

*Benjamin Franklin*  
HIGH SCHOOL

**2016 – 2017 ADMISSIONS PACKET**





## ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Benjamin Franklin High School as the next learning environment for your child. The following Admissions Calendar is intended to help you smoothly navigate through the admissions process.

We urge you to visit the school—we would love to meet you! Please feel free to contact our admissions staff if you have any questions about the school or the admission process.

### Here are the steps:

1. Visit the school during Admissions Open House from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 8, 2015**.
2. Fill out the application completely and attach all the documents listed. Deliver it to the school in person, by email or by US mail. Important dates in the process are:
  - October 12, 2015—First day applications will be accepted.** Applications are available on the website at [www.bfhsla.org/admissions](http://www.bfhsla.org/admissions) or at the school.
  - January 8, 2016—Final day to submit an application that will be considered “on time.”** Applications will be accepted after that date as long as space is available. They will be considered “late” after January 9.
3. Once a complete application has been submitted, the student will be scheduled for an admissions test. All tests are given on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at Franklin. The test dates are:
  - Saturday, November 7, 2015**
  - Saturday, January 16, 2016**
  - Saturday, March 5, 2016**
  - Saturday, May 7, 2016**
4. **First semester (2 quarters) or 1st trimester report cards must be sent to the Admissions Office as soon as they are available and no later than January 22, 2016** in order to allow computation of matrix points and determination of eligibility. No student will receive an acceptance letter until the report card is received.
5. Acceptance letters will be mailed out beginning in **February, 2016** and continue on a rolling basis.
6. **Falcon Prep Day**, our “Welcome to Franklin” and pre-registration event is scheduled for **April 14, 2016** at 5:00 p.m.
7. Final report cards for new 9th graders and transcripts for new 10th and 11th graders are due **June 15, 2016** to confirm eligibility for admissions.

Sincerely,



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## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR MATRIX SCORE

To inform you of how the total matrix points are obtained:

1. Add the points from the first column associated with the score on each section of the standardized admissions test and the points associated with the GPA.
2. 88 points are required for the 9th and 10th grades. 108 points are required for the 11th grade.

\*GPA = Unweighted, academic grade point average from the final report card of the first semester or trimester of the year applying to Franklin.

A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0 Points

MATRIX									
		ITBS, ITED or iLEAP (NRT) scores							
Points	GPA*			Reading		Language		Math	
30	3.50	-	4.00	98	-	99	98	-	99
29	3.40	-	3.49	96	-	97	96	-	97
28	3.30	-	3.39	94	-	95	94	-	95
27	3.20	-	3.29	92	-	93	92	-	93
26	3.10	-	3.19	90	-	91	90	-	91
25	3.00	-	3.09	88	-	89	88	-	89
24	2.90	-	2.99	86	-	87	86	-	87
23	2.80	-	2.89	84	-	85	84	-	85
22	2.70	-	2.79	82	-	83	82	-	83
21	2.60	-	2.69	80	-	81	80	-	81
20	2.50	-	2.59	78	-	79	78	-	79
19	2.40	-	2.49	76	-	77	76	-	77
18	2.30	-	2.39	74	-	75	74	-	75
17	2.20	-	2.29	72	-	73	72	-	73
16	2.10	-	2.19	70	-	71	70	-	71
15	2.00	-	2.09	68	-	69	68	-	69
14	1.90	-	1.99	66	-	67	66	-	67
13	1.80	-	1.89	64	-	65	64	-	65
12	1.70	-	1.79	62	-	63	62	-	63
11	1.60	-	1.69	60	-	61	60	-	61
10	1.50	-	1.59	58	-	59	58	-	59
9	1.40	-	1.49	56	-	57	56	-	57
8	1.30	-	1.39	54	-	55	54	-	55
7	1.20	-	1.29	52	-	53	52	-	53
6	1.10	-	1.19	50	-	51	50	-	51
5	1.00	-	1.09	48	-	49	48	-	49
4	0.90	-	0.99	46	-	47	46	-	47
3	0.80	-	0.89	44	-	45	44	-	45
2	0.70	-	0.79	42	-	43	42	-	43
1	0.10	-	0.69	1	-	41	1	-	41

Academic Subjects include English/language arts, math, science and social studies for 9th grade applicants and also foreign language for 10th/11th grade applicants.

