

During the past four years, 491 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.

**10+ GRADUATES TO:**

- 30 - U. WI - Madison
- 15 - U. Minnesota – TC
- 14 - St. Olaf
- 12 - Colby
- 11 - Colorado College
- 11 - Northwestern
- 10 - Dartmouth
- 10 - Gustavus Adolphus

**5 – 9 GRADUATES TO:**

- 9 - Boston College
- 9 - Carleton
- 9 - Colgate
- 9 - Georgetown
- 9 - Hamline
- 9 - Stanford
- 9 - Trinity College
- 8 - Yale
- 7 - Harvard
- 7 - New York Univ
- 7 - U. of CO at Boulder
- 7 - U. of St. Thomas
- 7 - Wesleyan
- 6 - Columbia
- 6 - George Washington
- 6 - Macalester
- 6 - Middlebury
- 6 - U. of Southern CA
- 5 - Amherst
- 5 - Bentley
- 5 - Montana State Univ
- 5 - St. Lawrence
- 5 - U. of Michigan
- 5 - U. of San Diego
- 5 - Union

**2 – 4 GRADUATES:**

- 4 – Brown
- 4 - Connecticut College
- 4 - Cornell Univ
- 4 - Occidental
- 4 – Skidmore
- 4 - U. of Chicago
- 4 - U. of Denver
- 4 - U. of Notre Dame
- 4 - U. of Vermont
- 4 - Vanderbilt
- 4 - Vassar
- 4 – Williams
- 3 – Bowdoin
- 3 - Davidson
- 3 - DePaul
- 3 - Duke
- 3 - Grinnell
- 3 - Hamilton
- 3 - Johns Hopkins
- 3 - Lehigh
- 3 - MIT
- 3 - Miami Univ of Ohio
- 3 - Mount Holyoke
- 3 - Princeton
- 3 - Reed
- 3 - Swarthmore
- 3 - Syracuse
- 3 - Tufts
- 3 - U. of Pennsylvania
- 3 - Washington U. - St. Louis
- 2 - American Univ
- 2 - Bates
- 2 - Boston Univ
- 2 - Denison
- 2 - DePauw
- 2 - Dickinson

- 2 - Emory
- 2 - Haverford
- 2 - Harvey Mudd
- 2 - IL Wesleyan
- 2 - John Carroll
- 2 - Lewis & Clark
- 2 - Pomona
- 2 – U. of Puget Sound
- 2 - Rensselaer Polytech Inst.
- 2 - Sarah Lawrence
- 2 - Smith
- 2 - St. John's/St. Ben's
- 2 - U. of Virginia
- 2 - Wake Forest
- 2 - Wooster, College of

**1 GRADUATE TO:**

- Agnes Scott
- Bethel
- Bradley
- Brandeis
- California Inst. of Tech.
- Carnegie Mellon
- Centre
- Champlain
- Claremont-McKenna
- Cleveland Inst of Music
- Coe
- Colorado State Univ
- Concordia Univ., WI
- Drake
- Florida Atlantic
- Georgia Tech
- Gonzaga
- Goucher
- Hendrix
- Hobart & Wm Smith

- Hofstra
- Hollins
- Indiana Univ- Bloomington
- Iowa State
- Knox
- Lafayette
- Lake Forest
- Michigan Tech
- MN State Univ-Mankato
- Morehouse
- Northland College
- Oberlin
- Ohio State
- Pepperdine
- Purdue
- Rollins
- Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech
- Santa Clara Univ
- Scripps
- Southern Methodist
- SUNY Stony Brook
- U. of Central Florida
- U. of Georgia
- U. of MN – Morris
- U. of NC Chapel Hill
- U. of Redlands
- U. of Rochester
- U.S. Military Academy – West
- Pt. Army
- Washington & Lee
- Wellesley
- Wheaton College, IL
- Worcester Polytechnic Inst

**POST GRADUATE YEAR**

- Naval Academy Prep Sch.
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Westminster School

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**PROFILE**

*Challenging the mind, engaging the heart*



**THE BLAKE SCHOOL** is an independent, nonsectarian, Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve coeducational day school. Founded in 1900, the school has campuses in Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. The Upper School, enrolling 520 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. 75% of the Upper School faculty holds advanced degrees. Four members of the Upper School faculty are published authors; two are A.P. readers.

**ACCREDITATION** is by the Independent School Association of the Central States. The school holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Cum Laude Society, The College Board and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

**ADMISSION** is highly selective (the Upper School admits 40% of its applicants), based on examinations, record and personal interviews. Students come from fifty-five communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. 18% 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-two credits must have been earned in grades nine through twelve.

