



THE KINKAID SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-24

THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1906, The Kinkaid School is the oldest independent school in Houston. From its earliest days, Kinkaid has emphasized academic attainment and character development. Today's Kinkaid remains faithful to Margaret Kinkaid, its founder, valuing its students for their potential as well as their achievement and striving always for their balanced growth - intellectual, physical, social, and ethical.

KINKAID'S MISSION

The Kinkaid School's mission is to promote educational excellence and balanced growth in a challenging, safe, and inclusive learning environment for the benefit of intellectually capable children of a sound character whose talents, interests, and uniqueness will be encouraged and nurtured to prepare them to lead, serve, and become contributing citizens to Kinkaid, our country, and the global community.

CORE VALUES

Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Kindness

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITMENT

A community grounded in diversity, equity, and inclusion is essential for The Kinkaid School to fulfill its mission and truly embody its core values of honesty, responsibility, respect, and kindness. A diverse community enhances our intellectual curiosity, inspires creativity, and cultivates empathy, all of which are essential to developing critical thinkers and leaders. Important differences at Kinkaid include culture, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, family composition, neighborhoods, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and talent. Recognizing, supporting, and honoring the unique contributions of our diverse community creates a stronger Kinkaid for all. Members of the Kinkaid community will foster a school environment where respect is paramount and every member is valued, safe, and included. This responsibility extends throughout the entire community, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, school leadership, board of trustees, parents, guardians, families, grandparents, caretakers, and alumni. Through institutional decisions and policies, Kinkaid is committed to creating and enhancing programs that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion as foundational aspects of our school community, including academics, arts, athletics, student life, admissions, community engagement, and employment practices. Community members will challenge bias and stereotypes, embrace differences, stimulate collaboration and teamwork, and honor viewpoints that are presented in a civil and respectful manner. In concert with our mission and core values, our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion will equip students with the skills to serve, lead, and become contributing citizens to the communities of Kinkaid, Houston, our country, and the world.

STUDENTS

- 1,470 total enrollment (PK-12)
- 618 Upper School students
- 33% students of color
- 14% Upper School students on financial aid
- 10.4% Kinkaid students on financial aid

PANDEMIC

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kinkaid moved to remote learning from March 16, 2020, through the end of the school year in May 2020. Throughout remote learning, our faculty maintained high academic standards, and students were awarded official grades which appear on their transcript and are included in their GPA. Any specific challenges due to COVID-19 will be addressed in a student's recommendation from their Dean. Kinkaid began the 2020-21 school year remotely and in September migrated to a hybrid model. All students returned to campus together starting in January 2021.

ACADEMICS

Kinkaid provides a college preparatory curriculum to achieve its primary goal of intellectual endeavor and achievement. The School offers a robust range of on-level, Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and college-level (CL) courses. Kinkaid holds membership in the Cum Laude Society, inducting students in January of their senior year.

HONOR CODE

Kinkaid students know they will be evaluated based on their own accomplishments and must trust that all other students are evaluated correspondingly. To assure such knowledge and trust, an Honor Council and Honor Code have been established, their primary purpose being the creation of an atmosphere of optimum learning and trust, not suspicion and fear. The Honor Code, therefore, is not a long list of regulations, but instead is a simple statement espousing our belief that "an honorable student does not lie, cheat, or steal."

DEAN SYSTEM

The Dean System at Kinkaid reflects the School's commitment to holistic counseling. Before entering the ninth grade, students are assigned to one of nine Upper School Deans. The Dean model provides council and support for students regarding academic achievement, personal accountability, and social dynamics. The Deans work as a team and frequently collaborate to best serve students. While students and parents work primarily with their assigned Dean, that work is informed by the broad expertise and varied experiences of the entire Deans' Office and the other members of the Student Support Team.

FACULTY

- 164 teaching faculty
- 104 with advanced degrees
- \$165,000 devoted annually to professional development

INTERIM TERM

For three weeks in January, Interim Term provides Upper School students a selection of elective courses, foreign study opportunities, cultural programs, and, for seniors, professional career internships. The primary purpose is enrichment through experience, giving students opportunities to study in areas and situations unavailable in the regular curriculum. To that end, Kinkaid Upper School faculty design and implement course offerings and programs involving subjects not offered elsewhere or delving in greater depth into subjects addressed only in survey courses in the regular curriculum. Interim Term for the 2020-21 school year was canceled due to COVID-19.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students who have exhausted the options for study within the regular curriculum or have a special interest may complete an Independent Study (IS). All IS are approved by a committee made up of the Head of Upper School, Associate Head of Upper School, and the Independent Study Coordinator. Depending on the IS, students will receive credit and a grade for their IS on a semester or year basis. The Independent Study does not count toward the five-course minimum required of students.

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINE

Students are expected to act with integrity in all academic and personal matters. The Kinkaid School complies with NACAC's National Code of Ethics and Professional Practices. As such, applicable disciplinary issues will be reported to colleges when asked.

