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Advanced Placement Program

AP Courses:

- Biology
- · Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- · Computer Science
- English Language & Comp.
- English Literature & Comp.
- · Environmental Science
- 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 157. The senior class of 2023 includes 35 students. The school draws from 42 zip codes in the Central Texas area, and six countries. The faculty and administration include 25 full-time and 18 part-time teachers, of whom 16 hold advanced degrees. The student-teacher ratio is 7:1 and the average class size is 12. Classes are capped at 15.

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, CLASS OF 2022

Four students were recognized as Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. One student was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar.

2022 REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Griffin students won 11 Regional Scholastic Art awards, including one Gold Key, four Silver Keys, and six Honorable Mentions. In the Writing competition, Griffin students won nine awards, including one Gold Key in Poetry, one Gold in Short Story, three Honorable Mentions in Poetry, three Honorable Mentions in Short Story, and one Honorable Mention in Flash Fiction.



AP SCHOLARS

In May 2022, a total of 16 students were recognized by the College Board as AP Scholars, including 3 AP Scholars with Honor and 8 AP Scholars with Distinction.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Griffin students are required to complete 80 hours of community service 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	OIL	lar	ti	100
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First	Second	Third	Fourth
4.17-3.97	3.92-3.63	3.62-3.44	3.37-2.85

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Electives and workshops: Students choose electives and workshops in a host of areas, including 2D arts, 3D arts, music, photography, radio, video, game design, sculpture, creative writing, rock band, and more.

Skills: All students are enrolled in a weekly skills workshop. Skills topics include: study skills, 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, Coed Soccer, and Track & Field. All Griffin students are expected to participate in either a sport or a PE course, which include Aerobics, Pilates, CrossFit, Weightlifting, Rock Climbing, and Warrior Arts.

CLASS OF 2022 SAT SCORES

Test Section	Griffin Mean	Texas Mean	National Mean
ERW	655	510	533
Math	629	500	528
Total Score	1284	1010	1061

CLASS OF 2022 ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

