

#LEADLIKE BAYLOR

2020-21 Profile + Admission Guide

Talented teachers, high academic standards, and the development of leadership skills in a co-ed environment are the hallmarks of a Baylor School education.



This is what **leadership** looks like.

In the spring of 2020, when the novel coronavirus changed all our lives, two Baylor science teachers realized they had the equipment and the expertise to help the local community process their COVID tests, and do it in a matter of hours rather than days. In all, more than 15,000 tests were processed by the Baylor lab. This expertise will help protect the Baylor community as we bring students back to campus for the 2020-21 school year. Insight, innovation, and initiative – hallmarks of Baylor teachers and our students.



OUR MISSION is to foster in our students both the ability and the desire to **make a positive difference in the world.**

THE HONOR CODE is a guiding principle instilled in students the moment they enter the Baylor gates. Essentially, the code is a pledge not to lie, cheat or steal, and it serves as the foundation for our respect for the school and each other. The code is enforced by a panel of students who are selected by their peers, and a seat on the Honor Council is considered the most important leadership position a Baylor student can hold.



CORE VALUES

frame Baylor's daily life: Academics, Character, Honesty, Individuality, Leadership, Respect, and Spirituality.

TYPICAL STUDENT BODY

325 » 725 »

M.S. (GRADES 6-8)

U.S. (GRADES 9-12)

200+ » 1,050

BOARDING STUDENTS
FROM ACROSS THE U.S. AND
AROUND THE WORLD

GRADES 6-12 TOTAL

THE TEACHING FACULTY

118

96 HOLD ADVANCED DEGREES
15 HOLD DOCTORATES

Our teachers also serve as advisers, regularly interacting with students, and they are known for being demanding yet deeply supportive of our students in and out of the classroom. Forty faculty members live on campus, forming a strong adult support system for the boarding students.

GLOBAL + CIVIC SCHOLARS

Baylor constantly challenges students to look beyond the gates of the school to consider the impact they can have on the community and world around them. The Global and Civic Scholars programs utilize international exchanges, advanced world language studies, and workshops in civic engagement to help students create digital portfolios for college admission.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

As a college preparatory school, Baylor is very focused on outcomes. Four full-time college counselors advise students on their post-secondary options. Their work is reflected in the number of Baylor acceptances to highly selective schools around the world.

ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Since 2017, on average,
Baylor's graduating class has
earned more than

**\$16
million**

in merit-based scholarships.



CLASS OF 2020

90% had a GPA
over 3.0

The Class of 2020
(193 students) received

217

acceptances to different
colleges and universities
around the globe

HYBRID LEARNING

COVID-19 has forced us all to consider the option of distance learning. While Baylor remains committed to face-to-face education, our teachers have developed innovative approaches to engage students for whom remote learning is a health necessity. As the only school in the region with the ability to provide rapid turnaround testing for students and employees, Baylor will be able to provide a crucial health and safety service in a time of continued uncertainty.

ATHLETICS

Athletics, whether playing or cheering for them – are intrinsic to the Baylor experience. **MaxPreps selected Baylor as the number three athletic program in the country**, and our performance proves it.

While the Class of 2020 was in the Upper School, Baylor won the following State Championships:

BOYS

BASEBALL: '18, '19
GOLF: '18
SOCCER: '18
SWIMMING & DIVING: '17, '18, '20
WRESTLING DUALS: '19, '20
WRESTLING TRAD.: '19, '20

GIRLS

SOCCER: '17
SOFTBALL: '17, '18, '19
SWIMMING & DIVING: '19, '20
TENNIS: '17, '18, '19
VOLLEYBALL: '17

COMBINED

FENCING: '17
SWIMMING & DIVING: '17, '18, '19 '20
Baylor began competing in TSSAA Division II (for schools that provide students with need-based aid) in the fall of 1997, and to date, has won **more than 120 state titles** in the division.



