

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 2,575 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 67% White, 18% Hispanic, 9% African American, 3% Asian, 2% 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 “Distinguished Achievement” plan, the “Recommended” plan, or the “Foundation with Endorsement” plan. Students who opt to graduate 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.

The following AP® courses are offered: Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, English 3 Language and Composition, English 4 Literature and Composition, European History, Government and Politics, Physics 1, Physics C, Physics E&M, Statistics, United States History, World History, Human Geography, Psychology, Environmental Science, Economics, Computer Science, Computer Science Principles, Capstone (Seminar Course), Music Theory, Art Studio 3D and Art Studio 2D Design. AP world language and culture courses offered include French, German and Spanish.

AP is an open-enrollment program.

Honors classes (Pre-AP) are offered in English I & II, Algebra I & II, World Geography, Geometry, Computer Science, Pre-Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish 2, 3, & 4, German 2 & 3, and French 2 & 3. In addition, Gifted and Talented (GT) classes are offered in 9th and 10th grade English Language Arts, GT AP Human Geography, and GT AP World 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: U.T. Austin OnRamps Pre-Calculus, U.T. Austin OnRamps Statistics, U.T. Austin OnRamps English, English Composition 1 & 2, College Algebra, Government, Economics, Speech, Psychology, World Literature, Aviation, and Pre-Calculus.

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.

Grading and Ranking

Northwest ISD determines both an un-weighted grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and a weighted GPA 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, Economics and 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 2016

There were **558** graduates in the Class of 2016.

Un-weighted GPA	Weighted GPA
29 earned a 4.0	10 earned a 6.0 – 7.0
158 earned 3.5 – 3.99	81 earned 5.0 – 5.99
188 earned 3.0 – 3.49	149 earned 4.0 – 4.99
120 earned 2.5 – 2.99	209 earned 3.0 – 3.99
55 earned 2.0 – 2.49	99 earned 2.0 – 2.99
8 earned 1.5 – 1.99	10 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 US History. 92% of all students at BNHS passed all STAAR assessments during the 2015 – 2016 school year.

STAAR	15 – 16
Reading	86%
Mathematics	86%
Social Studies	97%
Science	97%

100% of the Class of 2017 took the SAT®		Top 75% of the Class of 2017 on SAT	
Mean Total Score	1066	Mean Total Score	1220
Mean Math	532	Mean Math	610
Mean English/Reading/Writing	534	Mean English/Reading/Writing	610

Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2016, 914 students took AP Exams
- A total of 2,105 exams were taken in 19 subjects
- 53% of the AP Exams received scores of 3 or higher
- 60.2% of all AP students received at least a 3 or higher on one or more AP exams

Post High School Placement

- 65% matriculated to 4-year colleges
- 25% matriculated to 2-year institutions
- 5% military service
- 5% work or technical instruction

Awards and Distinctions, 2015 - 2016

- 4 Appointments to Military Academies
- 3 National Hispanic Program Scholar Finalists
- 10 National Merit Commended
- 3 National Merit Finalists
- 150 AP Scholars
- 30 AP Scholars with Honors
- 63 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 21 National AP Scholars

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