

Highland Park High School



2017 - 2018

PROFILE

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Community

Highland Park High School is a public, four-year comprehensive high school located immediately north of downtown Dallas in the six-square-mile suburban area of Highland Park and University Park. Highland Park High School serves approximately 33,805 residents who are predominantly college-educated professionals and business leaders in the Dallas community. Since Highland Park schools were founded in 1914, there has been a consistent effort to build a tradition of excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities.

School

Highland Park High School has an enrollment of approximately 2183 students. The academic school year consists of two semesters, each divided into three grading periods. The school day is divided into eight 50-minute periods.

Highland Park High School students not only pursue superior academic achievement, but they are also engaged in music, drama, journalism, athletics, arts and other fields that match their personal strengths and interests. More than half of the students at HPHS participate on school athletic teams and approximately 90% of HPHS students are active in extracurricular activities.

Enrollment for 2017 – 2018 is 2183 with 564 seniors, 502 juniors, 541 sophomores and 576 freshmen.

The faculty consists of 151 certified teaching staff with 76% having at least a master's degree.

Highland Park High School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and complies with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice. In addition, HPHS is a member of the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and College Board.

HPHS has met all standards of and is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

School Recognition

Highland Park High School, in upholding its tradition of excellence, has earned the following achievements:

- Qualified 11 individuals for UIL Band and Choir All-State Medals
- District UIL Academic Champions for over 11 consecutive years
- AcDEC 2017 State Champion second consecutive year and 2nd at Nationals
- 2017 Lone Star Cup
- 2017 State Football, Tennis, Boys Swimming & Golf, Girls Soccer Champions
- U.S. News & World Report's Gold Medal List of top high schools in 2016 and 2017

Graduation Requirements

HPHS students must have a minimum of 26 credits from courses taken during their middle and high school years. In addition, 50 hours of community service are required. The 26 credits must include the following subject areas:

English – 4 credits	Mathematics – 4 credits
World Geography – 1 credit	World History – 1 credit
U.S. History – 1 credit	U.S. Government – .5 credit
Economics – .5 credit	Foreign Language – 2 credits
Science – 4 credits	Health - .5 credit
Physical Education – 1 credit	Technology – 1 credit
Fine Arts – 1 credit	Speech – .5 credit

Scholar Trends

National Merit Scholarship Program

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Finalists	14	14	26	*
Semifinalists	14	16	27	14
Commended	36	47	36	40
Hispanic Scholars	6	7	5	9

*not available at time of printing

“Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve”

Academics & Evaluation

Grade Weighting and Reporting

Highland Park High School reports a weighted grade point average. This average includes all course work taken at HPHS. The weighted GPA is calculated using the values shown below. Please refer to the Academic Planning guide for an explanation of categories; (<http://hs.hpsid.org> > About > Academic Planning Guide > p. 6)

NUMERIC GRADE	CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	CATEGORY III
97-Above	5.0	4.5	4.0
93-96	4.8	4.3	3.8
90-92	4.6	4.1	3.6
87-89	4.4	3.9	3.4
83-86	4.2	3.7	3.2
80-82	4.0	3.5	3.0
77-79	3.8	3.3	2.8
73-76	3.6	3.1	2.6
71-72	3.4	2.9	2.4
70	3.0	2.5	2.0
60-69	1.0	1.0	1.0
Below 60	0	0	0

Reporting Student Data

Highland Park High School does not rank students below the top 10%. Texas state law requires all public schools to numerically rank the top 10% of each class.

The weighted grade point average for the top ten percent is:

Class of 2018 (through six semesters)
Top 10% 4.26 and above

Senior Internship Program

The HPHS Senior Internship Program provides the opportunity for students to explore their post-secondary and career interests. This student-led exploration allows students to continue to develop as professional communicators, effective time-managers, and responsible professionals. All students will 1) participate in a professional learning community, 2) develop professional marketing tools, 3) complete at least one professional internship within a field of interest, and 4) reflect and share their experiences with others throughout the year. Students are required to spend 10 hours each week achieving their internship goals. For more information about the program, please reference <http://hs.hpsid.org/Departments/SeniorInternshipProgram.aspx>.