In the last 20 years Baylor
teams have won

156

State Championship Titles

THE ARTS



20+

ARTS COURSES TO SELECT FROM

8

FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
PLUS NUMEROUS ONE-ACTS
IN THE QUAD

The Arts pervade the Baylor campus. Theater, music and dance, painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, and photography are all available.

We put on a variety of staged productions – indoors and out: plays and musicals, choir concerts, orchestra and dance performances, skit nights, and talent shows.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

200

STUDENTS SERVE AS AFTERSCHOOL
TUTORS FOR KIDS AT COMMUNITY
CENTERS IN UNDER-RESOURCED
NEIGHBORHOODS

Community Service is the largest extracurricular activity on campus. Though led by an adult director, a leadership board composed of veteran student volunteers organizes and implements the program, assisted by other student site leaders at each community center. The program culminates with a leadership trip to Jamaica to work with senior citizens, orphans, and homeless populations.

Why Baylor?

Baylor stands among the finest prep schools in the country. Students come here for different reasons, but there are compelling considerations common to most decisions. Here are some of them:

Academics One constant in Baylor's 127-year history has been to provide a college preparatory program that engages, challenges, and inspires students to achieve their greatest academic potential both at Baylor and beyond.

Alumni Network With more than a century's worth of graduates, Baylor is fortunate to have a vast network of alumni who are eager to help current students and recent graduates. BaylorWorks is an internship program that leverages and engages the Baylor network to find internships in various industries for college-age alumni.

Balance Baylor is first and foremost an academic institution, but we firmly believe that prepping students for college requires attention to the body and the spirit as well as the mind. That commitment is reflected in every aspect of Baylor life outside the classroom.

Campus Arguably the most beautiful prep-school campus in the Southeast, our 690-acres on the banks of the Tennessee River provide options many other schools cannot.

Co-Education College is co-ed. The work place is co-ed. The world is co-ed. Baylor is co-ed, and we prepare our students to work with the opposite sex in a culture of mutual respect and tolerance.

Community On average, we welcome students from 15 countries, 23 states, and dozens of area neighborhoods. The sense of community runs deep at Baylor, fostering self-confi-

dence, mutual respect, and independence that most students won't experience until college.

Faculty Study after study shows that the most meaningful aspect of any classroom is the person standing in the middle of it. Baylor's teachers are known for being demanding yet deeply supportive of our students, both in and out of the classroom.

Honor The Baylor Honor Code is the backbone of the community, reassuring students that their spaces, their belongings, and their intellectual material will be respected.

Opportunity Baylor students are provided with unique opportunities through curricular and extra-curricular programs that facilitate travel across the globe, professional opportunities via our alumni network, and exposure to university and post-university level academic projects.

Spirit Baylor's personality is manifest in its students. Visitors to campus encounter young men and women who are polite, engaged, and most importantly, happy.

Support Network Baylor's professional support staff includes a school psychologist, learning specialist, counselors, and a fully-staffed learning center.



→ If you have questions about Baylor School, please call the admission office at (423) 267-5902 or email us at admission@baylorschool.org.

Merit Scholarships

The Cartter Scholars program provides multiple boarding awards annually, from partial to full tuition. Finalists participate in Cartter Scholars Weekend March 5-6, 2021. The Jo Conn Guild Awards honor outstanding day students. All scholarships are for new Baylor students and are provided throughout their Baylor careers.



→ Find more information at www.baylorschool.org/admission/merit-scholarships

Need-Based Financial Aid

Baylor awards more than \$6 million each year to families for whom a private school education is beyond financial reach. Approximately one-third of Baylor families qualify for assistance, and Baylor is able to meet, on average, 75% of their demonstrated need.



→ Find more information at www.baylorschool.org/admission/tuition-financial-aid

Campus Visits

DAY STUDENTS

Campus tours are provided both in-person or virtually for prospective students throughout the year. To arrange your visit, please call the admission office at (423) 267-5902 or email us at admission@baylorschool.org.

