



Academic Profile 2019-2020

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Accreditation

Florida Council of Independent Schools
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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Founded in 1960, The Benjamin School is one of the nation's premier independent day schools. From Early Childhood through Upper School (grades PK3 - 12), we offer a wide range of possibilities for students to explore broad horizons.

With over 1,000 students enrolled on two campuses in North Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens, The Benjamin School offers a comprehensive experience academically, artistically, and athletically. Students learn to work both independently and collaboratively through a wide range of courses, class trips, co-curricular clubs, and sports.

Students:

The Benjamin School currently enrolls 1,060 students, PK3 - grade 12, with 396 students in the Upper School and 96 members in the class of 2020. Benjamin offers a varied and personalized experience for a diverse student body. On average, one hundred percent of our graduates have attended a college or university.

Faculty:

Our faculty inspires students to develop a set of values that includes a love of learning, personal responsibility, self-motivation, concern for others, and a commitment to serve society. Character Education is implicit in all we do, and students adhere to the School's Honor Code with respect and courtesy central to the learning experience.

Senior Internship:

The Benjamin School students perform a two-week business or professional internship in an area of career interest in either their junior or senior year. Each student must complete forty hours of work. The Class of 2019 interned at over 80 local businesses and organizations.

Engineering Certificate:

The Benjamin Engineering Certificate Program is an academic program for students interested in STEM. Classes expose students to the fields of engineering and design, as well as provide an opportunity to learn from experts in those fields. In addition to four specific classes, the program requires students to participate in extracurricular STEM activities and clubs. The program also requires an individual capstone project overseen by an expert in the field.



Requirements for Graduation

English: 4 credits, including: one credit per year

Math: 4 credits, including: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II; one credit per year

Social Studies: 3 credits, including: World History, U.S. History, Government, and Economics

Science: 3½ credits, including: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Human Systems Biology

World Language: 3 credits, including: three consecutive years of one language

Fine Arts: 1 credit

PE: 1 credit satisfied by a class or participation in an interscholastic sport

Computer: ½ credit

Grading Scale			GPA Distribution by Number of Students	
A+	97-100	4.33	A+	19
A	93-96	4.00	A	16
A-	90-92	3.67	A-	25
B+	87-89	3.33	B+	18
B	83-86	3.00	B	7
B-	80-82	2.67	B-	4
C+	77-79	2.33	C+	5
C	73-76	2.00	C	1
C-	70-72	1.67	No GPA	1
D+	67-69	1.33		96
D	63-66	1.00		
D-	60-62	0.67		
F	<60	0		

Note: In May 2018, The Benjamin Upper School (Grades 9-12) shifted the weighting of its grades for Honors courses from .33 to .50 and for AP courses from .66 to 1.00. The shift applied retroactively to all the students enrolled at our school from August 2015 onward.

Academic Recognition

Upper School end-of-semester academic honors fall into the following categories:

Head of School List: semester GPA of 4.1 and above

High Honors: semester GPA between 3.80 and 4.09

Honors: semester GPA between 3.50 and 3.79

The Benjamin School does not rank its students.

Discipline Reporting

The Benjamin School values and trusts its relationships with our admissions colleagues. Violations of the Honor Code or major school rules may result in a student's placement on Citizenship Probation. Therefore, Citizenship Probation, suspensions, or expulsions are reported by both the student and the college counselor to any college that requests this information.

Standardized Test Data for the Class of 2019

ACT Middle 50% (73 students tested)	SAT Reasoning Middle 50% (72 students tested)	SAT Subject Tests Middle 50% (with 5 or more students testing)
English: 27-34	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW): 580-680	Chemistry: 580-750
Math: 24-30	Mathematics: 560-700	English Literature: 630-740
Reading: 25-33	Total: 1175-1370	Math Level I: 560-700
Science: 24-32		Math Level II: 640-740
Composite: 25-32		Physics: 560-660
		Spanish: 580-730
		United States History: 600-710

AP Information for 2018-2019

Percent of Students With Scores 3 or Higher

Past Four Years	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total AP Students	205	201	233	256
Number of Exams	428	454	516	610
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	84	89	84	79

AP Subjects where 75% of the students or more received a 3 or higher: Art History (80%), Biology (90%), Calculus AB (80%), Calculus BC (82%), Chemistry (100%), English Language (86%), English Literature (86%), European History (100%), French Language (75%), Music Theory (100%), Physics C (100%), Spanish Language (100%), Studio Art (97%), U.S. History (83%), and World History (75%)

Programs of Distinction

Athletics

- 2018 FHSAA Floyd E. Lay Sunshine Cup All-Sports Award for Class 3A/4A
- 2018 Florida Athletic Coaches Association Athletic Program of the Year for Class 4A
- 13 state championships; 49 individual championships

Benjineers

- 2016 Ten80 STEM League national champions
- 2015, 2016, 2018 Ten80 STEM League state champions
- New STEM facilities focused on robotics, engineering, circuit boards, programming

