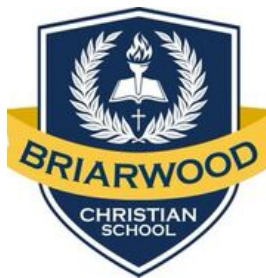


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SCHOOL PROFILE 2016 - 2017

Mission

Briarwood Christian School provides excellence in education in a Christ-centered environment through impact-oriented leadership that will challenge and inspire the whole student, equipping each student to glorify God by responsible action in contemporary society.

School

Briarwood Christian School, located in the suburbs of Birmingham, Alabama was founded in 1964 as a ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Briarwood Christian School is a coeducational, college preparatory school and provides a competitive curriculum on two campuses. Total enrollment for grades K-12 is 1875. The high school enrollment is 559.

Community Service

Because the true goal of all Christian education is to help the student become like Jesus Christ, and because Jesus Christ by His own statement was a servant, service to those who cannot repay us is an important facet of the curriculum at BCS. All high school students at BCS are required to fulfill Bible service hours each year they are enrolled. Freshman and Sophomores are required to contribute ten hours each year; juniors and seniors twenty hours each year, to projects that involve them directly with people in need.

Accelerated Standing

Students who have taken Algebra I in the eighth grade and demonstrate proficiency may be placed on an accelerated track in math and science beginning freshman year.

Selection to Honors and AP Courses

Students receive an invitation from departments offering the course based on past performance, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations. Honors designation and weighting does not begin until the 10th grade year.

Graduation Requirements

<u>College Preparatory Diploma</u>		<u>Honors Major Diploma</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Bible	4	Bible	4
English	4	English (2 Honors, 1 AP)	4
Mathematics	3	Mathematics (2 Honors, 1 AP)	4
Science (w/Labs)	3	Science (w/Labs, 2 Honors, 1 AP)	4
World Language	1	World Language	2
Fine Arts	1	Fine Arts	1
Computer Literacy	.5	Computer Literacy	.5
Physical Education/Health	1	Physical Education/Health	1
Electives	<u>3.5</u>	Electives	<u>1.5</u>
	25		26

Academics

College Preparatory

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
Algebra 1
Geometry
Algebra II
Precalculus
Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry
Calculus
Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Intro to Robotics
Competition Robotics
Engineering Computations w/MATLAB
Introduction to CADD
Forensics
Anatomy and Physiology
Bible 9, 10, 11, and 12
World History
European History/Intro to U.S. History
U.S. History
Economics/Government
Chinese 1, 2, and 3
French 1, 2, 3, and 4
Latin 1, 2, and 3
Spanish 1, 2, 3

Accelerated Courses

Accelerated Geometry
Advanced Geometry
Advanced Physics

Honors Courses

English 10
English 11
Algebra II
Precalculus
Math Team
Chemistry
Biology
European History/Intro to U.S. History

Advanced Placement

English Literature and Composition
Calculus AB
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics 2
Physics C
Psychology
Spanish

Dual Enrollment

Precalculus
AP U.S. History

Class of 2016 – Statistics

There were 135 students in the class of 2016 and 99% were offered admission to a college or university. Students were accepted to a combined total of 104 colleges across the country and will enroll in 30 different institutions.

Higher Education Enrollment Statistics for the Class of 2016

Four-year college/university: 95%

In-state: 83%

Private: 22%

Two-year/Gap year: 4%

Out-of-state: 17%

Public: 78%

Grading and Class Rank

Briarwood does not rank students. Instead, a grade distribution and the grading scale are provided below. Each transcript also includes a cumulative weighted GPA. Our weighted GPA adds 1.0 point to Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses, and .25 point to 9th grade Accelerated courses (Accelerated Geometry, Advanced Geometry, and Advanced Physics).

Grading Scale		
98-100	A+	4.4
93-97	A	4.2
90-92	A-	4.0
88-89	B+	3.4
83-87	B	3.2
80-82	B-	3.0
78-79	C+	2.4
73-77	C	2.2
70-72	C-	2.0
68-69	D+	1.4
63-67	D	1.2
60-62	D-	1.0
<59	F	0

Grade Distribution Class of 2016 through end of Senior Year (135 students)

GPA Quartiles	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Weighted	4.76 – 4.35	4.33 – 4.06	4.05 – 3.74	3.73 – 2.67

Grade Distribution Class of 2017 through end of Junior Year (131 students)

GPA Quartiles	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Weighted	4.72 – 4.37	4.36 – 4.00	3.99 – 3.57	3.54 – 2.28

National Merit Scholars/Standardized Test Scores - 5-Year Trend

<u>National Merit Scholars</u>				
Year	#Graduates	Finalist	Semi-Finalist	Commended
2016	135	1	1	2
2015	135	2	2	0
2014	140	2	2	0
2013	144	7	7	1
2012	148	3	3	2
<u>College Admission Test Scores</u>				
Class	ACT	National Average	SAT CR/M	National Mean
2016	26.0	20.8	NA	NA
2015	25.5	21.0	1104	1006
2014	25.6	21.0	1148	1010
2013	25.5	20.9	1181	1010
2012	25.7	21.1	1190	1010

Accreditation

Briarwood Christian School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (an accreditation division of AdvancED). Briarwood is also accredited with Exemplary School Status by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Class of 2016 Acceptances and Matriculations (in bold)

Anderson University	Georgia State University	University of Notre Dame
Asbury College	Gordon College	Oklahoma City University
University of Alabama	Houston Baptist University	University of the Ozarks
University of Alabama – Birmingham	University of Illinois	Penn State
University of Alabama – Huntsville	Jacksonville State University	Point Park University
Auburn University	Jefferson State	Portland State
University of Arkansas	Johnson and Wales	Providence Christian College
Baylor University	University of Kansas	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Belhaven College	University of Kentucky	University of Rochester
Berry College	The Kings College	Samford University
Birmingham Southern College	Lawson State	Savannah School of Art and Design
Boston College	Liberty University	Shelton State
University of Central Florida	Lindsey Wilson College	University of South Alabama
University of Cincinnati	Louisiana State University	University of South Carolina
Clemson University	Loyola University	University of Southern Mississippi
Coastal Carolina University	University of Memphis	Southern Methodist University
Colorado Christian	University of Michigan	University of Tennessee
Colorado School of Mines	University of Mississippi	Texas Christian University
Culinary Institute of America	Mississippi College	Troy University
Covenant College	Mississippi State University	Tuskegee University
Emory University	Molloy College	U.S. Air Force Academy
Faulkner University	Montclair State	U.S. Military Academy
Florida Atlantic University	University of Montevallo	U.S. Naval Academy
Furman University	University of Mount Union	University of West Florida
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of North Alabama	Westmont College