



**Briarwood Christian School**

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**Principal:** Shawn Brower, Ed.D.  
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**Enrollment**  
Grades 9-12: 570 Students  
Class of 2016: 136

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.

Briarwood employs 48 teaching faculty with 69% holding a master's degree or above. The class of 2015 received over \$6.5 million in scholarship, accumulated over 8,400 service hours and had a 99% college placement rate.

**ACADEMICS**

College Preparatory

English 9  
English 10  
English 11  
English 12  
Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Algebra II  
Precalculus  
Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry  
Calculus  
Physics 9  
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, and 3  
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Computer Literacy

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  
Calculus BC  
Statistics  
Physics 2  
Physics C  
Chemistry  
Biology  
U.S. History

Dual Enrollment

Precalculus  
U.S. History

Graduation Requirements

**College Preparatory Diploma**

Course	Units
Bible	4
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science (w/Labs)	3
Foreign Language	1
Fine Arts	1
Computer Literacy	.5
Physical Education/Health	1
Electives	3.5
	<u>25</u>

**Honors Major Diploma**

Course	Units
Bible	4
English (3 Honors)	4
Mathematics (3 Honors)	4
Science (w/Labs, 3 Honors)	4
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Computer Literacy	.5
Physical Education/Health	1
Electives	1.5
	<u>26</u>

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	1.3
60-62	D-	1.0
below 60	F	0

### Athletics

**Men's Athletics:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Track

**Women's Athletics:** Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track, Volleyball

### Fine Arts

Concert Band, Marching Band, Instrumental Techniques, Show Choir, Worship Leadership, Drama I, II and III, Creative Writing, Annual, Magazine Design, Journalism, Documentaries, Films, Films and Worldview, Photography I and II, Art I, II and III, Speech, Video Production

### Service Hours

Minimum: 60 hours over 4 years

### Special Programs

Weekly Chapel, Career Day, Christian College Fair, College Fair for Juniors, Competitions for: Marching Band, Concert Band, Show Choir, Creative Writing, Math Team, Robotics

### National Merit Scholars

Year	#Graduates	Finalist	Semi-Finalist	Commended
2015	135	2	2	0
2014	140	2	2	0
2013	144	7	7	1
2012	148	3	3	2
2011	136	0	0	2

### College Admission Test Scores

Class	ACT	National Average	SAT CR/M	National Mean
2015	25.5	21.0	NA	NA
2014	25.6	21.0	1186	NA
2013	25.5	20.9	1181	1010
2012	25.7	21.1	1190	1010
2011	26.2	21.0	1183	1011

### CLASS OF 2016

Cumulative Grade Distribution by Quartiles  
(6 semesters)  
136 Student

Quartiles	GPA Range
1 <sup>st</sup>	4.74 – 4.38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.37 – 4.09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.07 – 3.72
4 <sup>th</sup>	3.71 – 2.79

### 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 Christian School is also accredited with Exemplary School Status by The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

CEEB School Code: 010332

### Grade Point Calculation

Grades are calculated at the semester. Students enrolled in Honors, Advanced Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment courses receive one additional quality point per course. Accelerated Geometry, Advanced Geometry, and Advanced Physics courses receive .25 additional quality points. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) begins with the first semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### College Acceptances and Matriculations

(Matriculations are in bold lettering)

Alabama Fire College	University of Mississippi
Anderson University	University of Mobile
Appalachian State University	University of Montana
Atlanta Christian College	University of Montevallo
University of Alabama	Mount Holyoke College
University of Alabama-Birmingham	Murray State University
University of Alabama-Huntsville	New York University
University of the Arts	University of North Alabama
Appalachian State University	University of NC-Charlotte
Auburn University	University of NC-Chapel Hill
Auburn University-Montgomery	University of N Colorado
Baylor University	University of Notre Dame
Belhaven College	Northwestern University
Belmont University	Oakwood University
Berry College	Oglethorpe University
Birmingham Southern College	University of Oregon
Brookhaven College	Pace University
Bryan College	Palm Beach Atlantic University
University of California-San Diego	Penn State
Campbell University	University of Pittsburg-Titusville
Carson Newman	Point Park University
Central Alabama Community College	Presbyterian College
Columbia University	Princeton University
University of Central Florida	Queens University of Charlotte
University of Chicago	Rhodes College
Charleston Southern University	Rice University
The Citadel	Robert Morris University
Clemson University	Saint John's University
College of Charleston	Samford University
University of Connecticut	San Diego State University
Covenant College	Savannah College of Art/Design
Davidson College	Shelton State Comm. College
Duke University	Shorter College
Eastern Nazarene College	University of St. Andrews
Elon University	University of South Alabama
Emory University	Sewanee
Emerson College	University of South Carolina
Falcon Aviation Academy	University of So Mississippi
Fashion Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University
Faulkner University	Southern Union Comm College
University of Florida	University of Southern California
Florida A & M University	Spring Hill College
Florida Atlantic University	Stetson University
Florida State University	University of Tampa
University of North Florida	University of Tennessee
Furman University	Tennessee Tech
Gardner Webb University	University of Texas
George Mason University	Texas A & M
Georgetown University	Texas Christian University
University of Georgia	Texas State University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Trinity Christian College
Gordon College	Trinity International College
Hampden-Sydney College	Troy University
Harding College	Tulane University
Harvard University	Tuskegee University
Howard University	Union University
University of Illinois	U. S. Air Force Academy
Huntingdon College	U. S. Merchant Marine Acad
Jefferson State Community College	U. S. Military Academy
Judson College	U. S. Naval Academy
The Kings College	Vanderbilt University
University of Kentucky	University of Virginia
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Virginia Commonwealth Univ
Lee University	Virginia Tech
Liberty University	Viterbo University
Lipscomb University	Wake Forest University
Louisiana State University	University of Washington
Louisiana Tech University	Washington State University
Loyola University Chicago	Washington and Lee University
Mercer University	Washington Univ in St. Louis
Moody Bible Institute	University of West Florida
University of Miami	Wheaton College
University of Michigan	William Carey University
Millikin University	Wofford College
Millsaps College	

### Class Rank Policy

Briarwood students do not all take the same courses, so a cumulative ranking is not an accurate representation of their relative academic achievement. Therefore, Briarwood does not rank students.