



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.



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



2025 COLLEGE PROFILE

At A Glance

FOUNDED IN
1919

ENROLLMENT
322
Upper School
(Senior Class: 86)

DIVERSITY
40%
of students identify
as people of color

FINANCIAL AID
38%
of students receive
financial assistance

National Recognition

- 6 National Merit Semi-finalists
- 16 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 2 National African American Recognition Awards
- 2 National Indigenous Awards
- 2 National Hispanic Awards
- 1 National First Generation Award
- 9 Presidential Scholar Candidates

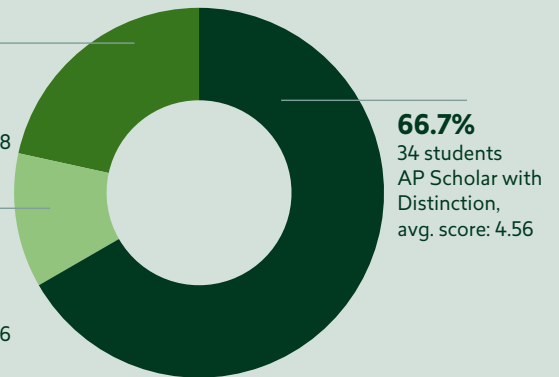
2024 Testing Results

51
AP SCHOLARS

21.6%
11 students
AP Scholar,
avg. score 4.18

4.49
AVG. SCORE

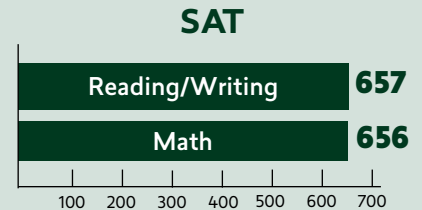
11.8%
6 students
AP Scholar
with Honors,
avg. score 4.16



CLASS OF 2024 MEANS

ACT

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



28
COMPOSITE

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 and Advanced English Seminar).
- Students typically enroll in five core courses per semester; taking six core courses is unusual and requires approval.

Please use the chart below to recalculate GPA.

97-100	A+	4.3
93-96	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7

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 Seminars

WORLD AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

French 1
French 2
French 3
French Seminars
Advanced French Seminars
Latin 2
Latin 3
Advanced Latin Seminars
Mandarin 1
Mandarin 2
Mandarin 3
Advanced Mandarin Seminars
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
Spanish 4
Spanish Seminars
Advanced Spanish Seminars

HISTORY

Modern World History
United States History
Proseminar: Historical Writing Lab

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
Film and History
Financial Literacy and Accounting Basics
Global Cold War
History of Feminism
Immigration History
Introduction to Business and Microeconomics
Introduction to Sports Management
Macroeconomics and Financial Markets
Modern Black America
Psychology: Human Development and Society
Sports and Modern America
The 1980's: A Political and Cultural History
The Civil War
Women's History and Contemporary Issues
World Religions

MATHEMATICS

Foundations of Algebra 2
Algebra 2
Honors Algebra 2
Honors Integrated Math Systems
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Precalculus I
Precalculus II & Introductory Calculus
Honors Precalculus
Honors Calculus
Advanced Precalculus
Advanced Calculus I
Advanced Calculus II with Multivariable Calculus
Advanced Statistics
Advanced Linear Algebra

SCIENCE

Biology
Honors Biology
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry

ADVANCED SCIENCE COURSES

Advanced Biology
Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Physics I
Advanced Physics II
Advanced Calculus-Based Physics

UPPER LEVEL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Environmental Science
Genetics
Human Anatomy
Marine Biology
Physics: Electricity
Physics and Materials
Physics: Mechanics
Physics: Modern Physics and Materials
Physics: Waves
Robotics

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to 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 Foundation
Ceramics 1 & 2
Drawing & Painting
Experimental Rocketry
Painting and Mixed Media
Photography & Graphic Design 1 & 2
Advanced Studio Photography
Sculpture & Mixed Media
Studio Art
Advanced Studio Art
Woodworking 1 & 2

THEATRE

Actors' Workshop
Continuing Studies in Acting
Directors' Lab
Discovering Dance
Drama Foundations: Acting
Production Design & Technology
Theatrical Design & Technology Practicum

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

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for full course descriptions. Course availability is subject to change from year to year.

Distinct 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 elective courses related to global inquiry. Their exploration and understanding of global issues is further enhanced through participation in at least five events and one educational travel experience. 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.