

# Byron Nelson High School Profile

*“Learn, Serve, Lead”*

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## Community

Spanning 234 square miles, Northwest Independent School District (NISD) serves the educational needs of students in Tarrant, Denton, and Wise counties. Located in one of the state's fastest growing areas, the district enjoys a diversified economic base. Currently, the district consists of four high schools, five middle schools and 17 elementary schools utilizing a K–5, 6–8, 9–12 grade-level configuration.

## School

Byron Nelson High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 2,510 students in grades 9–12. The school opened in August, 2009 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2012. Byron Nelson High School is accredited by the **Texas Education Agency**. The student body at BNHS is culturally diverse with a population that is 65% White, 19% Hispanic, 9% African American, 5% Asian, 1% Pacific Islander, and 1% American Indian.

## Curriculum

The academic program is organized into an eight period day with seven academic classes each day plus one lunch period. Seven credits per school year is the standard maximum course load with each class approximately 45 minutes in length. 26 credits are required to graduate under the “Foundation with Endorsement” plan. Students graduating under the “Foundation with Endorsement” plan must qualify for at least one endorsement from the following five categories: Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Public Service, STEM, or Multidisciplinary Studies.

**AP is an open-enrollment program and we offer 30 different AP courses. The following AP® courses are offered:**

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Chemistry, AP English 3 Language and Composition, AP English 4 Literature and Composition, AP European History, AP Government and Politics, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Physics E&M, AP Statistics, AP United States History, AP World History, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, AP Economics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Capstone (AP Seminar and AP Research), AP Music Theory, AP Art 3D Design, AP Art Studio, AP Art 2D Design, AP French, AP German and AP Spanish.

**Honors classes** (Pre-AP) are offered in English I & II, Algebra I & II, World Geography, Geometry, Computer Science, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish 1, 2, 3, German 2 & 3, and French 2 & 3. In addition, Gifted and Talented (GT) classes are offered in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts, GT AP Human Geography, GT AP World History, GT U.S. History.

Northwest ISD continues to offer a wide range of College Dual Credit classes. Students classified as juniors or seniors may earn credit toward high school graduation by completing a college-level course from an accredited college or university. The following Dual Credit courses are offered through U.T. Austin OnRamps: Pre-Calculus, Statistics, English, and U.S. History. The following courses are offered through NCTC: English Composition 1 & 2, British Literature, College Algebra (additional opportunity with TCC on campus), Government, Economics, Speech, Psychology, World Literature, Pre-Calculus, and more.

The Academy of Biomedical Sciences and The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Services are offered at BNHS. There is a rigorous curriculum that provides a smooth transition for students wanting to continue their career interest in the medical or culinary arts through post-secondary instruction. Students earn college credits and/or professional certifications specific to each academy.

Northwest ISD students utilize Naviance/Family Connection to support college planning, college applications, and submitting transcripts.

### Grading and Ranking

Northwest ISD determines grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and a weighted ranking on a 7.0 scale. The un-weighted GPA is considered the student's GPA and is reported as such. The weighted GPA is only used in the determination of class rank. The college admissions process generally allows for students to indicate if the GPA and class ranking are weighted.

A – Excellent	90–100
B – Good	80–89
C – Satisfactory	70–79
F – Failing	69 and below

Level 2 Regular Courses	Level 3 GT, Pre-AP, & Dual Credit Courses	Level 4 AP Courses
4.0 – 5.0 = 90-100%	5.0 – 6.0 = 90-100%	6.0 – 7.0 = 90-100%
3.0 – 3.9 = 80-89%	4.0 – 4.9 = 80-89%	5.0 – 5.9 = 80-89%
2.0 – 2.9 = 70-79%	3.0 – 3.9 = 70-79%	4.0 – 4.9 = 70-79%

### Rank

The calculation of class rank is calculated only using grades earned for high school credit in the following subjects and for electives under these subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages other than English.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

The District shall include in the calculation of grade point average grades earned in all courses, including grades earned in middle school courses for high school credit. The grade point average calculation shall exclude grades earned in or by a course for which a pass/fail grade is assigned; credit by examination, with or without prior instruction; local credit courses; academic courses substituted for physical education; summer school courses taken for remediation; and distance learning in the form of traditional correspondence courses.

### Class of 2018

There were **584** graduates in the Class of 2018.

Un-weighted GPA	Weighted GPA
19 earned a 4.0	14 earned a 6.0 – 7.0
178 earned 3.5 – 3.99	122 earned 5.0 – 5.99
200 earned 3.0 – 3.49	155 earned 4.0 – 4.99
128 earned 2.5 – 2.99	185 earned 3.0 – 3.99
45 earned 2.0 – 2.49	84 earned 2.0 – 2.99
12 earned 1.5 – 1.99	12 earned 1.0 – 1.99

#### Vision Statement

The vision of BNHS is to be an exemplary community empowering learners with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary for life long success in an ever-changing society.

#### Mission Statement

BNHS, in partnership with students, parents, and the community, will ensure a premier education for all learners. Through innovative educational opportunities, students will be challenged, engaged, and offered leadership experiences, thereby, creating the Byron Nelson culture.

## Standardized Test Results

The STAAR, State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness assessment evaluates student learning based on the state-required curriculum—the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Students are required to earn a passing score on the following STAAR tests: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History. 92% of all students at BNHS passed all STAAR assessments during the 2017 – 2018 school year.

STAAR	17 – 18
English	84%
Mathematics	88%
Social Studies	97%
Science	97%

100% of the Class of 2018 took the SAT®	
Mean Total Score	1054
Mean Math	521
Mean English/Reading/Writing	533

## Advanced Placement Results (May 2018)

- 1,078 students took AP Exams
- A total of 2,509 exams were taken in 26 subjects
- 63.3% of the AP exams received scores of 3 or higher
- 82% of the AP exams received scores of 2 or higher
- Total of 280 AP Scholars
  - 144 AP Scholars, 55 AP Scholars with Honors, 80 AP Scholars with Distinction, & 13 National AP Scholars
  - One AP International Diploma, Three AP Capstone Diploma, and Four AP Seminar and Research Certificates

## Post High School Placement

- 61% matriculated to 4-year colleges
- 29% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 8% work or technical school
- 2% military service

## Awards and Distinctions, 2017 - 2018

- 7 National Hispanic Program Scholar Finalists
- 10 National Merit Commended
- 2 National Merit Finalist

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