**All students will be scheduled to take the admissions test at Franklin upon receipt of the complete application.**

# BEN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

## PROCEDURE

1. Complete applications with all required documents must be submitted to the Admissions Office.
  - You may print it from the website ([www.bfhsla.org](http://www.bfhsla.org) and click the Admissions tab), or pick one up from the school.
  - Applications are accepted during school hours beginning the second Monday in October.
  - Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, or email. The timely application deadline will be the second Friday in January. We will continue to accept applications after that date and process them as long as space is available.
2. Applicants will be scheduled to test when the application is received. If the student desires to use testing accommodations, an Individual Accommodations Plan (IAP/504 Plan) should be submitted with the application.
3. Test scores are mailed to the applicant when they are available (approximately one month later).
4. First semester (2 quarters) or 1st trimester report cards must be sent to the Admissions Office as soon as they are available and no later than the third week of January to facilitate determination of eligibility. No student will receive an acceptance letter until the report card is received.
5. Acceptance letters are mailed beginning in February of the year of application when it is determined that the applicant is qualified; letters will continue to be sent on a rolling basis.
6. Final admission is confirmed upon the receipt of final report cards and/or transcripts.

## TESTING

### **For all applicants:**

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade applicants must take the Admissions Test at Franklin on one of the dates listed on the Admissions Calendar. Students will be registered for testing at Franklin upon receipt of an application. Students who apply by the timely deadline in January will have the opportunity to **retest once** if necessary. Students who test in November may retest in March or May, and students who test in January may retest in May. Students are to arrive at 7:45 am with two #2 pencils for testing, a snack or lunch, and a drink.

### **For applicants living outside the parish but planning to move into Orleans Parish:**

These students will be allowed to test, but cannot apply until residency is established. A Registration for Testing Form must be completed and submitted. Contact the Admissions Office for the form, ([ljenkins@bfhsla.org](mailto:ljenkins@bfhsla.org) or [kradosta@bfhsla.org](mailto:kradosta@bfhsla.org) or 504-286-2610 or 504-304-4148).

### **For applicants after the last scheduled admissions test:**

The applicant must provide a battery of standardized achievement tests approved by the Director of Admissions and the Principal/CEO.

## APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE COPIES OF:

- Student's birth certificate
- Three (3) current proofs of residence in Orleans Parish from the following suggestions:
  - >AFDC card
  - >Telephone bill
  - >Homestead Exemption form
  - >Current lease or mortgage payment
  - >Cable or internet service bill
  - >Official letter from Family Services
  - >LA State ID card
  - >Sewerage & Water Board bill
  - >Driver's license (front & back)
  - >Payroll check stub with home address
  - >Property tax bill
  - >Energy bill
- Current Individualized Accommodation Plan (IAP/504 Plan) documentation, if student is eligible for testing accommodations.

# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

## CONTINUED

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

#### **Acceptance to the 9th grade requires:**

1. Residency in Orleans Parish which has been proven with three residency documents.
2. 88 points on the admissions matrix which come from the reading, language, and math portions of the Admissions Test and the 1st trimester or mid-year report card from 8th grade.
3. Promotion by the current school to 9th grade with no failing grades in academic subjects and a minimum 2.0 GPA in academic courses, as documented by a year-end report card.

#### **Acceptance to the 10th grade requires:**

1. Residency in Orleans Parish, which has been proven with three residency documents.
2. 88 points on the admissions matrix from the reading, language, and math portions of the Admissions Test and the 1st trimester or mid-year report card from 9th grade.
3. Promotion by the current school to 10th grade with no failing grades in academic subjects and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in academic courses.
4. One full (1.0) credit each in English, math, science and social studies from the 9th grade school as documented in an official year-end transcript.