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

**Thirteen Advanced Placement** courses are offered. All juniors take AP English Literature and Composition and all senior English electives are taught at a post - AP level. Many students sit for AP exams in the humanities after taking regular classes in U.S. History, European History, Economics and Human Geography.

**Three College in the Schools (CIS)** courses are offered in Social Studies in conjunction with the University of Minnesota. Students who take these courses are qualified to take the AP exams.

**Courses beyond AP** include: Advanced Hispanic Culture and Literature, Readings in Applied and Pure Mathematics (RAP), Seminar in Advanced Geometry, Seminar in Graph Theory and Advanced Methods in Science Research.

**Every senior** is required to take Psychology of Communication and deliver an Assembly Speech before the entire Upper School community.

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

Letter Grades	Point Scale
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	No Credit

**GRADE INFLATION** has not been evident at Blake. The average grade point average (GPA) has been 3.37. The average SAT's has been between 1290 and 1300. The average ACT has been 28 and 29. The Blake School has only graduated four 4.00 students in the last 30 years.

Year	Mid. 50% GPA	Ave. SAT	Ave ACT
2007	2.90 – 3.70	1290	28
2008	2.90 – 3.60	1290	28
2009	3.11 – 3.65	1300	29
2010	3.00 – 3.70	1300	29
3 Yr Ave.:	2.98 – 3.66	1295	28.5

*Standing in Class - The Blake School does not rank.*

**SCHOOL TESTING: Classes 2007-2009**

SAT (Median Scores)	2007	2008	2009	NATIONAL MERIT	2007	2008	2009
Critical Reading	640	640	650	Semifinalists/Finalists	14	9	9
Math	650	650	650	Commended	11	12	16
Writing	650	640	650	Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	1	1	3
<b>Composite Scores</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>1930</b>	<b>1950</b>	Nat'l Achieve. Scholar	0	0	3
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>
				<b>Percent of Class</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>25%</b>

ACT (Median Score)	2007	2008	2009
Composite Score	28	28	29

AP EXAMS	2007	2008	2009	AP AWARDS	2007	2008	2009
Number of Students	257	251	271	AP Scholars	37	25	21
Number of Tests	449	419	506	Scholars - Honors	25	18	27
				Scholars - Distinction	36	33	30
Percent Scoring 3+	80%	80%	84%	National AP Scholars	10	3	7
Percent Scoring 4+	54%	46%	62%	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR 2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+
U.S. History*	51	81%	58%	Physics B**	17	59%	41%
European History*	20	95%	75%	Physics C, Mechanics	10	90%	90%
English Literature	119	75%	42%	Physics C, E & M	10	100%	80%
English Language	43	87%	70%	Chemistry	17	94%	82%
Calculus AB	59	97%	87%	Biology	33	73%	58%
Calculus BC	14	86%	57%	Spanish Lang & Lit	39	77%	59%
Statistics	18	89%	56%	French Lang & Lit	19	100%	58%
Human Geography*	8	88%	75%	Latin Lit.	14	100%	57%

88% of the class of 2009 scored 3 or higher on one or more AP Exams.  
 \* AP class not taught as part of the Blake curriculum  
 \*\* Students may not have taken AP course prior to test

**COURSE SELECTION FOR BLAKE SCHOOL: CLASS OF 2010**  
 (Statistics represent a class of 125 Seniors)

SCIENCE	# Students	Percent	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	# Students	Percent
Chemistry	74	59%	Total with 4 & 5 years of Language	96	76%
AP or Accelerated Chemistry	64	48%	AP Spanish (Lang & Lit)	42	33%
Physics	75	60%	AP French (Lang & Lit)	9	7%
Honors or AP (B & C) Physics	103	82%	AP Latin (Virgil)	11	9%
AP Biology	32	26%	<b>Total All AP Language</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>49%</b>

MATHEMATICS	# Students	Percent	ENGLISH	# Students	Percent
Pre-Calculus (Regular & Honors)	113	90%	*AP English (or passed the AP test)	125	100%
AP Statistics	10	8%			
Calculus	35	28%			
AP Calculus AB	45	36%			
Total 1st year Calculus (Regular & AB)	80	64%			
AP Calculus BC (2nd year)	25	20%			

SOCIAL STUDIES	# Students	Percent
Economics CIS	28	22%
Political Science CIS	30	24%
Modern America CIS	11	9%

CIS = College in the Schools courses are offered through the University of Minnesota and follow their curriculum for these courses in scope and rigor.

