

2018-2019

Profile

BLAKE

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 AP 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 selective and based on examinations, records and personal interviews. Students come from 59 communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. 22% of our students receive need-based financial assistance.

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 be earned in grades nine through twelve.

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

Fifteen Advanced Placement courses are offered.

Courses beyond AP: Most juniors take AP English Literature and Composition and all senior English electives are taught at a post - AP level. Readings in Applied and Pure Mathematics, LeMonde Francophone: Advanced Culture and Literature, Advanced Hispanic Culture and Literature also are offered. Several students participate in the University of Minnesota's Talented Youth Mathematics Program (UMTYMP) and earn college credit for the mathematics taken there.

Global Online Academy: The Blake School is a participating member of the Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world's leading independent schools whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

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

GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT BLAKE

Global citizenship and cultural competence are emphasized throughout the academic curriculum, and students have the opportunity each year to participate in a 12- or 21-day global immersion program. Students are also encouraged to consider semester or year-long study abroad opportunities. While involved in Blake-sponsored travel and immersion, intentional efforts are made to help students develop leadership skills, empathy, cultural competency and resilience. In recent years, students have studied and traveled to Vietnam, Cuba, Sierra Leone, China, Rwanda, India and Mexico. Upon returning, students are expected to formally and informally share their experiences with the larger community through presentations, exhibits and shared media.

GRADING/TESTING: We do not weigh grades nor do we rank students. In the past four years, the mid 50% grade point on a 4.00 scale has been 3.24 – 3.78. The mid 50% of SAT scores have been 1340 – 1510, and the ACT Composite has been 28 – 33.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE is based on a four-point scale, including all Blake courses beginning in 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

STANDARDIZED TESTING: CLASSES 2016-2018

SAT (Mean Score)	2016	2017	2018	NATIONAL MERIT	2016	2017	2018
Critical Reading	679	694	684	Semifinalists/Finalists	17	10	8
Math	669	690	689	Commended	16	14	15
Composite Score	1348	1384	1373	Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	2	1	2
				TOTAL	35	25	25
				Percent of Class	27%	20%	20%
ACT (Median Score)	2016	2017	2018	AP AWARDS	2016	2017	2018
Composite Score	30.6	31	31	AP Scholars	42	33	36
				Scholars - Honors	26	34	22
				Scholars - Distinction	77	68	77
				National AP Scholars	28	14	16
				TOTAL	173	149	151
AP EXAMS	2016	2017	2018				
Number of Students	262	280	280				
Number of Tests	604	628	632				
Percent Scoring 3+	88%	87%	86%				
Percent Scoring 4+	67%	61%	62%				

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Percent 4+
U.S. History	70	88%	65%	Physics I & II	84	76%	46%
European History	49	93%	65%	Physics C, Mechanics	13	100%	85%
U.S. Gov't & Pol	34	62%	29%	Physics C, E & M	13	85%	54%
English Literature	71	80%	55%	Chemistry	14	93%	93%
English Language	69	93%	80%	Biology	26	96%	69%
Calculus AB	43	84%	58%	Spanish Lang & Lit	37	100%	78%
Calculus BC	37	97%	84%	French Lang & Lit	15	100%	87%
Statistics	32	72%	50%	Latin Lit	9	100%	11%

COURSE SELECTION FOR BLAKE SCHOOL: CLASS OF 2019 (Statistics represent a class of 130 Seniors)

SCIENCE	# Students	Percent	MODERN AND CLASSICAL	# Students	Percent
AP or Honors Chemistry	62	48%	Total with 4 & 5 years of Language	120	92%
AP or Honors (I & II) Physics	81	62%	Total All AP Language	52	40%
AP Biology	33	25%			
MATHEMATICS			ENGLISH		
Pre-Calculus (Regular & Honors)	114	88%	AP English	73	56%
AP Statistics	31	24%			
Calculus	35	27%	SOCIAL STUDIES		
AP Calculus AB	40	27%	Economics CIS	31	29%
AP Calculus BC (AB/BC)	11	8%	AP European History	57	44%
AP Calculus BC & Adv. Topics	19	15%	AP U.S. Government & Politics	43	33%
			AP U.S. History	73	56%

