



# The Brook Hill School

Christ-Centered. College Prep.

***The Brook Hill School...impacting culture through comprehensive, quality, Christ-centered, college preparatory education.***

The Brook Hill School is a vibrant, private, Christian school located on more than 200 scenic acres in East Texas. The school campus includes college-quality facilities, a Smithsonian-quality museum and a boarding community of students from around the country and the world.

Education at Brook Hill strives to develop the whole student. A balance of instruction is offered so that students grow in knowledge, skills, and wisdom through the perspective of a biblical worldview. This strong balance contributes to the academic success that abounds at Brook Hill.

## **MISSION**

The Brook Hill School provides excellence in college preparatory education, affirms the gifts and challenges the potential of each student, and encourages students to honor God through Christ-like character.

## **VISION**

The Brook Hill School is committed to training students to be confident in both their faith and their education. A Brook Hill education prepares them to read insightfully, think critically, solve problems logically, and communicate effectively within the framework of a Biblical worldview. Brook Hill students are encouraged to discuss ideas with genuine intellectual inquiry and Christian charity. A Brook Hill foundation equips them to make good decisions, grounded in the faith; to face the challenges of the real world, without being sheltered from them; and to impact others for God's glory.

## **GUARD CHARGE**

As a community, our members strive to: LIVE PURE, SPEAK TRUE, RIGHT WRONG, SERVE OTHERS, and FOLLOW THE KING.

## **COMMUNITY**

The Brook Hill School is located within the city limits of Bullard, Texas and approximately ten miles south of Tyler. More than three quarters of our students come from 22 different communities throughout East Texas but primarily the Bullard/Flint/Tyler area. Because of our boarding program we also enroll students from points further in Texas, the US, and from over 20 foreign countries.

## **FACULTY**

Brook Hill hires true experts in the various academic fields. With over 70% of the upper school faculty holding advanced degrees, it is no surprise that Brook Hill has teachers collaborating with major universities on innovative curriculum, teachers presenting papers and lectures at symposiums, and published authors among its faculty. Brook Hill teachers know their subjects and are recognized by the greater academic community as leaders.

## **SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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School Code

440989

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Headmaster – Rod Fletcher

Dean of Academics – Brian Nelson

Upper School Principal – Michelle Rozell

College Counselor – Celia Tucker

College Counselor – Ashley Bouwer

Athletic Director – Wally Dawkins

Fine Arts Director – Glenn Ballard

## **ACCREDITATION**

AdvancED

## **AFFILIATIONS**

National and Texas Associations of College Admission

Counseling; Texas Association of Nonpublic Schools;

Association of Christian Schools International; The Association of Boarding Schools

## **AMERICAN FREEDOM MUSEUM**

An extension of The Brook Hill School, The American Freedom Museum illuminates the American experience during crucial moments in our nation's history. From the hills and valleys of the American Revolution to the sands of Iraq and Afghanistan, you will step into history and discover the journey of those in our nation's military who have courageously and heroically sacrificed to ensure the many freedoms that we enjoy today.

Its mission is to *honor* American veteran's and military personnel for the sacrifices they have made for our freedoms; *educate* this and future generations about our rich heritage; and *inspire* others to achieve greatness.

The Museum welcomes students and visitors of all ages to a facility of 15,000 square feet and housing over 650 artifacts on display. For those taking part in one of the Museum courses, the learning experience can be approached from almost any academic discipline. The Hall of Presidents includes a signed document by every president from George Washington through our current president. The Hall of Freedom's 15 galleries chronicles the major conflicts in which our nation has been involved. *This is America's story. This is your story.*

## CAMPUS LIFE

At Brook Hill extra-curricular and co-curricular programs are an integral part of the educational experience. Whether one is gifted academically, artistically or athletically, the students at Brook Hill are provided countless opportunities to be challenged: academic competition teams, vocal and instrumental music programs, theater and visual arts classes plus a full complement of sports and interest-based clubs. Even outside of the traditional academic arena, students will find opportunities to achieve success.

### SPORTS

Football, Volleyball, Cross-country, Cheerleading, Drill team, Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Baseball, Softball, and Track

### FINE ARTS

Choir, Drama, Dance, Drum line, Guitar, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Visual art

### CLUBS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Council, Prefect system, International Club, Archery, Bass Fishing

## ADMISSION

The Brook Hill School has a selective admission policy. Students are considered on the basis of academic performance, standardized testing, and character references. Average to above-average students are considered for admission.

