. Category II includes Honors and TAG courses. Category III includes all other courses.

HPHS has two semesters divided into two nine-week grading periods each.

HPHS does not rank students outside of the top 10%. Texas state law requires public schools to rank the top 10% of the senior class.

The weighted GPA for the top 10% of the Class of 2027 (through 6 semesters) is 4.407 and above.

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

CLASS OF 2026

Over 96% of the members of the HPHS class of 2026 matriculated to institutions of higher education and are currently attending 122 colleges and universities across 36 states and 3 countries. Click [HERE](#) for a list of colleges attended by the class of 2026.