

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2004–2007

During the past four years, 474 graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The remaining students chose a different path: postgraduate year, work, international travel/study or other alternatives before beginning postsecondary education.

<b>10+ GRADUATES TO:</b>	4 - Notre Dame	2 - U. of San Diego	Penn State Univ
28 - U. WI - Madison	4 - Tufts	2 - U. of Virginia	Pitzer
16 - U. Minnesota – TC	4 - U. of Chicago	2 - Wellesley	Princeton
14 - U. of Pennsylvania	4 - U. of Michigan		Purdue
12 - Northwestern	4 - U. of Redlands		Reed
12 - U. of St. Thomas	4 - Williams	<b>1 GRADUATE TO:</b>	Rensselaer Polytech Inst.
11 - Colby	3 - American Univ	Air Force Academy	Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech
10 - Carleton	3 - Augsburg	Bard	Santa Clara
10 - Dartmouth	3 - Barnard	California Inst. Of Tech.	Scripps
	3 - Claremont-McKenna	Canisius	St. Norbert
<b>5 – 9 GRADUATES TO:</b>	3 - Columbia	Carnegie-Mellon	Stonehill College
8 - Amherst	3 - Dickinson	Centre College	SUNY Stony Brook
8 - Gustavus Adolphus	3 - Drake	Chapman	Swarthmore
8 - New York Univ	3 - Duke	Cleveland Inst of Music	U. of Arizona
8 - St. Olaf	3 - Emory	Coe College	U. of CA - Berkeley
8 - Yale	3 - Haverford	College of Wooster	U. of Massachusetts
7 - Harvard	3 - Lewis & Clark	Colorado State Univ	U. of MN - Morris
7 - Miami Univ of Ohio	3 - Montana State Univ	Columbia College	U. of NC Chapel Hill
7 - Union	3 - Morehouse	Eckerd	U. of Vermont
7 - Stanford	3 - Pomona	Florida Atlantic Univ	USC School of Theatre
6 - Bowdoin	3 - Puget Sound	Georgia Tech	Vassar
6 - Colorado College	3 - St. John's/St. Ben's	Gonzaga	Wake Forest
6 - George Washington	3 - Skidmore	Goucher	Washington & Lee
6 - Georgetown	3 - Syracuse	Green Mt Valley School	Whitman
6 - Trinity College	3 - U. CO at Boulder	Grinnell	William & Mary
6 - Wesleyan	3 - Vanderbilt	Hofstra Univ	Worcester Polytechnic Inst
5 - Boston Univ	3 - Wash. Un. in St. Louis	Hollins Univ	
5 - Colgate	3 - Whittier	Indiana Univ-	
5 - Cornell Univ	2 - Bates	Bloomington	
5 - Davidson	2 - Brown	Ithaca	
5 - Johns Hopkins	2 - Hamilton	Kenyon	
5 - Macalester	2 - Harvey Mudd	Knox	
5 - Middlebury	2 - MIT	Lafayette	
5 - St. Lawrence	2 - Mount Holyoke	Lehigh	
5 - Smith	2 - Rollins	Mannes College of Music	
5 - U. of Southern CA	2 - Sarah Lawrence	McMaster Univ-Canada	
	2 - Southern Methodist	Merrimack	
<b>2 – 4 GRADUATES TO::</b>	2 - Trinity Univ	Mills	
4 - Bentley	2 - U. of Delaware	MN State Univ-Mankato	
4 - Boston College	2 - U. of Denver	Northeastern	
4 - Connecticut College	2 - U. of Georgia	Oberlin	
4 - Hamline	2 - U. of MO-Columbia	Oberlin Conservatory	
		Occidental	

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# Profile

THE  
BLAKE  
SCHOOL  
1900

Challenging the mind, engaging the heart

2008 – 2009

**THE BLAKE SCHOOL** is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational day school for students in Pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. Founded in 1900, the school has campuses in Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. The Upper School, enrolling 516 students, is located near downtown Minneapolis. The student teacher ratio is 8:1, and the average class size is 15, allowing faculty and administrators to know each student individually. Seventy-five percent of the Upper School faculty hold advanced degrees.

**ACCREDITATION** is by the Independent School Association of the Central States.

**ADMISSION** is highly selective (the Upper School admits 50 percent of its applicants), based on examinations, record and personal interviews. Students come from fifty-five communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, 18 percent of the students receive financial aid.