33 NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

(25% Class of 2019)

- 13 National Merit Semifinalists (10%)
- 19 National Merit Commended (15%)
- 1 National Hispanic Scholar (1%)

CLASS GPA: Average - 3.49

DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES

(Based on testing 31 of 130 students)

Score Range	CR Percent	Math Percent
700-800	52%	72%
600-699	39%	19%
500-599	6%	6%
450-499	2%	3%

Middle 50%: Critical Reasoning 640 - 730
Mathematics 700 - 780

73 ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

(56% class of 2019 after junior year)

- 21 AP Scholars (3 AP exams)
- 14 AP Scholars with Honors (4 AP exams)
- 37 AP Scholars with Distinction (5+ AP exams)
- 1 National AP Scholar

Middle 50%: 3.23 - 3.81

DISTRIBUTION OF ACT SCORES

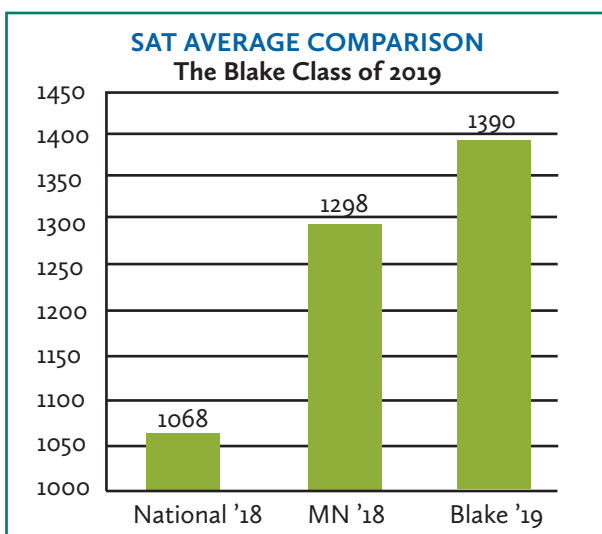
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Composite Score Range

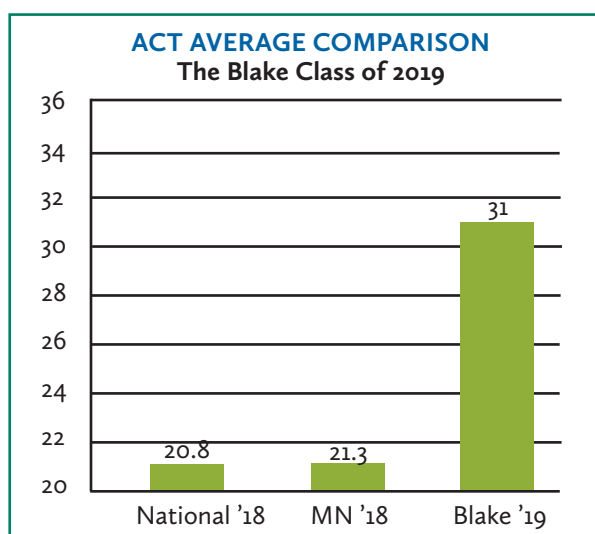
Score	Percent
31-36	67%
26-30	26%
21-25	6%
0-20	1%

Middle 50%: 29 - 33

Composite Average: 31



In Minnesota, 3% of graduating seniors take the SAT.



In Minnesota, 100% of graduating seniors take the ACT.

RECENT AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

- Blake teams won the following athletic state championships: girls' track and field, girls' tennis (fourth consecutive year), boys' soccer, boys' tennis (only team to win back-to-back titles in Class A one year and Class AA the next year), Wolfpack football (combined Blake, St. Paul Academy and Minnehaha Academy), Blake/Breck boys' swim and dive (second consecutive year). Sixteen Blake student-athletes from the class of 2018 went on to compete in intercollegiate athletics at the Division 1 and Division 111 levels in 10 different sports.
- A Blake student was recognized as state debater of the year at the Minnesota Debate Tournament, and another was named to the National Speech Debate Team. Five Blake students earned the National Speech and Debate Association's Academic All-American award.
- Four Blake girls' hockey players were recognized by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners for raising over \$100,000 to combat sex trafficking.
- A Blake student was named one of five National Student Poets. A Blake student won first place in Minnesota's state competition for Poetry Out Loud and represented Minnesota at the Poetry Out Loud National Competition in Washington, D.C.
- A Blake student was named a national silver medalist in the National Scholastic Art Awards competition, and another was selected for the 2018 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2015-2018

During the past four years, 508 graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities. The remaining students chose a different path including postgraduate year, work, international travel/study or other alternatives before beginning postsecondary education.

