

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2007-2010

During the past four years, 491 graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The remaining students chose a different path: post graduate year, work, international travel/study or other alternatives before beginning postsecondary education.

10+ GRADUATES TO:

- 21 - U. WI - Madison
- 17 - U. Minnesota - TC
- 14 - St. Olaf
- 13 - Northwestern
- 12 - Boston College
- 12 - Colby
- 11 - Colgate
- 10 - Dartmouth

5 – 9 GRADUATES TO:

- 9 - Carleton
- 9 - Colorado College
- 9 - Georgetown
- 9 - Harvard
- 9 - Macalester
- 8 - George Washington
- 8 - U. of Denver
- 8 - Yale
- 7 - Columbia
- 7 - New York Univ
- 7 - Stanford
- 7 - Trinity College
- 7 - U. of Chicago
- 6 - Gustavus Adolphus
- 6 - Middlebury
- 5 - Amherst
- 5 - Bentley
- 5 - Hamline
- 5 - Montana State Univ
- 5 - Reed
- 5 - U. of CO at Boulder
- 5 - U. of St. Thomas
- 5 - U. of Southern CA
- 5 - Wesleyan

2 – 4 GRADUATES TO:

- 4 - Brown
- 4 - Grinnell
- 4 - Lewis & Clark
- 4 - Princeton
- 4 - Skidmore

- 4 - St. Lawrence
- 4 - Union
- 4 - U. of Michigan
- 4 - U. of Notre Dame
- 4 - U. of Pennsylvania
- 4 - U. of Vermont
- 3 - Bowdoin
- 3 - DePaul
- 3 - Dickinson
- 3 - Duke
- 3 - Cornell Univ
- 3 - Lehigh
- 3 - MIT
- 3 - Mount Holyoke
- 3 - Occidental
- 3 - U. of Puget Sound
- 3 - U. of San Diego
- 3 - Vassar
- 3 - Wellesley
- 2 - Bethel
- 2 - Bucknell
- 2 - Carnegie Mellon
- 2 - Claremont-McKenna
- 2 - Connecticut College
- 2 - Denison
- 2 - DePauw
- 2 - Emory
- 2 - Fordham
- 2 - Hamilton
- 2 - Harvey Mudd
- 2 - Hofstra
- 2 - IL Wesleyan
- 2 - John Carroll
- 2 - Johns Hopkins
- 2 - Lafayette
- 2 - Miami Univ of Ohio
- 2 - Pomona
- 2 - Purdue
- 2 - Sarah Lawrence
- 2 - Southern Methodist
- 2 - Swarthmore
- 2 - Syracuse

- 2 - Tufts
- 2 - U. of MN - Morris
- 2 - U. of Richmond
- 2 - U. of Virginia
- 2 - Vanderbilt
- 2 - Wake Forest
- 2 - Washington U. St. Louis
- 2 - Williams
- 2 - Wooster, College of

1 GRADUATE TO:

- Agnes Scott
- Allegheny
- American Univ
- Bates
- Boston Univ
- Bradley
- Brandeis
- Centre
- Champlain
- Chapman
- Cleveland Inst of Music
- Coe
- Colorado State Univ
- Concordia Univ., WI
- Cornell College
- Culinary Inst. of America
- Davidson
- Drake
- Emerson
- Evergreen State College
- Fort Lewis
- Gonzaga
- Goucher
- Hampton
- Haverford
- Hendrix
- Hobart & Wm Smith
- Hollins
- Indiana Univ - Bloomington
- Iowa State
- Knox

- Lake Forest
- Marquette Univ
- Michigan Tech
- MN State Univ - Mankato
- Morehouse
- Northland College
- Oberlin
- Ohio State
- Pepperdine
- Rensselaer Polytech Inst
- Rice
- Rollins
- Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech
- Santa Clara Univ
- Scripps
- Smith
- St. Anselm
- St. Benedict, College of
- St. Catherine Univ
- St. Mary's Univ, MN
- Tulane
- U. of CA – Los Angeles
- U. of Georgia
- U. of Iowa
- U. of Kansas
- U. of Miami, FL
- U. of NC Chapel Hill
- U. of Oklahoma
- U. of Redlands
- U. of Rochester
- U.S. Military Academy - West Pt. Army
- Washington & Lee
- Wheaton College, IL
- Wheaton College, MA
- Whitman
- Whittier
- Worcester Polytechnic Inst

POST GRADUATE YEAR

- Berkshire School
- Naval Academy Prep Sch.