## STUDENT BODY

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Grade Pre-K - Grade 12             | 650 |
| Upper School                       | 265 |
| Senior Class                       | 63  |
| Upper School Student/Teacher Ratio | 9:1 |

## UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

### GENDER

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Female | 138 |
| Male   | 127 |

### RACE

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| White            | 173 |
| Asian            | 44  |
| Black            | 31  |
| Some other race  | 11  |
| 2 or more        | 5   |
| Pacific Islander | 1   |

### NATIVE LANGUAGES

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Arabic  | 1   |
| Chinese | 21  |
| English | 219 |
| French  | 1   |
| German  | 2   |
| Korean  | 11  |
| Russian | 1   |
| Spanish | 4   |
| Thai    | 2   |

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Urdu       | 1 |
| Vietnamese | 2 |

## HONOR CODE

The Brook Hill Honor Code is a covenant among the members of the community that calls for sound judgment and strong moral character in a Christian academic environment. Achievement of these goals depends on holding to standards that honor God and other people.

### HONOR CODE STATEMENT

As a student at The Brook Hill School, I understand that Brook Hill encourages students to honor God through Christ-like character, and that I, as a member of the Brook Hill community, pledge to refrain from lying, cheating, or stealing and I will not condone such behavior of those who do so.

## COLLEGE GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The Brook Hill School is committed to providing students the tools they need for success in life after high school. As a college-preparatory school, students benefit not only from quality academic instruction but are given the tools to make informed decisions about their college choice. Because every student is unique, the college or university of choice for each student must meet the particular needs of that student's gifts, individual desires, and personality. College Quest is a program of college awareness that begins in grade six and continues through graduation.

The College Quest program begins with an introduction to college life with day visits to college campuses for middle school students. Sixth graders visit University of Texas at Tyler, 7th grade visits East Texas Baptist University, and 8th graders travel to Stephen F. Austin State University. Upper school students take multi-day trips visiting an additional ten college campuses before graduation.

While the college visits are fun, the purpose of the program is to give students the opportunity to research college choices in person. While websites and brochures are informative, there is nothing like being on a campus to know if you think you will "fit in." Personal campus visits offer a glimpse into the different personality of each school, provide information about academic options in college, help students understand the college selection process (including admissions, scholarships and financial aid), and provide insight into what a student must do while in high school to become an attractive college applicant.

Throughout the school year, admissions counselors and recruiters from colleges and universities all over the US visit with Brook Hill students. Time is built into the school day for students to meet personally with representatives from the university level. This provides a chance to ask specific questions about each school and to make a personal connection to an admissions counselor.

College Quest 12 actually begins during the spring of the junior year with a College Kickoff event. This family activity helps to introduce students and their parents to the expectations of the college admission process. During the senior year, Senior Seminar provides seniors with topical discussions related to specific aspects of the college admission process. The Academic Counselor and special guests from the college admission world discuss issues related to college and financial aid planning. Students are encouraged to begin college admission testing during their junior

year. Although the senior class does not take a college tour as a group, students are encouraged to take personal tours to the college to which they are considering applying. Seniors also have one-on-one meetings with the Academic Counselor to plan and review their college admission progress.

To assist seniors as they make the transition from high school to college, The Brook Hill School requires seniors to take a one semester Senior Transitions class. This class both identifies common struggles for college freshmen and provides resources that prepare seniors to overcome those obstacles. Topics include spiritual disciplines, nutrition, exercise, personal finance, and college social life.

College Emphasis week centers around the local college fairs in the fall semester. During the week student are given the opportunity to interact with college representatives and parents are invited to "College & Coffee" events to discuss the college process.

### COLLEGE VISITATION

The Brook Hill School is committed to providing opportunities for colleges to visit with our students. We have designated times throughout the week for schools to visit with interested students. In addition, we can arrange a time for you to make a presentation to a group of students. Please contact Janda Gragg (ext. 1220) or Celia Tucker (ext. 1221) to schedule a visit.

### CALENDAR

Brook Hill's academic year runs from mid-August through the end of May with major school breaks at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring break. The year is comprised of two semesters of approximately 18 weeks each.

### SCHEDULE

The Upper School runs on a modified A/B block schedule with two 55-minute class periods meeting 4 days a week and six 90-minute alternating blocks.