10+ GRADUATES TO:

29 - U. Minnesota, TC
18 - Wash. U., St. Louis
16 - Carleton
14 - U. of Chicago
13 - Yale U.
12 - U. WI, Madison
11 - U. of Denver
10 - St. Olaf

5 – 9 GRADUATES TO:

9 - Colgate U.
8 - Dartmouth
8 - Middlebury
8 - U. of Southern CA
7 - Colby
7 - New York U.
6 - Boston College
6 - Boston U.
6 - Northeastern U.
6 - Northwestern U.
6 - Santa Clara U.
6 - Skidmore
6 - Southern Methodist U.
6 - U. of Michigan
6 - U. of St. Thomas
5 - Macalester
5 - Pomona
5 - Princeton U.
5 - Smith
5 - Stanford U.
5 - Texas Christian U.
5 - U. of Notre Dame
5 - U. of San Diego
5 - Williams

2 – 4 GRADUATES TO:

4 - Bates
4 - Claremont McKenna
4 - Cornell U.
4 - Johns Hopkins U.
4 - St. John's U.
4 - Swarthmore

4 - Tufts U.
4 - U. of Puget Sound
4 - Wake Forest U.
4 - Whitman
3 - Babson College
3 - Brown U.
3 - Bryn Mawr
3 - Columbia U.
3 - Emory U.
3 - George Washington U.
3 - Georgetown U.
3 - Hamilton
3 - Harvard U.
3 - Kenyon
3 - Lehigh U.
3 - Lewis & Clark
3 - MIT
3 - Occidental
3 - Purdue U.
3 - Reed
3 - Tulane U.
3 - U. of CA, Berkeley
3 - U. of Pennsylvania
3 - Vassar
3 - Wellesley
2 - Amherst
2 - Chapman U.
2 - Colorado College
2 - Davidson
2 - Elon U.
2 - Gustavus Adolphus
2 - Hamline U.
2 - Indiana U., Bloomington
2 - Lafayette
2 - Loyola Marymount U.
2 - Marquette U.
2 - Miami U., Oxford
2 - Mount Holyoke
2 - Oberlin
2 - Pepperdine U.
2 - Pitzer
2 - Savannah College of Art
& Design

2 - Scripps
2 - St. Catherine U.
2 - Syracuse U.
2 - Trinity College
2 - U. of CA, Los Angeles
2 - U. of CO Boulder
2 - U. of Illinois, Urbana
2 - U. of Redlands
2 - U. of San Francisco
2 - U. of Vermont
2 - U. of Washington
2 - Washington & Lee U.
2 - Wesleyan U.

1 GRADUATE TO:

American U.
Arizona State U.
Augsburg U.
Averett U.
Bard
Barnard
Bennington
Bentley U.
Bowdoin
Bucknell U.
California Coll of the Arts
Cal Polytechnic State U.
Caltech
Carnegie Mellon U.
Case Western Reserve U.
Clemson U.
College of Charleston
Columbia College, Chicago
Connecticut College
Creighton U.
Denison U.
Drake U.
Drexel U.
Earlham
Flagler
Fordham U.
Franklin & Marshall
Georgia Inst. of Technology
Goucher
Grinnell
Hampton U.
Haverford
Iowa State U.
Lake Forest
Lawrence U.
McGill U.
Milwaukee Inst. of Art & Design
Mississippi U. for Women
Northland
Penn State U.
Rice U.
Rollins
Texas A&M U.
Trinity College, Dublin
U. of Arizona
U. of British Columbia
U. of CA, San Diego
U. of Illinois, Chicago
U. of Minnesota, Duluth
U. of MO, Columbia
U. of Rochester
U. of Tampa
U. of WI, Milwaukee
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