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PROFILE

Challenging the mind, engaging the heart



THE BLAKE SCHOOL is an independent, nonsectarian, Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve co-educational day school. Founded in 1900, the school has campuses in Hopkins, Minneapolis and Wayzata. The Upper School, enrolling 530 students, is located near downtown Minneapolis. The student teacher ratio is 8:1, and the average class size of 15, allows faculty and administrators to know each student individually. 75% of the Upper School faculty hold 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), and is 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 Constitutional Studies, 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 past four years. During that time the average grade point average (GPA) has been 3.34. The average SAT scores have been between 1290 and 1310. The average ACT scores have been 28 and 29. **The Blake School has only graduated six 4.00 students in the last 30 years.**

Year	Mid. 50% GPA	Ave. SAT	Ave. ACT
2008	2.95 – 3.58	1290	28
2009	3.11 – 3.65	1300	29
2010	3.03 – 3.66	1300	29
2011	3.23 – 3.70	1310	29
4 Yr Ave.:	3.08 – 3.65	1300	28.75

Standing in Class - The Blake School does not rank.

SCHOOL TESTING: Classes 2008-2010

SAT (Median Score)	2008	2009	2010	NATIONAL MERIT	2008	2009	2010
Critical Reading	640	650	680	Semifinalists/Finalists	9	9	13
Math	650	650	630	Commended	12	16	14
Writing	640	650	640	Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	1	1	0
Composite Score	1930	1950	1950	Nat'l Achieve. Scholar	0	3	1
ACT (Median Score)	2008	2009	2010	TOTAL	22	31	28
Composite Score	28	29	29	Percent of Class	18%	25%	22%
AP EXAMS	2008	2009	2010	AP AWARDS	2008	2009	2010
Number of Students	251	271	265	AP Scholars	25	26	38
Number of Tests	419	506	559	Scholars - Honors	18	23	26
Percent Scoring 3+	80%	84%	87%	Scholars - Distinction	33	40	54
Percent Scoring 4+	46%	62%	62%	National AP Scholars	3	2	6
				TOTAL	79	91	124

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+
U.S. History*	52	77%	48%	Physics B**	22	55%	23%
European History*	16	100%	88%	Physics C, Mechanics	16	100%	88%
U.S. Gov't & Pol*	12	92%	83%	Physics C, E & M	17	100%	88%
English Literature	122	77%	40%	Chemistry	17	100%	76%
English Language*	79	95%	81%	Biology	27	81%	59%
Calculus AB	46	96%	89%	Spanish Lang & Lit	52	89%	57%
Calculus BC	26	100%	85%	French Lang & Lit	12	100%	100%
Statistics	10	60%	60%	Latin Lit.	17	94%	59%

* 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 2011
 (Statistics represent a class of 134 Seniors)

SCIENCE	# Students	Percent	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	# Students	Percent
Chemistry	69	57%	Total with 4 & 5 years of Language	116	87%
AP or Accelerated Chemistry	79	59%	AP Spanish (Lang & Lit)	39	29%
Physics	81	60%	AP French (Lang & Lit)	24	18%
Honors or AP (B & C) Physics	94	70%	AP Latin (Virgil)	22	16%
AP Biology	28	21%	Total All AP Language	85	63%
MATHEMATICS			ENGLISH		
Pre-Calculus (Regular & Honors)	115	86%	AP English (or passed the AP test)	134	100%
AP Statistics	10	8%			
Calculus	35	28%	SOCIAL STUDIES		
AP Calculus AB	45	36%	Economics CIS	19	14%
Total 1st year Calculus (Regular & AB)	80	64%	Political Science CIS	37	28%
AP Calculus BC (2nd year)	25	20%	Modern America CIS	19	14%

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 2011

31 NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION (23% Class of 2011)
 (9% of class are semifinalists, highest percentage in Minnesota)