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Kinkaid's curriculum is college-preparatory, and students are required to carry a minimum of five graded courses, four of which are academic, per semester. A weighted GPA will be calculated at the end of each year along with a cumulative GPA. In calculating the weighted GPA for a full-year course, 1.5 will be added to the scale grade before averaging for each honors or AP/CL course. For more information on the Upper School Curriculum Guide 2023-24, please visit: www.kinkaid.org/academics/upper-school

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VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS HONOR PROGRAM

Kinkaid Visual and Performing Arts offers honors courses to Upper School students who wish to exceed the expectations of our core offerings while delving deeper into our curriculum. Students interested in entering the advanced program must demonstrate highly developed skills, an elevated creative drive, and a commitment to the arts. Students are eligible upon completion of four semesters of arts and must submit a portfolio for review. If students complete the additional criteria, honors are awarded at the end of each semester.

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND COLLEGE-LEVEL (CL) CLASSES

English

AP English Literature

History

Honors World History I
 AP World History II
 AP US History
 AP US Government & Politics
 AP Modern European History

Mathematics

Honors Geometry
 Honors Algebra II
 Honors Precalculus
 AP Statistics
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 Linear Algebra*
 Differential Equations*
 Multivariable Calculus*

Science

Honors Biology
 Honors Chemistry
 Honors Physics
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics C

World Languages

Honors French III
 AP French Language and Culture
 CL French Literature and Culture
 Honors Spanish II
 Honors Spanish III
 AP Spanish Language and Culture
 AP Spanish Literature and Culture
 Honors Latin III
 Honors Latin IV
 CL Latin V

Computer Science

AP Computer Science
 CL Computer Science:
 Algorithms and Structures

Other

Honors Performing Arts
 Honors Visual Arts
 Honors Creative Writing
 and Publications
 AP Music Theory
 AP Studio Art*

*Not offered every year

GRADING SYSTEM

A +	97 - 100	= 12.0
A	93 - 96	= 11.0
A -	90 - 92	= 10.0
B +	87 - 89	= 9.0
B	83 - 86	= 8.0
B -	80 - 82	= 7.0
C +	77 - 79	= 6.0
C	73 - 76	= 5.0
C -	70 - 72	= 4.0
D	60 - 69	= 2.0
F	59 or below	= 0.0

Grade Point Average Scale

HONORS, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, AND COLLEGE-LEVEL CLASSES

Entrance into Honor (H), Advanced Placement (AP), and College-Level (CL) courses requires departmental recommendation; however, in some cases students are allowed to enroll against recommendation. For the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, AP exams were optional due to the pandemic. Students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. Students are not limited in the number of AP courses they may take.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM 2021 - 2023

A total of 896 students took 2,049 exams over the last three years.

- Class 2023: 64% scores of 4 or 5
 - Class 2022: 64% scores of 4 or 5
 - Class of 2021: 61% scores of 4 or 5
- 3-Year Average AP Participation by Grade
- 86% of Twelfth Grade
 - 85% of Eleventh Grade
 - 60% of Tenth Grade
- 3-Year Total Scholars Recognition
- 234 AP Scholars with Distinction
 - 93 AP Scholars with Honor
 - 148 AP Scholars

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Class	Semifinalists	Commended
2024	14	15
2023	15	17
2022	7	18
2021	7	19

STANDARDIZED TESTING PROFILE - CLASS OF 2023

ACT (107 students)

50% Range	27.75 - 33
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SAT (64 students)

50% Range	1260 - 1495
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QUESTBRIDGE

One scholar in the Class of 2021 and Class of 2022

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - 22 GRADED CREDITS*

Required Graded Credits

English	4
History	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language	2
Visual and Performing Arts	1
Academic or Graded Electives	4
Interim Term (.5 credit for each year in attendance)	2*

* The class 2024 is required to complete 21.5 credits due to the cancellation of Interim Term in 2021.

ADDITIONAL NON-GRADED CREDITS

Community Service	4
Physical Education	6
Decisions for Healthy Living	1



COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

Between 2021-2023 Kinkaid students received acceptances to the following colleges and universities. The schools in bold indicate that at least one member of the Class of 2023 is attending.

Agnes Scott College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State Immersion Campus
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Austin College
Austin Community College
Babson College
Ball State
Bard College
Bates College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Beloit College
Berklee College of Music
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
Carnegie Mellon University
Carson-Newman University
Case Western Reserve University
Cedar Valley College
Chapman University
Chicago State University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Concordia University Texas
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware State University Delta State University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Durham University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford College
Ferris State University
Flagler College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franklin Marshall College
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grambling State University
Grand Valley State University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Harvard University
High Point University
Houston Baptist University
Houston Community College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Indiana State University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College
King's College-London
Lafayette College
Lamar University
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Macalester College
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McMurry University
Miami Dade College
Michigan State University
Midwestern State University
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New York University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Otterbein University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Perdue University - Indianapolis
Point Park University
Pomona College
Prairie View A&M University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Radford University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Richland College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Edward's University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Louis University
Sam Houston State University
Samford University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Schreiner University
Southern Arkansas University
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Southern Methodist University
Southern University and A&M College
Southwestern University
Spelman College
St. John's College
St. John's University-New York
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stanford University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Suny at Purchase College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University-College Station
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University-Galveston
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The American University of Paris
The New School
The University of Alabama
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of the Arts
The University of the South
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
University College of Dublin
University of Alabama Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California Los Angeles
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver/
Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Louisiana
University of Louisville
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of St. Andrews
University of St. Thomas
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Whittier College
William and Mary
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Woodbury University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