#### **Acceptance for 11th grade requires:**

1. Residency in Orleans Parish, which has been proven with three residency documents.
2. 108 points on our matrix from the reading, language, and math portions of the Admissions Test and the student's official transcript showing all high school grades (final 9th grade and mid-year 10th grade report cards).
3. Promotion by the current school to the 11th grade with no failing grades in academic subjects and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in academic courses.
4. Two full credits (2.0) each in English, math, science, social studies, and one full credit (1.0) in a foreign language as documented in an official year-end transcript.

#### **Applying for 12th grade:**

Applications are not accepted for senior year.

**NOTE: We do not accept any students after the school year has begun.**

### VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

- **Our Admissions Open House is held in the fall every year; check the Admissions Calendar for the date and time.** Our students, teachers, and administrators will be available to provide tours of the school, explain our academic and extracurricular programs and to answer questions.
- Families may schedule tours of the school by calling or emailing the Admissions Office. We are happy to provide guided tours, but we do not provide for student "shadow" days.

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# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

## 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 904 students in ninth through twelfth grades. Our students come from all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and include a 56% minority population. There are 208 students (133 female, 75 male) in the twelfth grade. Of the senior class, 100% plan to attend four-year colleges after graduation, on average, 25% of our graduates have been recognized by the National Merit, National Achievement, and/or National Hispanic Scholars Programs.

## 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 2016

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 fine arts, 1.5 in physical education, .5 in health, and students must complete an Individualized Research Project in order to graduate.

## 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 (67-74), F (below 67).
- 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 2015

(H) Honors (G) Gifted (AP) Advanced Placement

Mathematics (4 units required)	Social Sciences (4 units required)	Physical Education	Science (4 units required)	Computer Programming I
Algebra I (H) (G)	Civics (H) .5, 1	1.5 units required I-II	Biology I (H)	Computer Science
Geometry (H) (G)	U.S. History (H) (AP)	.5 unit health	Biology II (AP)	Music Appreciation (H)
Algebra II (H) (G)	Psychology (AP)	2 units elective	Earth Science (H)	Media Arts I, II
Pre-Calculus (H) (G)	Human Geography (AP)		Chemistry I (H)	Music Theory I (H) or II (AP)
Calculus (H), AP (AB) (BC)	Free Enterprise (H) .5	Foreign Language	Chemistry II (AP)	Orchestra I-IV (H)
Computer Science (AP)	Twentieth Century History (H)	3 units required	Environmental Science (H) (AP)	Philosophy
Statistics (AP)	Greek/Roman History (H)	Chinese I-III (H)	Physics I (H)	Publications I, II
	European History (AP)	French I-III (H)	Physics C: Mechanics (AP)	Speech I-III
English (4 units required)	American Government (AP) .5, 1	French IV (AP), V (H)		Technical Theater (Stagecraft)
English I (H) (G)	Russian History (H)	German I-III (H)	Electives (3 units required)	Theater I
English II (H) (G)	World History (H) (AP)	German IV (AP)	African Studies	Talented in Visual Art I-IV
English III (H) (AP)	World Geography (H)	Latin I-III (H)	Astronomy	Talented in Theater I-IV
English IV (H) (G) (AP)	Economics (AP)	Spanish I-III (H)	Art I-III, IV (Studio Art AP)	PE III-IV
African American Literature	Comparative Government	Spanish IV-V (AP)	Art History (AP)	Vocal Music
Contemporary Literature	Women's Studies		Band I-IV (H)	
Creative Writing I & II (H)			Choir I-IV (H)	
Latin American Literature				

## 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, culinary and visual arts.

## TESTING PROFILE

### SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION for Class of 2015

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
Critical Reading	590-730	664	
Math	570-710	640	
Writing	590-730	653	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1760-2150</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>75</b>

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total AP Students	313	384	449	452	493
Number of Exams	580	698	810	821	891
Number of AP Scholar Awards	100	122	156	172	205
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	81.5	84.4	84.0	87	90.1

