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Advanced Placement Program

AP Courses:

- Biology
- Calculus ABCalculus BC
- · Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language & Comp.
- · English Literature & Comp.
- Environmental Science
- Physics 1
- Physics C
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Studio Art: 2-D Design
- Studio Art: 3-D Design
- Studio Art: Drawing
- United States History
- US Government & Politics
- World History

MISSION

Griffin School is a college preparatory high school community defined by academic rigor and creativity. Our mission is to cultivate individual potential and intellectual curiosity within a vibrant and engaged community.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Griffin School, founded in 1996, serves grades 9-12. Total enrollment is 161. The senior class of 2025 includes 41 students. The school draws from 42 zip codes in the Central Texas area and 5 countries. The faculty and administration include 28 full-time and 17 part-time teachers, of whom 19 hold advanced degrees. The student-teacher ratio is 7:1 and the average class size is 12.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

The Griffin School graduation plan includes a classical liberal arts program of study: four courses each in Mathematics, Social Science, English, and Science, two credits of foreign language, unique elective opportunities, community service, and an optional senior honors project. The school offers AP and honors courses across all disciplines. It is important to note that the "on level" courses are designed to maintain college preparatory academic standards for all students. In small, interactive classrooms, Griffin School students are expected to be actively engaged in meaningful learning.

CLASS RANK POLICY

Griffin School emphasizes personal achievement and it is our policy not to rank our students.

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Three students in the Class of 2025 were recognized as Commended Students in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program.

2024 REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

In the Arts competition, Griffin Students won 1 National Gold Key in Photography and 16 Regional Art Awards across 8 categories including Architecture & Industrial Design, Comic Art, Digital Art, Drawing & Illustration, Fashion, Mixed Media, Photography, and Sculpture. In the Writing competition, Griffin students won 17 awards across 8 categories, including: Critical Essay, Flash Fiction, Journalism, Novel excerpt, Personal Essay/Memoir, Poetry, Short Story, and SciFi/Fantasy.



AP SCHOLARS

In Fall 2023, Griffin School was awarded AP Honor Roll Platinum Recognition by the College Board, the highest level of recognition awarded to 6% of eligible schools, for success on AP exams.



COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Griffin students are required to complete 20 hours of community service per year, resulting in 80 hours by their graduation date.

GRADE POINT SCALE

Grades transferred from other schools are calculated in the Griffin School GPA.

GRADE	ON-LEVEL	HONORS	AP
A+ 100-97	4.0	4.25	4.5
A 96-93	4.0	4.25	4.5
A- 90-92	3.7	3.95	4.2
B+ 89-87	3.3	3.55	3.8
B 86-83	3.0	3.25	3.5

GRADE	ON-LEVEL	HONORS	AP
B- 80-82	2.7	2.95	3.2
C+ 79-77	2.3	2.55	2.8
C 76-73	2.0	2.25	2.5
C- 72-70	1.7	1.95	2.2
D 69-66	1.3	1.55	1.8

CUMULATIVE GRADE DISTRIBUTION OUTLINE - GPA QUARTILES

	2024	2023	2022
Class Size	40	35	39
1st Quartile (25th percentile)	3.45	3.22	3.61
2nd Quartile (50th percentile)	3.88	3.62	3.83
3rd Quartile (75th percentile)	4.08	3.97	4.14

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Electives and workshops: Students choose electives and workshops in a host of areas, including 2D arts, 3D arts, music, film, theatre, photography, game design, sculpture, creative writing, engineering and more.

Skills: All students are enrolled in a weekly skills workshop. Skills topics include: Test prep, restorative practices, health, civil discourse, diversity, equity and inclusion, and the college process.

Senior Thesis Project: Students have the option to participate in a senior thesis project that has both a broad scope and personal significance to the student. Student projects must include the following components: research, writing, multimedia/product, and presentation.

CULTURAL VALUES

We are committed to a diverse and inclusive school community, and we foster and maintain a culture in which each person is accepted, valued, and respected for their individuality. Griffin students learn and live communitarian values: We emphasize social responsibility and engage all students in school governance, whole school activities, and service both to the school community and to the larger community of Austin.

ATHLETICS

Griffin School competes in TCSAAL, the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic League. Competitive sports include Cross-Country, Girls Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Track & Field. All Griffin students are expected to participate in either a sport or a PE course, which includes Aerobics, CrossFit, Rock Climbing, PickleBall, Warrior Arts, Weight-Lifting, and Running.

CLASS OF 2024 SAT SCORES

Test Section	Griffin Mean	Texas Mean	National Mean
ERW	689	497	520
Math	651	481	508
Total Score	1336	978	1028

CLASS OF 2024 ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