- 12 National Merit Semifinalist
- 16 National Merit Commended
 - 1 National Achievement Semifinalist
 - 2 National Achievement Commended

68 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS
 (50% Class of 2011 after Junior Year)

- 24 AP Scholars (3 AP's)
- 14 AP Scholars with Honors (4 AP's)
- 27 AP Scholar with Distinction (5+ AP's)
- 3 National AP Scholar (8+ AP's)

CLASS GPA: Average – 3.42 Middle 50%: 3.23 – 3.70

DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES
 (Based on testing 116 of 134 students)

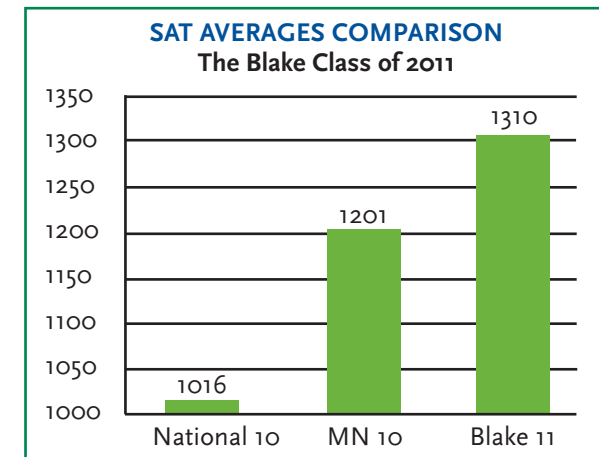
Score Range	Verbal Percent	Math Percent	Writing Percent
700-800	27%	22%	31%
600-699	42%	40%	38%
500-599	24%	32%	24%
450-499	7%	6%	7%

Middle 50%: Critical Reasoning 580 - 700
 Mathematics 570 - 690
 Writing 580 - 720

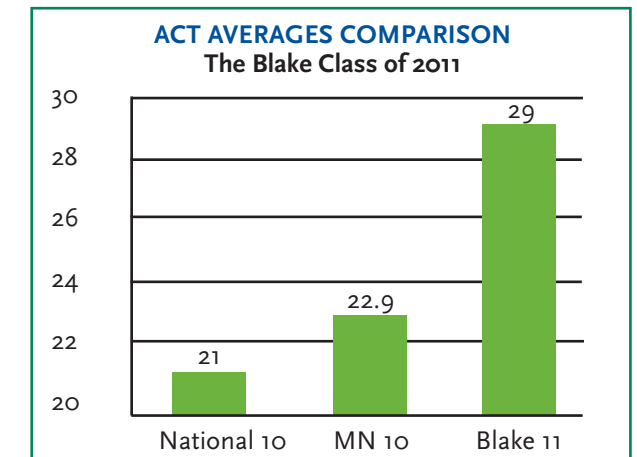
DISTRIBUTION OF ACT SCORES
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Composite Score Range	Score	Percent
	31-36	37%
	26-30	46%
	21-25	14%
	0-20	3%

Middle 50% 26 - 32
Composite Average: 29.0



In Minnesota 7% of graduating Seniors take the SAT.



In Minnesota 69% of graduating Seniors take the ACT.

RECENT AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

- Blake became the first high school in the nation to agree to a "Points of Light" for the Take Back the Night Foundation joining Harvard, Brown, Rutgers, Notre Dame, Spelman College and others engaged in this international program that speaks out against violence towards women, men and children.
- A Blake teacher received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics & Science while a Blake senior (2010) was one of 10 finalists for Minnesota's selection to the Presidential Scholars Program.
- In the 2010 State History Day competition, members of the classes of 2011 and 2012 finished in first and second place in the Research Paper Division and both advanced to the National History Day Competition in Washington, DC.
- A Blake student had his historical research paper on the "War of 1812" published in the Concord Review.
- Out of 280 essays entered in the Ninth District Federal Reserve Essay Contest, Blake students finished in both first (2010) and second (2011) place with an additional four students being selected as finalists.
- In 2010 Blake's musical, *Seussical*, received the Hennepin Theatre Trust's Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical Award.
- A Blake student (2011) won first place in the annual Schubert Club competition in the classical guitar division. The same student finished first in the annual Minnesota State Fair Flatpicking Contest in 2009.