### ACT for Class of 2015

	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
English	25-34	29.5	
Math	24-28	26.3	
Reading	26-33	29.5	
Science Reasoning	24-31	27.2	
<b>Composite</b>	<b>25-31</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>205</b>

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

CLASS	2013	2014	2015	2016
National Merit Finalist	22	17	20	
Semifinalist	27	25	25	22
Commended	12	15	5	17
National Achievement Finalist	4	7	6	*
Semifinalist	9	15	10	*
Commended	6	2		*
National Hispanic Scholars	1	3	1	1

\* this program has been discontinued

# COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SUMMARY – CLASSES OF 2011 - 2015

AMDA - College & Conservatory	1	Eckerd College	1	Nicholls State University	4	<b>University of Alabama</b>	<b>26</b>
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	1	Elon University	4	North Carolina A&T State University	2	University of Arizona	9
<b>American University</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.</b>	<b>1</b>	North Carolina State University	1	University of British Columbia	2
Amherst College	2	Emerson College	6	<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	<b>10</b>
Andrews University	2	<b>Emory University</b>	<b>28</b>	Northwestern State University of LA	8	University of California, Davis	3
Appalachian State University	1	Evergreen State College	1	Northwestern University	8	University of California, Irvine	3
<b>Arizona State University</b>	<b>11</b>	Florida A&M University	7	<b>Oberlin College</b>	<b>6</b>	University of California, Los Angeles	4
Auburn University	24	Florida Atlantic University	1	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	2	University of California, San Diego	3
Azusa Pacific University	2	<b>Florida Institute of Technology</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Occidental College</b>	<b>5</b>	University of California, Santa Barbara	6
Ball State University	1	Florida International University	2	Oglethorpe University	11	University of California, Santa Cruz	5
<b>Bard College</b>	<b>12</b>	Florida State University	5	Ohio State University	4	<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Barnard College</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>47</b>	Otterbein University	1	<b>University of Colorado at Boulder</b>	<b>20</b>
Barry University	3	Franklin and Marshall College	1	<b>Pace University, New York City</b>	<b>7</b>	University of Denver	3
Bates College	2	Furman University	5	Pennsylvania State University	9	University of Edinburgh	1
Baylor University	17	George Mason University	4	Pomona College	3	University of Florida	4
Belmont University	3	George Washington University	10	Portland State University	3	University of Georgia	21
Beloit College	2	Georgetown University	6	Prairie View A&M University	3	University of Illinois at Urbana	7
Bennington College	3	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	<b>20</b>	Pratt Institute	4	<b>University of Louisiana</b>	<b>41</b>
Bentley University	1	Georgia State University	1	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>4</b>	University of Louisiana at Monroe	5
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	<b>3</b>	Goucher College	2	Providence College	1	University of Maryland, College Park	8
Boston College	6	<b>Grinnell College</b>	<b>6</b>	Reed College	9	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	7
Boston Conservatory	4	Hamilton College - NY	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	8	<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>14</b>	Hampshire College	2	Rhode Island School of Design	2	University of Michigan	13
Bowdoin College	1	Hampton University	4	<b>Rhodes College</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>University of Minnesota -</b>	<b>2</b>
Bradley University	2	<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>7</b>	Rice University	9	<b>Twin Cities</b>	
Brandeis University	1	Haverford College	1	Richmond College in London	1	<b>University of Mississippi</b>	<b>7</b>
Brown University	3	Hawaii Pacific University	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	5	<b>University of Montreal</b>	<b>1</b>
Bryn Mawr College	2	Hendrix College	10	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	3	<b>University of New Orleans</b>	<b>95</b>
Bucknell University	1	Hollins University	2	Rutgers University	2	University of North Carolina at Asheville	18
Butler University	2	Howard University	47	Saint Louis University	7	University of N. Carolina at Chapel Hill	18
