



# TOWER HILL SCHOOL

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## Mission Statement

Tower Hill School prepares students from diverse backgrounds for full engagement with a dynamic world. Each student is provided with an educational experience that emphasizes the development of an inquisitive, discerning and critical mind; the value of being creative and aesthetically sensitive; the appreciation of physical wellbeing; the ability to collaborate and to function as part of a team; and the growth of character.



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# 2026 COLLEGE PROFILE

## At A Glance

**FOUNDED IN**  
**1919**

**ENROLLMENT**  
**311**  
Upper School  
(Senior Class: 71)

**DIVERSITY**  
**40%**  
of students identify  
as people of color

**FINANCIAL AID**  
**38%**  
of students receive  
financial assistance

## National Recognition

**6** National Merit Semifinalists

**2** National Merit Winners

**16** National Merit Commended Scholars

**11** Presidential Scholar Candidates

## 2025 Testing Results

**63**  
**AP SCHOLARS**

**4.54**  
**AVG. SCORE**

**28.6%**  
18 students  
AP Scholar,  
avg. score 4.11

**17.5%**  
11 students  
AP Scholar  
with Honors,  
avg. score 4.61

**54%**  
34 students  
AP Scholar  
with Distinction,  
avg. score 4.39

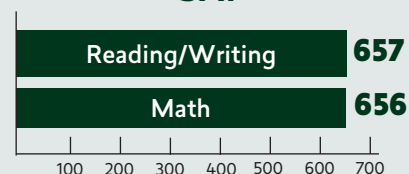
## Class of 2025 Means

### ACT

English **28**  
Math **27**  
Reading **28**  
Science **28**

**28**  
**COMPOSITE**

### SAT



**1313**  
**TOTAL**

## Grading System

- Tower Hill does not rank students.
- GPA is calculated at the end of every academic year and only includes grades earned at Tower Hill beginning in ninth grade.
- Tower Hill reports a weighted GPA for each senior to reflect the additional rigor of the Honors and Advanced courses. Honors and Advanced courses receive five (5) additional points towards the GPA. For example, a grade of 85 earned in an Honors or Advanced course would be treated as a 90 only when calculating the GPA (except for Advanced Studio Art).
- Students typically enroll in five core courses per semester; taking six core courses is unusual and requires approval.

## Course Listings

All courses at Tower Hill are college preparatory and are taught with a high level of academic rigor. We do not offer AP courses. **Honors** (in bold) level courses, offered only in math and science, are taught at a faster pace and cover more material than their non-honors counterparts. **Advanced** (in bold) level courses represent the most rigorous courses offered by a department. These classes are taught at the AP or post-AP level.

### ENGLISH

English 9

English 10

**Advanced English Seminar: Reading the Apocalypse**

**Advanced English Seminar: Pursuit of Happiness**

### UPPER LEVEL ENGLISH SEMINARS

Creative Writing

Haunted Minds: Studies in Gothic and Horror Literature

Journalism: Introduction to News Media and Communication

Novel Stories: Studies in 19th Century British Fiction

Science and Ethics in Literature

The World on the Page

Criminal Pursuits: Exploring Detective Fiction Across Cultures

Dreamscapes and Borderlands: Alternate Realities in Literature

Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion

Trauma and Re(Memory): Trauma Theory in Literature

What does Poetry Do?

Wilderness: The American Literary Wilds

### WORLD AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

French 1

French 2

French 3

French Seminars

**Advanced French Seminars**

Latin 1

Latin 2

Latin 3

**Advanced Latin Seminars**

Mandarin 1

Mandarin 2

Mandarin 3

**Advanced Mandarin Seminars**

Spanish 1

Spanish 2

Spanish 3

Spanish 4

**Advanced Spanish Seminars**

### HISTORY

Modern World History

United States History

Proseminar: Historical Writing Lab (no longer offered)

### ADVANCED HISTORY COURSES

**Advanced Modern European History**

**Advanced United States History**

**Advanced U.S. Government & Politics**

### UPPER LEVEL HISTORY ELECTIVES

American Environmental History

Art History

Comparative Government & Politics

Current World Issues

Epidemics in Society (not offered 25-26)

Film and History

Finding History in the Middle of it All: Learning

History Through Oral History

Global Cold War

History of Feminism

Immigration History (not offered 25-26)

Modern Black America

Sports and Modern America (not offered 25-26)

The 1980s: A Political and Cultural History (not offered 25-26)

The Civil War (not offered 25-26)

The World at War

Women's History and Contemporary Issues (not offered 25-26)

World Religions (not offered 25-26)

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Financial Literacy and Accounting Basics (not offered 25-26)

Introduction to Business and Microeconomics

Introduction to Sports Management (not offered 25-26)

Macroeconomics and Financial Markets

Psychology: Human Development and Society

### MATHEMATICS

Foundations of Algebra 2

Algebra 2

Geometry

Precalculus I

Precalculus II & Introductory Calculus

### HONORS MATH

**Honors Algebra 2**

**Honors Integrated Math Systems**

**Honors Geometry**

**Honors Precalculus**

**Honors Calculus**

### ADVANCED MATH

**Advanced Precalculus**

**Advanced Calculus I**

**Advanced Calculus II with**

**Multivariable Calculus**

**Advanced Statistics**

**Advanced Linear Algebra**

### SCIENCE

Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Genetics

Marine Biology

Physics and Materials

Physics: Mechanics

Physics: Modern Physics and Materials

Physics: Waves

Robotics

### HONORS SCIENCE

**Honors Biology**

**Honors Chemistry**

### ADVANCED SCIENCE

**Advanced Biology**

**Advanced Chemistry**

**Advanced Physics**

**Advanced Physics II**

**Advanced Calculus-Based Physics**

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to Computer Science

### ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures**

**Advanced Artificial Intelligence with Python**

**Advanced Computer Science**

**Advanced Full-Stack Web Development: Python and Java Script**

**Advanced Game Design**

### VISUAL ART AND DESIGN

Art Foundations

Ceramics 1-4

Drawing and Painting

Experimental Rocketry (offered every other year)

Painting and Mixed Media

Photography and Graphic Design 1-4

Sculpture and mixed Media (not offered 25-26)

Studio Art

Woodworking 1-4

### ADVANCED ART AND DESIGN

**Advanced Studio Art**

**Advanced Studio Photography (not offered 25-26)**

### THEATER

Drama Foundations: Acting

Actors' Workshop

Continuing Studies in Acting

Directors' Lab (not offered 25-26)

Production Design and Technology

Theatrical Design and Technology Practicum

Movement for the Actor

### MUSIC

Chamber Ensemble

Concert Band

Concert Choir

Guitar

Jazz Band

Music and Social Justice Movement

Music Theory

String Orchestra

Vocal Ensemble

Women in American Music

### ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES:

Freshman Seminar

Health and Decision Education

Peer Leadership

Social Innovators Program

Yearbook Design

Yearbook Editor

Yearbook Production

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## Distinctive Features

### INDEPENDENT STUDY

With approval, students may elect to study and/or conduct research under the supervision of a faculty member. Examples of recent Independent Studies include: writing a novel and creating a Nintendo simulator for Mac.

### GLOBAL SCHOLARS

The Global Scholar Certificate program allows motivated students to explore global studies topics more deeply. The program combines service learning, travel, enrichment opportunities and independent research.

Global Scholars take a minimum of seven semesters of language, as well as four courses related to global inquiry. Students also complete a minimum of 20 hours of service with a global focus. The program culminates in a senior research portfolio that demonstrates deep understanding of a global issue and broad facility with global competencies.