\*NOTE: Many humanities students take the AP Exams such as European History, US History, US Government, Economics and Human Geography without taking an AP course.

**STATISTICS AND RECOGNITION: Class of 2010**

**28-NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION (23% Class of 2010)**  
 (10.3% of class are semi-finalists, highest percentage in Minnesota)

- 14 National Merit Semi-Finalist
- 14 National Merit Commended
- 1 National Achievement Scholar Commended

**37-ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS (30% Class of 2010 after Junior Year.)**

- 10 AP Scholars (3 AP's)
- 16 AP Scholars with Honors (4 AP's)
- 11 AP Scholar with Distinction (5+ AP's)

**CLASS GPA:** Average = 3.33 Middle 50%: 3.00 – 3.70

**DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES**

(Based on testing 115 of 125 students)

Score Range	Verbal Percent	Math Percent	Writing Percent
700-800	27%	37%	25%
600-699	41%	28%	44%
500-599	25%	27%	27%
450-499	7%	8%	4%

Middle 50%:	Critical Reasoning	Mathematics	Writing
	570 - 700	570 - 740	580 - 710

**DISTRIBUTION OF ACT SCORES**

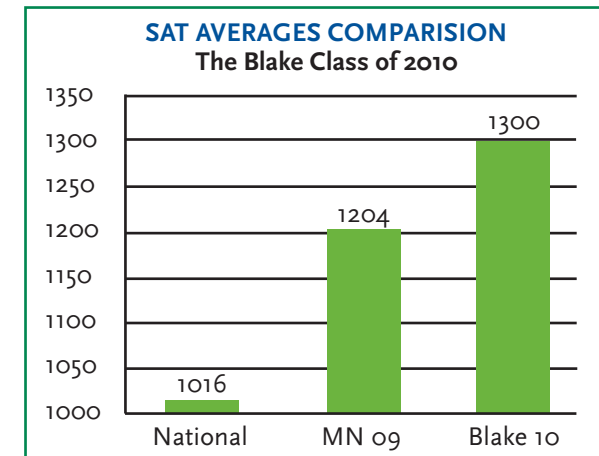
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**Composite Score Range**

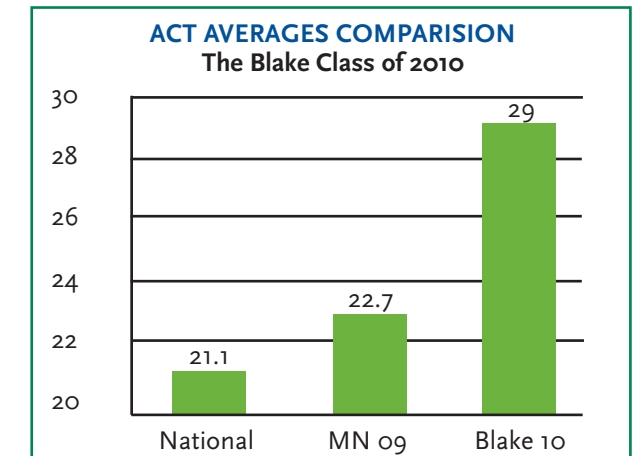
Score	Percent
31-36	41%
26-30	34%
21-25	20%
0-20	7%

**Middle 50%** 24 - 32

**Composite Average:** 29.0



In Minnesota 7% of graduating Senior's take the SAT.



In Minnesota 68% of graduating Senior's take the ACT.

**RECENT AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

- In 2009 Blake was named as the "Minnesota School of Character" and as one of ten "National Schools of Character" by the Center of Academic Excellence. Blake was the only independent school to be so named.
- Nine Blake freshmen and sophomores placed in the State History Day competition. Two sophomores competed in the National History Day competition. Both finished second in the nation in their respective category.
- 100% of the junior class takes AP English Literature and Composition, Blake was named 2006 national leader on the AP English Literature and Composition exam.
- Blake was the 2009, 2007 and 2005 Minnesota State High School League Challenge Cup recipient. This award is given to two high schools a year to recognize "excellence in athletic and fine arts. Blake was the runner-up in 2008 and 2006.
- A Blake student was the winner of the 2008-09 Scholastic Portfolio Writing Award.
- In 2009 Blake's theatre program received seven Spotlight Musical Theater Awards. Our visual artists were awarded seven Congressional Art awards.
- In recent years Blake graduates received additional honors: Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, ACLU Youth Activist Award, Presidential Scholars winners and finalists.