California Institute of Technology	1	Illinois Institute of Technology	1	Santa Clara University	4	University of Notre Dame	4
California Polytechnic State University	3	Immaculata University	2	Santa Fe University of Art and Design	4	University of Oregon	8
California State University, Monterey Bay	1	Indiana University at Bloomington	11	<b>Sarah Lawrence College</b>	<b>7</b>	University of Pennsylvania	4
California State University, Northridge	1	Ithaca College	6	<b>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>University of Portland</b>	<b>3</b>
Calvin College	1	<b>Jackson State University</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>	<b>5</b>	University of Richmond	4
Carleton College	3	Jacobs University	1	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	2	University of Rochester	4
Carnegie Mellon University	5	James Madison University	2	Scripps College	1	University of San Diego	8
Case Western Reserve University	4	John Cabot University	1	Seattle University	3	University of San Francisco	29
Centre College	1	<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>8</b>	Sewanee: The University of the South	5	University of South Alabama	3
Champlain College	2	Juilliard School	1	Skidmore College	2	<b>University of Southern California</b>	<b>34</b>
Chapman University	2	Kansas City Art Institute	1	Smith College	3	University of Southern Mississippi	4
Christian Brothers University	1	Kenyon College	5	Southeastern Louisiana University	4	University of Tampa	6
City University of New York	2	Knox College	1	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	<b>11</b>	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	3
Claremont McKenna College	1	Lehigh University	1	Southern University and A&M College	7	University of Texas, Austin	21
Clark Atlanta University	1	Lewis & Clark College	9	Southwestern University	3	University of Texas, Dallas	3
Clark University	3	<b>Louisiana State University</b>	<b>461</b>	Spelman College	5	University of Vermont	3
Clemson University	2	Louisiana Tech University	13	Spring Hill College	12	<b>University of Virginia</b>	<b>15</b>
Colby College	2	Loyola Marymount University	1	<b>St. Edward's University</b>	<b>10</b>	University of Washington	4
Colgate University	1	<b>Loyola University Chicago</b>	<b>9</b>	St. John's College	1	University of Wisconsin, Madison	6
College of Charleston	8	Loyola University Maryland	4	St. John's University - Queens Campus	16	University of York	1
College of William and Mary	3	<b>Loyola University New Orleans</b>	<b>153</b>	Stanford University	6	Vanderbilt University	13
College of Wooster	2	<b>Macalester College</b>	<b>5</b>	Swarthmore College	3	Vassar College	3
Colorado School of Mines	1	Manhattanville College	2	Syracuse University	10	Villanova University	1
Colorado State University	5	Mannes College of Music	1	Texas A&M University	7	Virginia Commonwealth University	2
Columbia College Chicago	7	Marquette University	1	Texas Christian University	8	Virginia Tech	9
Columbia University	5	Maryland Institute College of Art	6	The New School - Eugene Lang College	4	Washington and Lee University	2
<b>Concordia University - Montreal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	<b>4</b>	Trinity College	1	Washington University in St. Louis	21
Connecticut College	2	McGill University	7	Trinity University	9	Webster University	5
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>4</b>	Michigan State University	2	Tufts University	5	Wellesley College	2
Dartmouth College	5	Middlebury College	4	<b>Tulane University</b>	<b>200</b>	Wesleyan University	5
Davidson College	4	Millsaps College	13	Tuskegee University	5	Whittier College	3
Delgado Community College	1	<b>Mississippi State University</b>	<b>5</b>	Union College	1	Williams College	1
DePaul University	9	Montclair State University	2	United States Air Force Academy	1	<b>Xavier University of Louisiana</b>	<b>85</b>
DePauw University	1	Morehouse College	5	United States Coast Guard Academy	1	<b>Yale University</b>	<b>2</b>
Dickinson College	2	<b>Mount Holyoke College</b>	<b>2</b>	United States Military Academy - Army	1		
Dillard University	6	New College of Florida	2	<b>United States Naval Academy</b>	<b>3</b>		
Duke University	8	New York Institute of Technology	1	<b>University College Dublin -</b>	<b>1</b>		
Eastman School of Music	1	<b>New York University</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>the Medical School</b>			