

### DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Benjamin Franklin High School was founded in 1957 as a city-wide, public, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students of superior intellectual potential. Franklin is open to students of all races and creeds. In January 2006, the school re-opened after Hurricane Katrina as a charter school. A rigorous academic program is supplemented by extensive athletic, artistic, and extracurricular activities. The school's current enrollment is 733 students in ninth through twelfth grades. Our students come from all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and include a 55% minority population. There are 161 students (102 female, 59 male) in the twelfth grade. Of the senior class, 99% plan to attend four-year colleges after graduation, on average, 25% of our graduates have been National Merit and/or National Achievement semifinalists and/or National Hispanic Scholars.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/RETENTION

Admissions criteria include a matrix of standardized test scores and grade point average. Students are required to maintain an unweighted GPA of 2.0 in core academic subjects in order to return to Franklin each year.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS OF 2012

Students must complete a minimum of 24 academic units, including 4 in English, 3 in foreign language, 4 in mathematics, 4 in science, 4 in social science, 2 in electives, 1 in the visual or performing arts, 1.5 in physical education, and .5 in health.

### ACCREDITATION

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Louisiana State Department of Education; Member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling and comply with the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

### GRADING SYSTEM / GPA

- Grades are given on a letter scale: A (93-100), B (85-92), C (75-84), D (70-74), F (below 70).
- Grade points ranging from 4 to 1 are assigned to the letters A to D respectively.
- Academic courses are weighted; honors courses, 1.1; gifted courses, 1.11; advanced placement courses, 1.12.
- GPA is computed over all courses taken. We do not rank our students.

### COURSE OFFERINGS, SEPTEMBER 2011 (H) Honors (G) Gifted (AP) Advanced Placement

Mathematics	Social Sciences	Physical Education	Science	Electives
<i>4 units required</i>	<i>4 units required</i>	<i>1.5 units required I-II</i>	<i>4 units required</i>	<i>3 units required</i>
Algebra I (H) (G)	Civics (H) .5, 1	.5 unit health	Biology I (H)	Art I-III, IV (Studio Art AP)
Geometry (H) (G)	U.S. History (H) (AP)	2 units elective	Biology II (AP)	Band I-IV (H)
Algebra II (H) (G)	Psychology (AP)		Earth Science (H)	Chorus I-IV (H)
Pre-Calculus (H) (G)	Human Geography (AP)	<b>Foreign Language</b>	Chemistry I (H)	Art History (AP)
Calculus (H), AP (AB) (BC)	Free Enterprise (H) .5	<i>3 units required</i>	Chemistry II (AP)	Journalism I, II, Newspaper, Yearbook
Computer Science I, II (H)	Twentieth Century History (H)	French I-III (H)	Environmental Science (H) (AP)	Latin I, II (H)
Statistics (AP)	Greek/Roman History (H)	French IV (AP), V (H)	Physics I (H)	Music and Media
<b>English</b>	European History (AP)	German I-III (H)	Physics C: Mechanics (AP)	Media Arts I
<i>4 units required</i>	American Government (AP) .5, 1	German IV (AP)		Music Theory (H)
English I (H) (G)	Russian History (H)	Spanish I-III (H)		Orchestra I-IV (H)
English II (H) (G)	World History (H) (AP)	Spanish IV-V (AP)		Speech I-III
English III (H) (AP)	World Geography (H)			Theater Elective
English IV (H) (G) (AP)				Talented in Visual Art I-IV
Creative Writing (H)				Talented in Theater I-IV
				PE III-IV

### OTHER ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Students may enroll concurrently at local universities and the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA). Students in tenth through twelfth grades may earn up to three units of credit per year at NOCCA in theater, dance, jazz, writing, classical music, and visual arts.

### TESTING PROFILE

#### SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION for Class of 2012

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Critical Reading	570 – 670	634	
Math	570 – 660	614	
Writing	580 – 680	618	
Total	1760 – 1980	1866	104

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2008	2009	2010
Total Students Taking Exams	378	322	333
Total Exams Taken	754	559	625
% of juniors and seniors receiving 3-5	74	73	79
% of juniors and seniors receiving 5	20	20	18

#### ACT for Class of 2012

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
English	25 – 30	28	
Math	24 – 28	27	
Reading	25 – 32	28	
Science Reasoning	23 – 28	27	
Composite	25 – 29	28	116

#### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

CLASS	2010	2011	2012
National Merit Finalist	10	11	
Semifinalist	12	13	12
Commended	5	11	
National Achievement Finalist	2	2	2
Semifinalist	5	7	4
Commended	5	2	
National Hispanic Scholars		2	