**THE BLAKE CURRICULUM** offers a rigorous college preparatory program with core graduation requirements in five academic disciplines as well as the arts. Twenty credits must have been earned in grades nine through twelve.

Every senior is required to deliver an assembly speech before the entire Upper School community.

**Honors courses** (AP, CIS, or Accelerated) are offered in all disciplines.

**Fourteen Advanced Placement** courses are offered, at least one in each subject area. In 2006 – 2007, fifty-six students sat for AP exams (not offered at Blake) in three additional subjects. All juniors take AP English Literature and Composition and senior electives are beyond AP.

**College in the Schools (CIS)** courses are offered in Social Studies in conjunction with the University of Minnesota.

**Courses beyond AP** include: Advanced Hispanic Culture and Literature (AP Spanish Lit), Readings in Applied and Pure Mathematics (RAP), and all senior English electives.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE** is based on a four point scale and includes all courses taken at Blake during the academic school year beginning with ninth grade. Summer courses, college classes, or other academic work is listed on the transcript but is not included in the grade-point-average. *Honors courses (AP, CIS and Accelerated) are not weighted*

Range of Grade Point	Letter Grades	Point Scale
3.84 – 4.00	A	4.00
3.51 – 3.83	A–	3.67
3.17 – 3.50	B+	3.33
2.84 – 3.16	B	3.00
2.51 – 2.83	B–	2.67
2.17 – 2.50	C+	2.33
1.84 – 2.16	C	2.00
1.51 – 1.83	C–	1.67
1.17 – 1.50	D+	1.33
.84 – 1.16	D	1.00
Failure	F	No Credit

Standing in Class: The Blake School does not rank students.

**GRADE INFLATION** during the past five years, has not been evident at Blake and we have only graduated four 4.0 students in the last twenty-six years. The average grade point average (GPA) has been 3.23 and the range of the average SAT have been 1250 to 1320.

Year	Ave GPA	Ave SAT	Ave ACT
2005	3.24	1320	28
2006	3.24	1270	28
2007	3.23	1290	28
2008	3.25	1290	28
2009	3.36	1300	29
Five year ave:	3.26	1290	28

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## SCHOOL TESTING: Classes 2005–2008

### SAT I (Median Scores)

	GRADUATION YEAR			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Verbal	650	620	640	640
Math	670	630	650	650
Writing		620	650	640
Composite Score	1320	1870	1940	1930

### ACT (Median Score)

	GRADUATION YEAR			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Composite Score	28	28	28	28

### NATIONAL MERIT

	GRADUATION YEAR			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Semifinalists/Finalists	11	15	14	9
Commended	14	11	11	12
Nat'l Hispanic Scholars	2	1	1	1
Nat'l Achievement Scholars	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Percent of Class</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>

### AP EXAMS

	MAY of Given Year			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Students	212	278	257	251
Number of Tests	371	539	449	419
Percent Scoring 3 or better	83%	84%	80%	80%

### AP AWARDS

	MAY of Given Year			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
AP Scholars	25	33	37	25
With Honors	16	15	25	18
With Distinction	27	39	36	33
National AP Scholars	5	7	10	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>79</b>

## COURSE SELECTION FOR BLAKE SCHOOL: Class of 2009

(Statistics represent a class of 125 Seniors)

### SCIENCE

Total all Chemistry (Reg. Accel & AP)	132	106%
Total all Physics (Reg. Accel & AP)	160	128%
AP Biology	33	26%

### MATHEMATICS

Total Pre-Calculus (Reg. & Accel.)	114	91%
Total 1 <sup>st</sup> year Calculus (Reg. & Accel.)	97	78%
AP Calculus BC (2nd year)	16	13%
AP Statistics	14	11%

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Total with 4 and 5 years of Language	113	90%
AP Spanish (Language & Literature)	47	38%
AP French (Language & Literature)	26	21%
AP Latin	7	6%
Total All AP Language	80	64%

### ENGLISH

* AP English (or passed the AP test)	125	100%
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### SOCIAL STUDIES

Economics CIS	16	13%
Political Science CIS	24	19%
* U.S. History (passed AP test)	18	14%

CIS = College in the Schools through the University of Minnesota

\*NOTE: Most humanities students take the AP Exams such as European History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics without taking an AP course.