BOARDING STUDENTS

Students interested in the Baylor boarding experience are encouraged to visit during one of our open houses, which provide unique perspectives on Baylor life in and out of the classroom and in the dorm. To arrange your visit, please call (423) 267-5902. *Please note that these dates are subject to change.*

October 2-3, 2020

January 29-30, 2021

October 23-24, 2020

February 19-20, 2021

November 13-14, 2020

March 19-20, 2021

December 4-5, 2020

April 16-17, 2021

The Curriculum

As a prerequisite for graduation, Baylor expects students to enroll in a minimum of 20 credits, including 17 required academic courses.

English 4 credits Laboratory Sciences.....3 credits
Mathematics 4 credits Foreign Language.....2 credits
Social Studies 3 credits Fine Arts..... 1 credit

Additional requirements: 3 credits of physical education/wellness.

Honors and AP Offerings Baylor students, with permission of the Department Chair and Upper School Head, may elect Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Honors sections normally lead to work in an AP course.

English (4 credits required)

9th Grade: English I or English I Honors

10th Grade: English II or AP Language

11th Grade: English III or AP Literature

12th Grade: English IV (semester-long electives)

Students select two semester-long English courses:

- Contemporary Literature
- Identity and Society in Literature
- African American Literature
- Literary Classics
- Literature of Medicine
- Modernism in American Literature
- Travel Literature
- Wilderness Literature
- Women's Literature

Semester Electives:

- Introduction to Digital Narratives
- Introduction to Film Studies

Mathematics (4 credits required: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, plus one additional course)

- Algebra I
- Geometry or Geometry Honors
- Algebra II or
- Algebra II w/Trigonometry or
- Algebra II w/Trigonometry Honors
- Precalculus or Precalculus Honors
- Trigonometry and Analysis
- Calculus I*
- Calculus II*
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics (full year course)
- Honors Abstract Math

*One-semester course

World Language (2 credits required of the same language which must be completed in the upper school)

- Chinese: 200, 300, 400, AP Chinese, Post-AP Chinese
- French: 100, 200, 300, 400, AP French
- German: 200, 300, 400, AP German, Post-AP German
- Latin: 100, 200, 300, 400, AP Latin, Post-AP Latin
- Spanish: 100, 200, 300, 350†, 400
- AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature

†350 is an accelerated course, not offered every year

Science (3 credits required: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

9th Grade: Biology or Biology Honors)

10th Grade: Chemistry or Chemistry Honors

11th Grade: Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or AP Physics I

12th Grade: AP Physics C, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science

Independent Scientific Research I, II, III

Semester Electives:

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Engineering Design
- Forensic Science
- Molecular Methods

Social Studies (3 credits required in specific subjects)

9th Grade: World History I (required)

10th Grade: World History II or AP World History (required)

11th Grade: US History or AP US History (required)

12th Grade:

Semester Electives:

- American Government
- Disease and History
- Ethics
- History of the Modern US
- Western Religions
- History of Hinduism and Buddhism
- AP Art History
- AP European History (full year course)
- AP Human Geography (full year course)
- Classical Mythology
- Economics
- Tennessee History
- Historical Dramas
- World War II

Fine Arts (1 credit required)

Dance

- Choreography and Dance Studies*

Drama

- Theater 100: Introduction to Acting*
- Theater 200: Acting for Production*
- Theater 300: Advanced Acting and Directing*

Music

- Concert Choir
- Concert Band
- Orchestra

Media Arts

- Digital Design*
- Photography*
- Visual Literacy*

Studio Art

- 2D/3D Art & Design (I & II)*
- AP Studio Art
- Drawing*
- AP 3D Art
- Intermediate Drawing and Painting
- Pottery I and II*
- Design: Form and Function*
- Painting*
- Drawing Media*

Computer Science

- Computer Sci I: Intro to Computer Science*
- AP Computer Science Principles*

*One-semester course