



# 2019-20 Academic Profile



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## Advanced Placement Program

### AP Courses:

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language & Comp.
- English Literature & Comp.
- Environmental Science
- Latin
- Music Theory
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- 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 125. The senior class of 2019 includes 29 students. The school draws from 39 zip codes in the Central Texas area, 5 states and 4 countries. The faculty and administration include 18 full-time and 12 part-time teachers, of whom 12 hold advanced degrees. The student-teacher ratio is 7:1 and the average class size is 10.

## ACCREDITATION

Griffin School is accredited by the Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools, under the auspices of the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission.

## 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 pre-AP 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 general policy not to rank our students.

## NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION, CLASS OF 2019

Two students were recognized as Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Griffin students complete 20 hours of volunteer service per year, resulting in a total of 80 hours by their graduation date.

## TRANSFER GRADES

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

## GRADE POINT SCALE

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

| GRADE | ON-LEVEL | Pre-AP | AP  |
|-------|----------|--------|-----|
| 80-82 | 2.7      | 2.95   | 3.2 |
| 96-93 | 2.3      | 2.55   | 2.8 |
| 90-92 | 2.0      | 2.25   | 2.5 |
| 72.70 | 1.7      | 1.95   | 2.2 |
| 0-69  | 1.3      | 1.55   | 1.8 |

## ARTS PROGRAMMING

Griffin School offers 30 different creative classes. Students choose one elective per semester, which include classes such as Theatre, Fashion Design, Computer Science, Furniture Making, Music Theory, and Photography. Students also take one workshop each semester, including classes such as Creative Writing, Digital Music Composition, Fiber Arts, Coding, Radio Production, Basketry, Drawing, and Music Ensemble Performance.

## GRIFFIN SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2016 - 2019 - COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

94 students graduated in the classes of 2016-2019. 80 graduates matriculated to a four-year college or university, 7 enrolled in a two-year college, 4 students are participating in gap year, military, or pre-professional programs including AmeriCorps, Austin Ballet, US Navy, and Young Judea Program in Israel. We currently have alums enrolled in the following four-year colleges and universities:

|                                |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Augustana College              | Occidental College                      | UT at Austin - Engineering                |
| Baylor University              | Oregon State University                 | UT at Austin - Fine Arts                  |
| Berklee College of Music       | Savannah College of Art & Design (3)    | UT at Austin - Journalism                 |
| Bryn Mawr College              | School of the Art Institute of Chicago  | UT at Austin - Plan II                    |
| California College of the Arts | Smith College (3)                       | UT at Austin - Radio/Television/Film      |
| Colorado State University      | Southwestern University (6)             | UT at Austin - School of Natural Sciences |
| Eckerd College (2)             | St. Edwards University (7)              | University of California Santa Barbara    |
| Emerson College                | Texas A&M                               | University of Chicago                     |
| Emory University               | Texas A&M San Antonio                   | University of Glasgow                     |
| Ft. Lewis College              | Texas Christian University              | University of Massachusetts Amherst (2)   |
| Goucher College                | Texas State University (3)              | University of Nebraska                    |
| Hollins University             | Texas Tech University                   | University of North Texas                 |
| Lewis & Clark College (2)      | Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts | University of Richmond                    |
| Mills College                  | Tufts University                        | University of San Diego                   |
| Montclair State University     | United States Naval Academy             | University of Tennessee                   |
| New College of Florida         | UT at Austin - Architecture             | University of Texas at Dallas             |
| New York University            | UT at Austin - Butler School of Music   | Willamette University                     |
|                                | UT at Austin - Computer Science         | Worcester Polytechnic Institute           |

## CLASS OF 2019 SAT SCORES

| Test Section    | Griffin Mean | Texas Mean | National Mean |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Reading/Writing | 637          | 520        | 536           |
| Math            | 591          | 512        | 531           |
| Total Score     | 1228         | 1032       | 1067          |

## CLASS OF 2019 ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

Griffin Students 28

Texas 20.6

National 20.8