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS 2007 – 2011

4	Agnes Scott College	2	Elon University	6	<b>University of Michigan</b>	10	Savannah College of Art and Design
4	The University of Alabama at Birmingham	1	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - FL	1	Middle Tennessee State University	5	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
19	The University of Alabama	1	Emerson College	5	<b>Middlebury College</b>	2	School of the Museum of Fine Arts
1	Albion College	35	<b>Emory University</b>	21	Millsaps College	1	Seattle University
1	The American Musical & Dramatic Academy	1	Eugene Lang College New School for Liberal Arts	3	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	6	Sewanee: The University of the South
23	American University	4	University of Evansville	1	Mississippi College	1	Simmons College
7	Amherst College	1	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, San Francisco	11	Mississippi State University	1	Skidmore College
1	Anderson University	1	Fashion Institute of Technology	8	University of Mississippi	2	Smith College
2	Appalachian State University	1	Fisk University	1	University of Missouri Columbia	2	Soka University of America
9	Arizona State University	6	Florida A&M University	1	Montana Tech of The University of Montana	1	University of South Alabama
4	The University of Arizona	2	Florida Institute of Technology	1	Montclair State University	1	University of South Carolina
3	University of Arkansas	1	Florida International University	1	Morehouse College	14	Southeastern Louisiana University
1	The Art Institute of Boston	2	Florida Southern College	2	Mount Holyoke College	32	<b>University of Southern California</b>
26	<b>Auburn University</b>	1	Florida State University	1	Muhlenberg College	1	University of Southern Maine
1	Azusa Pacific University	5	University of Florida	3	New England Conservatory of Music	7	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>
6	<b>Bard College</b>	7	Fordham University	3	<b>University of New Mexico</b>	5	University of Southern Mississippi
3	<b>Barnard College</b>	23	Furman University	120	<b>University of New Orleans</b>	2	<b>Southern University and A&amp;M College</b>
3	Bates College	5	George Mason University	3	The New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music	2	Southern University at New Orleans
11	Baylor University	14	The George Washington University	22	New York University	5	Southwestern University
2	Belmont University	6	Georgetown University	5	Nicholls State University	11	Spelman College
3	Bennington College	24	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	1	North Carolina A&T State University	6	Spring Hill College
1	Bentley University	1	Georgia State University	1	University of North Carolina at Asheville	11	St. Edwards University
7	Berklee College of Music	21	University of Georgia	20	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	5	St. John's University - Queens
1	Bethune-Cookman University	1	Goucher College	2	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	1	University of St. Thomas
1	Binghamton University	1	Grambling State University	2	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	9	Stanford University
3	Birmingham-Southern College	2	Grinnell College	1	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	1	Stephens College
14	Boston College	2	Guilford College	7	North Carolina State University	1	Stevens Institute of Technology
4	Boston Conservatory	2	Hamilton College - NY	4	Northeastern University	1	Stony Brook University
31	Boston University	1	Hampden-Sydney College	2	Northern Arizona University	1	SUNY College at Cortland
4	Bowdoin College	1	Hampshire College	1	University of Northern Colorado	1	Swarthmore College
1	Brandeis University	9	<b>Hampton University</b>	9	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	1	Sweet Briar College
1	University of British Columbia	1	University of Hartford	3	Northwestern University	11	Syracuse University
3	Brown University	4	<b>Harvard University</b>	3	University of Notre Dame	2	The University of Tampa
1	Bryn Mawr College	2	Harvey Mudd College	7	Oberlin College	5	Temple University
1	Buffalo State College of SUNY	6	Haverford College	2	Occidental College	5	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
6	University of California at Berkeley	1	University of Hawaii at Manoa	2	Oglethorpe University	6	Texas A&M University
1	University of California at Davis	2	Hawaii Pacific University	4	The Ohio State University	3	Texas Christian University
6	University of California at Los Angeles	10	Hendrix College	1	Ohio Wesleyan University	1	Texas Southern University
1	University of California at Merced	2	Hofstra University	2	University of Oklahoma	21	<b>The University of Texas, Austin</b>
2	University of California at Riverside	2	Hollins College	1	Oral Roberts University	4	The University of Texas, Dallas
2	University of California at San Diego	1	Houston Baptist University	2	Oregon State University	2	Trinity College
4	University of California at Santa Barbara	1	Houston Community College System	3	University of Oregon	5	Trinity University
5	University of California at Santa Cruz	5	<b>University of Houston</b>	1	Our Lady of Holy Cross College	6	Tufts University
3	California Institute of Technology	31	<b>Howard University</b>	8	Oxford College of Emory University	235	<b>Tulane University</b>
2	California Institute of the Arts	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2	University of the Pacific	1	University of Tulsa