BTV News

- Named 2017-2018 Top 15 program in the country by National Scholastic Press Association
- Named 2018-2019 Top Program in the state by Florida Scholastic Press Association

The Congressional Awards

- Earned 17 Congressional Medal Awards in 2019 with 2 golds, 9 silvers and 6 bronzes; earned a third of the medals awarded in District 18

The Pharcyde Newspaper

- The American Scholastic Press Association named *The Pharcyde* the "Most Outstanding High School Newspaper for schools with 500 or fewer students" for four of the last five years
- The Columbia Scholastic Press Association gave *The Pharcyde* a gold medal for its 2018-2019 publications
- All-American status from National Scholastic Press Association for 2017- 2018

Scholastic Art Awards

- 4 National Silver Medals, 96 Regional Awards (24 Gold Keys, 26 Silver Keys, 46 Honorable Mentions) earned in 2018-2019

World Languages

- First place in the 2019 State of Florida French Competition
- Second place in the 2019 State of Florida Spanish Conference

Course Offerings

English

Introduction to World Literature
American Literature & Composition*
Western Literature & Composition
AP Language & Composition
AP Literature & Composition
The Art of War
Detective/Mystery Genre
Ethics in Literature and Film
Expository Writing
Film Analysis
From Page to Stage
Humanity: Health, Illness, and Medicine
Humor, Satire, and Memoir
Literature of the City#
Mythology
Science Fiction, Fact, and Fantasy
Speech

Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry*
Algebra II*
College Algebra/Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus*
Honors Calculus
Statistics
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

Science

Biology*
Chemistry*
Physics
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics
AP Physics II
AP Chemistry
Advanced Human Anatomy
Advanced Research
Astronomy#
Biotechnology
Biotechnology II
Human Systems Biology
Marine Science#
Meteorology
Oceanography#

Social Studies

World History
US History
AP Economics (Micro & Macro)
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP US & Comparative Government
AP US History
AP World History
Contemporary Issues
Economic Issues
History and the Olympics
History of Florida & the Caribbean
Introduction to Economics
Introduction to Government
Introduction to Law
Modern Asian History#
Modern Middle East#

World Languages

French 1, 2, 3*, 4*
French 5 Honors
French Conversation & Culture
Honors Survey of French Literature & Film#
AP French Language & Culture
Spanish 1, 2, 3*, 4*
Honors Spanish 5
Spanish Conversation & Culture
Honors Survey of Spanish
Literature & Film#
AP Spanish Language & Culture
Mandarin Chinese 1, 2
Honors Mandarin Chinese 3, 4
Honors Mandarin Chinese 5#
AP Mandarin Chinese

Computer Science

Introduction to Computer Science
Game Design 1#
Game Design 2#
Advanced Research in
Computer Science
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science

Fine Arts

Print Productions
Portfolio
AP Art History
AP 2-D Art & Design
AP 2-D Art & Design: Photography
AP Drawing
AP Studio Art#
Foundations in Art
Introduction to Ceramics
Intermediate Ceramics
Advanced Ceramics
Graphic Design 1
Introductory Photography
Intermediate Photography
Experimental Photography
Intermediate Studio Art

Performing Arts

Concert Band
Chorus
Chamber Ensemble
AP Music Theory
Piano I
Piano II
TV Studio & Field Production
TV Broadcasting & Journalism 1, 2
Film Production#
Introduction to Theatre
Theatre Production
Directing for the Stage#
Acting Techniques
Advanced Acting Techniques
Dance Technique#
Modern Dance and Composition#

Engineering

Introduction to Engineering
Structural Design
Electronics
Design and Fabrication#
Robotics

Physical Education

Dance for Athletes#
Team & Life Sports
Strength & Fitness
Yoga

Five-Year Matriculation List (2015-2019)

The University of Alabama
American University
Amherst College
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Auburn University
Bard College, Berlin
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
College of Charleston
University of Chicago
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
University of Colorado, Boulder
Colorado College
Columbia University
Concordia College, New York
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Endicott College
Flagler College
Florida A&M University
Florida Atlantic University
FAU Wilkes Honors College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida SouthWestern State College
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Furman University
The George Washington University
Georgetown College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Harvard University
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Heidelberg University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
College of the Holy Cross
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Indian River State College
Indiana University, Bloomington
The University of Iowa
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lehigh University
LIM College
Louisiana State University
University of Louisville
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Manhattan College
University of Maryland, College Park
Mercer University
Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri, Columbia
UMKC School of Medicine
University of New Hampshire
The New School - Parsons
New York University
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of North Florida
University of North Georgia
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
The Ohio State University
University of Oregon
Oxford College of Emory University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Palm Beach State College
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Richmond
Rider University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Salve Regina University
Santa Fe College
Santa Monica College
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
St. John Fisher College
Stanford University
Stetson University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Tallahassee Community College
The University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas, Austin
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College, New York
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Utah
Valdosta State University
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Warner University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
West Virginia University
Westminster College
College of William and Mary
Winthrop University
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wofford College
The College of Wooster
Yale University