2027 COLLEGE PROFILE

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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.

RANKED #1 Best Private K-12 School in Delaware by NICHE

#10 Best Private K-12 School in the Greater Philadelphia Area by Niche, scoring an overall grade of A+

TOP 50 Ranked among the top 50 private day schools nationwide. -Wall Street Journal

At A Glance

FOUNDED IN	ENROLLMENT	DIVERSITY	FINANCIAL AID
1919	315 Upper School (Senior Class: 87)	40% of students identify as people of color	36% of students receive financial assistance

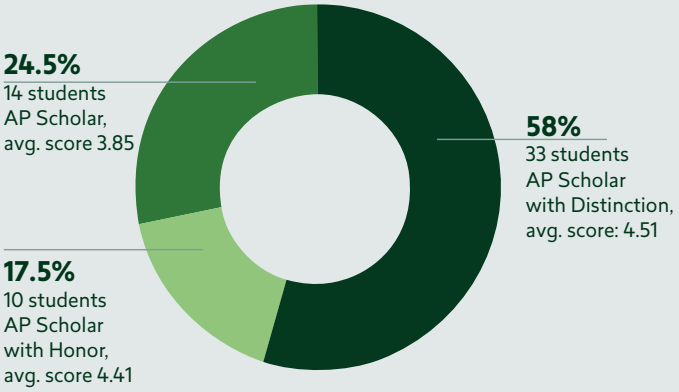
National Recognition (Class of 2026)

- 6 National Merit Semifinalists
- 1 National Merit Winner
- 10 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 9 Presidential Scholar Candidates

2026 Testing Results

57 AP SCHOLARS

4.39 AVG. SCORE



Class of 2026 Means

ACT

English	29
Math	29
Reading	29
Science	28

29 COMPOSITE

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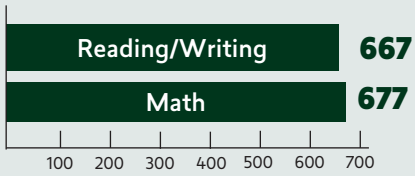

1344 TOTAL

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
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?

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

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
Global Cold War
History of Feminism
Modern Black America
The 1980s: A Political and Cultural History (not offered 25-26)
The World at War

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Introduction to Business and Microeconomics
Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
Psychology: Human Development and Society

MATHEMATICS

Foundations of Algebra 2
Algebra 1
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
Robotics

PHYSICS

Physics: Electricity
Physics: Mechanics
Physics: Modern Physics and Materials
Physics: Waves
Topics in Physics

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

2D Studio Art
3D Studio Art: Exploring Form
Art: Expression and Design
Art Foundations
Ceramics 1-4
Drawing and Painting
Photography 1-4
Intro to Sculpture and mixed Media
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
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

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. New this year, Global Scholars have the option to take a 2 credit Advanced Research Capstone course.