

Highland Park High School



2018 - 2019

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 34,113 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 2149 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 2018 – 2019 is 2149 with 509 seniors, 528 juniors, 558 sophomores and 554 freshmen.

The faculty consists of 150 certified teaching staff, with 73% 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:

- Math and Science Teams won first place at the TMSCA Sweepstakes Award State Meet
- 501 HPHS students earned 572 Advanced Placement Scholar Awards and 73 Student were recognized as National AP Scholars.
- Highlander Band ranks 10th in State
- Qualified 14 individuals for UIL Band, Choir and Orchestra All-State Medals
- Back to Back 2017 & 2018 State Football, Tennis, Boys Swimming Champions
- Wrestling State Champion
- 5A Mixed Doubles State Championship
- U. S. News & World Report's Gold Medal List of top high schools in 2016, 2017 & 2018

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Finalists	14	26	14	*
Semifinalists	16	27	14	26
Commended	47	36	40	24
Hispanic Scholars	7	5	9	14

*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 2019 (through six semesters)
Top 10% 4.305 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 Research
AP Seminar

HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES

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

MATH & COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Calculus AB Multivariable Calculus
AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
AP Computer Science
Computer Science III

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
Latin V Honors

* Course was not active 2018-19

Class of 2018 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
2017-18	345	633	536	643	531	1276	1068

ACT Composite Scores

	Total Seniors Taking Exam	Norms	
		HPHS	Nat'l
2015-16	426	27.6	20.6
2016-17	455	27.6	20.7
2017-18	478	27.5	20.6

Advanced Placement Scores*

	Total Students Taking Exams	Total Exams Given	% Scoring 3 or Higher
2015-16	1123	2962	79.8%
2016-17	1175	2932	80.5%
2017-18	1148	2990	80.2%

***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

98% of the Class of 2018 matriculated to institutions of higher education.

4-Year College	2-Year College	Gap Year
93%	5%	1%

Colleges Attended by the Class of 2018 — 540 Seniors Attended 132 Institutions

Arizona State University	Franklin University Switzerland	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Arkansas
Auburn University	Furman University	Sheridan College	University of Chicago
Austin Community College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Baylor University	Hardin-Simmons University	Southwestern University	University of Connecticut
Belmont University	Harvard University	Stanford University	University of Dallas
Blinn College	Hillsdale College	Tarleton State University	University of Denver
Boston College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Tarrant County College	University of Florida
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Liberty University	Texas A&M University	University of Georgia
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	Texas A&M University, Commerce	University of Kentucky, Lexington
Brookhaven Community College	Marquette University	Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi	University of Maryland, College Park
Brown University	Miami University, Oxford	Texas Christian University	University of Miami
Butler University	Mississippi State University	Texas Tech University	University of Michigan
Carnegie Mellon University	Missouri State University	The American University of Paris	University of Mississippi
Case Western University	Montana State University, Bozeman	The American University of Rome	University of Missouri Columbia
Clemson University	Mountain View College	The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina	University of North Georgia
Colgate University	New York University	The George Washington University	University of North Texas
College of Charleston	North Lake College	The Ohio State University	University of Notre Dame
Colorado College	Northeastern University	The University of Alabama	University of Oregon
Colorado State University	Oklahoma City University	The University of Arizona	University of Richmond
Colorado State University- Pueblo	Oklahoma State University	The University of Iowa	University of South Carolina
Columbia College	Pennsylvania State University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	University of Southern California
Cornish College of the Arts	Pepperdine University	The University of Oklahoma	University of St Andrews
Dallas Baptist University	Princeton University	The University of Tampa	University of Toledo
Dallas County Community College, Online Campus	Purdue University	The University of Texas, Austin	University of Victoria
Dartmouth College	Regis University	The University of Texas, Dallas	University of Virginia
Davidson College	Rhodes College	The University of Texas, Tyler	University of Washington
Denison University	Rice University	The University of Utah	University of Wisconsin, Madison
DePaul University	Richland College	Trinity College Dublin	Vanderbilt University
DigiPen Institute of Technology	Rollins College	Tulane University	Wake Forest University
Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	United States Military Academy - Army	Washington and Lee University
El Centro College	Samford University		Washington University in St. Louis
Elon University	Santa Clara University		Wheaton College IL
Emory University	Santa Monica College		Yale University
Esmod Paris	Savannah College of Art and Design		

Scholarships offered to the Class of 2018 exceeded \$22.8 million.
Community service hours totaled 71,000.