Course Offerings

Highland Park High School expects students to complete a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum. The most demanding courses include:

ARTS

AP Art History* AP Studio Art: 3-D Design
AP Music Theory AP Studio Art: Drawing
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design

ENGLISH

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
AP Seminar

HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES

AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics*
AP Psychology
AP United States Government and Politics
AP United States History
AP World History

MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Calculus AB Multivariable Calculus
AP Calculus BC Oracle Academy
AP Computer Science AP Statistics

SCIENCE

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
Medical Microbiology
Organic Chemistry
Pathophysiology
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based

WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

AP Chinese Language and Culture
AP French Language and Culture
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture

* Course was not active 2017-18

Class of 2017 Profile

Testing Profile

SAT Composite Scores

	Total Seniors Taking Exam	ERW Norms		Math Norms		Composite	
		HPHS	Nat'l	HPHS	Nat'l	HPHS	Nat'l
2016-17	269	652	538	656	533	1309	1070

ACT Composite Scores

	Total Seniors Taking Exam	Norms	
		HPHS	Nat'l
2014-15	465	27.4	21.0
2015-16	426	27.6	20.6
2016-17	455	27.6	20.7

Advanced Placement Scores*

	Total Students Taking Exams	Total Exams Given	% Scoring 3 or Higher
2014-15	1131	3106	74%
2014-15	1093	2900	78%
2016-17	1173	2921	80.5%

***Highland Park High School offers open enrollment for AP courses. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.**

Post High School

95.2% of the Class of 2017 matriculated to institutions of higher education.

4-Year College	2-Year College	Gap Year
92%	3%	2%

Colleges Attended by the Class of 2017 — 492 Seniors Attended 111 Institutions

Abilene Christian University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Oklahoma City University	Texas A&M University, Commerce
The University of Alabama	Emerson College	Oklahoma State University	Texas Christian University
Arizona State University	Emory University	The University of Oklahoma	Texas College
University of Arkansas	Florida Institute of Technology	University of Oregon	Texas State University
Auburn University	Florida International University	Pennsylvania State University	Texas Tech University
Austin College	Furman University	Princeton University	The University of Texas, Austin
Austin Community College	Georgetown University	Principia College	The University of Texas, Dallas
Baylor University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	The University of Texas, El Paso
Belmont University	The University of Georgia	Quest University Canada	The New School - All Divisions
Blinn College	Gonzaga University	Rhode Island School of Design	Trinity University
Boston University	Harvard University	Rhodes College	Tulane University
Brookhaven College	Hillsdale College	Rice University	University of Tulsa
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	University of Houston	Richland College	United States Military Academy - Army
University of California, Davis	Indiana University at Bloomington	Saint Louis University	University of St Andrews
University of California, Los Angeles	University of Kentucky	Salve Regina University	University of Utah
University of California, San Diego	Lehigh University	Sam Houston State University	Vanderbilt University
University of California, Santa Barbara	Loyola Marymount University	University of San Diego	Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon University	Marymount Manhattan College	University of San Francisco	Virginia Tech
College of Charleston	Miami University, Oxford	Santa Monica College	University of Virginia
University of Chicago	University of Miami	Sarah Lawrence College	Wake Forest University
Clemson University	University of Michigan	Sewanee: The University of the South	Washington and Lee University
Colgate University	University of Mississippi	University of South Carolina	University of Washington
University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Missouri Columbia	University of Southern California	The College of Wooster
Dallas Baptist University	The University of Montana, Missoula	Southern Methodist University	Yale University
University of Dallas	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	St. Edward's University	
Dartmouth College	New York University	Stanford University	
University of Denver	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Stephen F. Austin State University	
Duke University	University of North Texas	Syracuse University	
	Northeastern University	Tarrant County College District	
		Texas A&M University	

Scholarships offered to the Class of 2017 exceeded \$13.5 million.
Community service hours totaled 70,091.