1	California State University, Northridge	2	Immaculata University	1	Parsons: The New School for Design	4	Tuskegee University
6	Carleton College	9	Indiana University at Bloomington	1	The Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University	1	United States Coast Guard Academy
9	Carnegie Mellon University	1	Iona College	1	Pennsylvania College of Art & Design	1	United States Merchant Marine Academy
1	Case Western Reserve University	5	The University of Iowa	15	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	2	United States Naval Academy
2	The Catholic University of America	6	Ithaca College	10	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	1	Universite Paris III - Sorbonne Nouvelle
2	Centenary College of Louisiana	1	Jacksonville University	5	Pepperdine University	1	The University of the Arts
2	University of Central Florida	1	<b>Jacobs University Bremen</b>	2	Philadelphia University	1	Universite Paris IV - Paris - Sorbonne
2	Chapman University	2	Johns Hopkins University	6	University of Pittsburgh	20	Vanderbilt University
19	College of Charleston	2	Johnson & Wales University	2	Pitzer College	8	Vassar College
9	<b>University of Chicago</b>	1	Juniata College	1	Point Park University	4	University of Vermont
2	University of Cincinnati	1	Kalamazoo College	5	Pomona College	1	Villanova University
2	<b>City University of New York</b>	2	Kansas City Art Institute	1	Portland State University	1	Virginia Military Institute
1	Clark Atlanta University	1	University of Kansas	1	University of Portland	4	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
5	Clark University	7	Kenyon College	5	<b>Pratt Institute</b>	11	<b>University of Virginia</b>
12	Clemson University	1	Lafayette College	3	Princeton University	1	Viterbo University
1	Cleveland Institute of Art	1	Lawrence University	2	Providence College	1	Wagner College
2	Colby College	1	Lehigh University	3	Purchase College	5	Wake Forest University
26	University of Colorado at Boulder	1	Lewis & Clark College	2	Purdue University	6	Warren Wilson College
2	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	3	University of Louisiana at Monroe	1	Randolph College	1	Washington and Jefferson College
2	Colorado College	396	<b>Louisiana State University</b>	1	University of Redlands	4	Washington and Lee University
2	Colorado School of Mines	3	Reed College	3	Reed College	24	<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>
4	Colorado State University	17	Louisiana Tech University	2	Regis University	8	University of Washington
4	<b>Columbia College</b>	31	University of Louisiana	6	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	Wellesley College
4	Columbia University	8	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	3	Rhode Island School of Design	1	Wells College
2	<b>Concordia University - Montreal</b>	15	Loyola University Chicago	25	Rhodes College	10	Wesleyan University
1	Connecticut College	2	Loyola University Maryland	16	<b>Rice University</b>	2	University of West Florida
1	University of Connecticut	157	<b>Loyola University New Orleans</b>	7	University of Richmond	1	West Virginia State University
1	Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	1	Lyon College	2	Roanoke College	1	University of Western Ontario
4	Cornell University	6	Macalester College	6	<b>Rochester Institute of Technology</b>	1	Whitman College
1	Cornish College of the Arts	1	Manhattan School of Music	5	University of Rochester	2	Whittier College
1	Covenant College	1	Manhattanville College	1	Roosevelt University	8	College of William and Mary
1	The Culinary Institute of America	1	Mannes College of Music	3	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1	William Carey College
6	Dartmouth College	4	Marquette University	1	Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Camden	1	William Paterson University of New Jersey
7	Davidson College	2	Mary Baldwin College	2	Rutgers, State University of NJ New Brunswick	3	Williams College
1	University of Dayton	3	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	Rutgers, State University of New Jersey Newark	1	Winthrop University
3	University of Delaware	8	University of Maryland, College Park	2	Saint Joseph's University	8	<b>University of Wisconsin, Madison</b>
3	Delgado Community College	5	Marymount Manhattan College	7	Saint Louis University	1	Wofford College
1	Denison University	2	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	2	Samford University	1	The College of Wooster
2	University of Denver	3	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	3	San Diego State University	2	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
5	DePaul University	8	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	6	University of San Diego	2	Wright State University
1	DePauw University	3	McGill University	2	San Francisco Art Institute	3	Xavier University Ohio
2	Dickinson College	1	Memphis College of Art	1	San Francisco State University	83	<b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b>
7	Dillard University	3	Mercer University	20	University of San Francisco	3	Yale University
8	<b>Duke University</b>	2	Miami University, Oxford	6	Santa Clara University	1	Youngstown State University
1	Duquesne University	24	<b>University of Miami</b>	1	Santa Fe College		
1	Earlham College	1	Michigan State University	6	Santa Fe University of Art and Design		
1	Eckerd College	1	Michigan Technological University	3	<b>Sarah Lawrence College</b>		

**BOLD REPRESENTS A STUDENT FROM THE CLASS OF 2011 IS ATTENDING**