

W.P. DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL

W.P. Davidson serves grades 9-12 and is part of the Mobile County Public School System. It was founded in 1960 and is located in the inner city of Mobile, Alabama.

We offer three rigorous, college preparatory pathways in addition to the standard high school curriculum: IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme), AP (Advanced Placement), and EPIC (Engineering Pathways Integrated Curriculum).

OUR COMMUNITY

W. P. Davidson High School is in the inner city of Mobile, Alabama. The city of Mobile has an average population of 192,904 and spans 180 square miles. The mean household income in the city is \$58,921 and median rent is about \$800 per month. 22% of the population is under the age of 18 while 15.5% is over 65.

The city has experienced new industry growth over the last 10 years. Most notable additions are: a Carnival cruise ship, an Airbus manufacturing facility, and both Walmart and Amazon distribution centers.

OUR STUDENTS

1667 Total Enrollment

350 Class of 2020

92 EPIC Class of 2020

23 IB Class of 2020

Our students come from 20 different middle schools. They represent over 30 mother tongue languages and 40 nationalities. 67% identify as non-Caucasian and 50.9% are from low-income families.

OUR FACULTY

108 faculty members

82 hold advanced degrees

7 are National Board Certified

5 are AP graders

4 are IB examiners

2 are published authors

"May the knowledge gained here better mankind."

~ DHS Motto, est. 1960

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a rigorous, two-year curriculum for juniors and seniors and is aimed at developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people. DHS was authorized in 2007 to offer the IBDP and we only offer the full candidate option.

Students who are interested in pursuing the IBDP are encouraged to participate in our preparatory curriculum for freshmen and sophomores. Students must have exhibited success in those years to matriculate into the IBDP.



The Engineering Pathways Integrated Curriculum (EPIC) is a small learning community established by DHS in 2004. Students participate in EPIC Career Preparation their Freshmen year and at the end of that year select an area of elective focus for the next three years: Engineering, Biomedical, or Computer Science. Students must apply to enter the program and exhibit success each year in order to continue.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available to all students enrolled at DHS. Additionally, we use AP courses to support the EPIC and IBDP through core and elective offerings.



21

ATHLETIC TEAMS

28

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

OUR TRANSCRIPT

Senior class ranking, published in February, is established at the end of the first semester of the senior year and reflects seven semesters. All courses are included in the GPA which is calculated using a standard scale of quality points: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 E=0

Honors (HR); College Preparatory (CP); and certain EPIC (EP) courses are weighted with one (1) additional quality point (except in the cases of failure). Advanced Placement (AP) courses are weighted with one and a half (1.5) additional quality points. International Baccalaureate (IB) courses carry two (2) additional quality points.

Davidson students have the opportunity to earn 8 credits in a school year and must earn 28 credits to graduate. Some self-paced computer-assisted credit recovery opportunities are available through district programs. Each traditional class credit or unit posted to the transcript represents a minimum of 140 hours of instruction. When 1/2 credit is posted, 1/2 the hours of instruction are required. We run a modified block schedule in which some courses meet for 18 weeks, 100 minutes a day, while others meet all year for approximately half that time.

OUR DISTINCTIONS

AdvancED Accreditation

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

IB Authorized World School

US News & World Report Best High Schools - Silver



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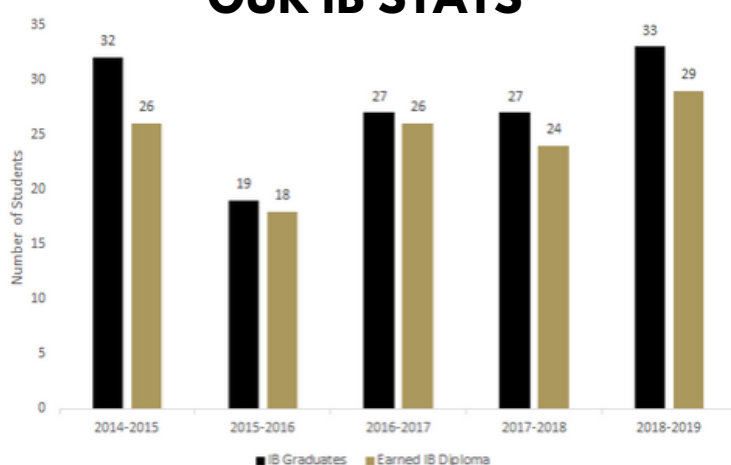
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OUR ACT STATS