## STATISTICS AND RECOGNITION: Class of 2009

### 31 - National Merit Recognition

(25% Class of 2009 after Junior Year)

9 National Merit Semi-Finalists  
16 National Merit Commended  
3 National Hispanic Scholar Semi-Finalist  
3 National Achievement Scholars

### Distribution of SAT scores

(Based on testing 122 of 125 students)

Score	Verbal	Math Percent	Writing
700–800	32%	32%	25%
600–699	43%	44%	44%
500–599	23%	18%	27%
450–499	6%	6%	6%

Middle 50%

Verbal = 590 – 700 Math = 600 – 700 Writing = 580 – 700

Verbal – 650 Math – 650 Writing – 650

**Total: 1950**

### 27 - Advanced Placement Scholars

(22% Class of 2009 after Junior Year)

16 AP Scholars (3 APs)  
4 AP Scholars with Honors (4 APs)  
7 AP Scholars with Distinction (5+ APs)

### Distribution of ACT scores

(Based on testing 110 of 125 students)

Composite Score	Percent
31 – 36	27%
26 – 30	43%
21 – 25	27%
0 – 20	3%

Middle 50%

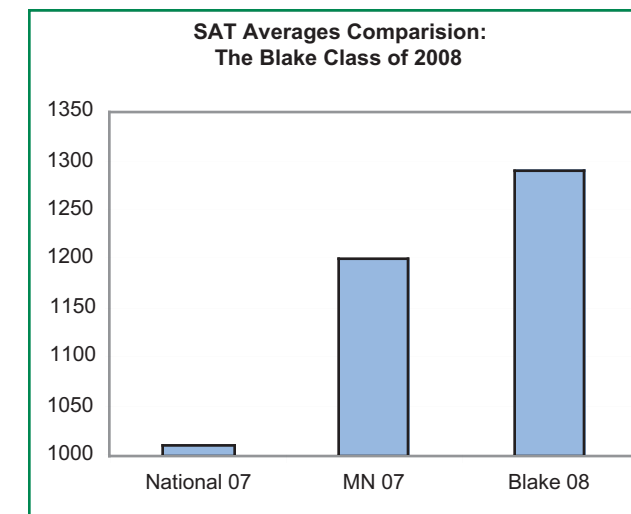
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**Composite Score: 29.0**

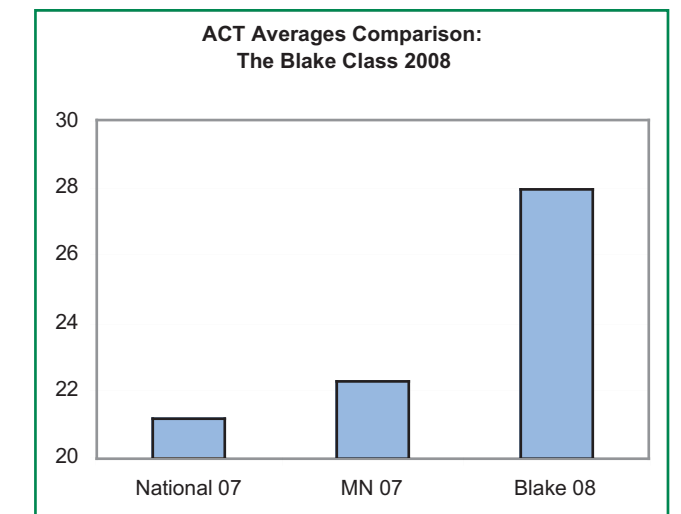
### Class GPA

Average = 3.36

Middle 50% = 3.08 - 3.65



In Minnesota 9% of seniors take the SAT.



In Minnesota, 70% of seniors take the ACT.

### Blake Awards and Special Recognition

- Named 2006 national leader on the AP English Literature and Composition exam.
- Blake was the 2008 runner-up for the Minnesota State High School League Challenge Cup. We have either won or been runner-up each of the past five years.
- Blake's ACT average for class of 2009 is 29; Minnesota led nation in 2008 with composite score of 22.6.
- Two Blake 2008 graduates received honors: one student received the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement and the other received the 2008 ACLU Youth Activist Scholarship.