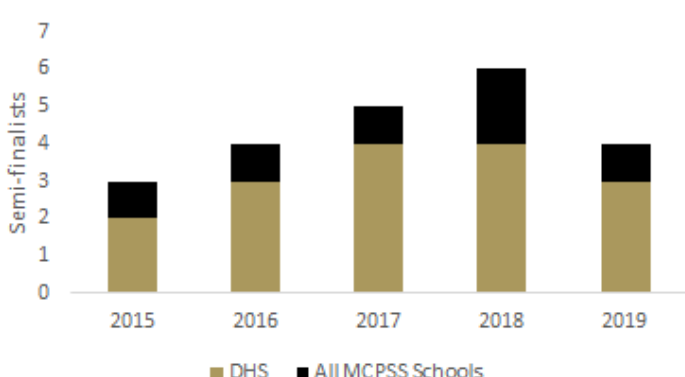
- IB c/o 2019 Average: 31
- EPIC c/o 2019 Average: 28
- School-wide Average*: 18.9
- 3 students in c/o 2019 earned a score of 36
- Highest ACT average in our district for the last 7 years (out of 12 high schools)

*April, 2019 state-wide administration of ACT required of all juniors

OUR IB STATS



OUR NATIONAL MERIT STATS



OUR AP STATS

- 282 students took a total of 509 exams*
- 70% of students earned a 3 or higher*
- 90 students named AP Scholars*
- Most AP courses are reserved for juniors and seniors
- Students are limited in the number of AP courses per year due to scheduling

*Results for May, 2019 exam session

OUR AP COURSES

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| Biology | English Literature & Composition | Physics 1 |
| Calculus AB | Environmental Science | Physics C: Mechanics |
| Calculus BC | French Language & Culture | Psychology |
| Chemistry | German Language & Culture | Spanish Language & Culture |
| Computer Science A | Human Geography | Statistics |
| Computer Science Principles | Macroeconomics | US Government & Politics |
| English Language & Composition | Music Theory | US History |
| | | World History |

OUR IB COURSES

- HL English Literature
- HL History of the Americas
- HL Biology or Chemistry
- SL Mathematical Studies or Mathematics
- SL French B, German B, or Spanish B
- SL Dance, Film, or Music
- Theory of Knowledge

OUR GRADE DISTRIBUTIONS

Grades for select courses from 2018-2019 given in percentages

Course	A	B	C	D or below
AP Human Geography	36	32	27	5
CP Physics	20	44	20	16
HR Precalculus	11	34	30	25
IB Biology Yr 1	33	50	17	0
AP Calculus AB	13	28	40	19
AP Physics 1	57	43	0	0
IB Chemistry Yr 1	9	82	9	0
AP English Lang & Comp	27	59	14	0

OUR POST-GRADUATION STATS

Class of 2019:

- 35%** 4-year University
- 40%** 2-year degree program
- 25%** military or workforce

OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

323 graduates received
157 scholarships that totaled

\$18,531,284

OUR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION SINCE 2014

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| Alabama A&M University | Jacksonville State University | Southeast Missouri State University | University of Montevallo |
| Alabama State University | Johns Hopkins University | Rice University | University of North Texas |
| American Musical & Dramatic Academy | Johnson and Wales | Samford University | University of Pennsylvania |
| Arizona State University | Judson College | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Richmond |
| Auburn University | Kalamazoo College | Southeast Missouri State University | University of Rochester |
| Baylor University | Louisiana State University | Southern Methodist University | University of South Alabama |
| Birmingham Southern College | Loyola | Spring Hill College | University of Southern California |
| Bishop State Community College | University of New Orleans | Texas A&M University | University of Southern Mississippi |
| Brigham Young University | Mercer University | Troy University | University of Texas at Austin |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Miles College | Tulane University | University of Texas at Dallas |
| Clemson University | Mississippi College | Tuskegee University | University of West Florida |
| Coastal Alabama Community College | Mississippi State University | United State Air Force Academy | Valdosta State University |
| College of Charleston | New York University | University of Alabama | Vanderbilt University |
| Columbia University | Oxford College at Emory | University of Alabama at Birmingham | Vienna University of Economics & Business |
| Duke University | Perdue University | University of Alabama at Huntsville | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Emory University | Princeton University | University of Cincinnati | Virginia State University |
| Florida State | Rhodes College | University of Colorado | Washington University of St. Louis |
| Furman University | Rice University | University of Maine at Orono | Wellesley College |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Samford University | University of Mississippi | William Carey University |
| Huntingdon College | Savannah College of Art & Design | University of Mobile | Xavier University New Orleans |
| | | | Yale University |

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