### GRADING SCALE

| Grade    | GPA Point Value |
|----------|-----------------|
| A 90-100 | 4.00            |
| B 80-89  | 3.00            |
| C 70-79  | 2.00            |
| F 0-69   | 0.00            |

### GRADUATION PLANS

#### DISTINGUISHED PLAN

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| English             | 4 credits |
| History             | 3 credits |
| American History    | 1 credit  |
| American Government | ½ credit  |
| Macroeconomics      | ½ credit  |
| Mathematics         | 4 credits |
| Science             | 4 credits |
| Foreign Language    | 3 credits |
| Fine Arts           | 1 credit  |
| Bible               | 2 credits |
| Physical Education  | 1 credit  |
| Speech              | ½ credit  |

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Senior Seminar | ½ credit           |
| Electives      | 2 credits          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>27 credits*</b> |

\*At least four credits must be from the advanced course list.

#### REQUIRED PLAN

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| English             | 4 credits |
| History             | 3 credits |
| American History    | 1 credit  |
| American Government | ½ credit  |
| Macroeconomics      | ½ credit  |
| Mathematics         | 4 credits |
| Science             | 4 credits |
| Foreign Language    | 2 credits |
| Fine Arts           | 1 credit  |
| Bible               | 2 credits |
| Physical Education  | 1 credit  |
| Speech              | ½ credit  |
| Senior Seminar      | ½ credit  |
| Electives           | 2 credits |

**TOTAL** 26 credits

#### ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

##### MATH

Pre-AP Geometry, Pre-AP Algebra II, Dual-Credit College Algebra, Dual-Credit College Trigonometry, Dual-Credit Statistics\*, AP Statistics\*, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

##### SCIENCE

Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP Chemistry, Dual-Credit Anatomy & Physiology, Dual-Credit Environmental Science, Dual-Credit Biology, AP Biology\*, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics I, AP Physics II

##### SPANISH

Pre-AP Spanish III, AP Spanish Language & Culture

##### HISTORY

Pre-AP Humanities 9, Pre-AP Humanities 10, Advanced Modern Western Civilization, Dual-Credit Government, Dual Credit U.S. History

##### ENGLISH

Pre-AP Humanities 9, Pre-AP Humanities 10, Dual-Credit English 12, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition

##### BUSINESS

Dual-Credit Finance, Dual-Credit Financial Accounting, Dual-Credit Managerial Accounting, Dual-Credit Microeconomics, Dual-Credit Macroeconomics

##### FINE ARTS

AP Studio Art: 2-D Design, 3-D Design, & Drawing

\*Courses not offered 2016-2017 academic year

### GPA & CLASS RANK

Each student has a cumulative GPA calculated from traditional courses completed at The Brook Hill School in grades 9-12. Since our school is selective in admission, we feel rank in class is of little significance in predicting success in college. Our program is designed so that all of our students have a solid academic foundation and are well-prepared to perform in a demanding college environment. Therefore, we do not rank; however, we do weight numerical averages for determination of valedictorian and salutatorian. Select PR (Pre-AP), AD (Advanced), AP (Advanced Placement) and DC (Dual-Credit) classes successfully completed at The Brook Hill School are given an extra weight of 3 or 5 points for the increased level of difficulty.

The Valedictorian and the Salutatorian are determined by the cumulative numerical average derived from traditional courses completed at The Brook Hill School in grades 11-12; some numerical averages are weighted. No other rank is given.

### CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES

The Brook Hill School offers an advanced, college preparatory education culminates with college-level courses in all core areas. The distinct curriculum is rooted in the classical, liberal arts education from a Christian worldview based on universal truths, foundational principles, enduring traditions and the great literature of history taught in a multi-sensory, integrated format.

Brook Hill's Humanities program focuses on an intensive study of great writings, people, events, works and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization. Normative works of our culture are

studied within their historical settings helping the students understand how the works and the people who wrote them were influenced by their times. This method also reveals the universal nature of the great works, which are classics because they somehow speak to all men at all times. The upper school courses are organized chronologically, moving from ancient civilizations to modern times. Emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, and speaking/listening skills.

### SAT/ACT SUMMARY

Class of 2016

|               | Top 10% | Top 25% | Top 50% | All Students |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| SAT           |         |         |         |              |
| Critical Read | 678     | 637     | 580     | 508          |
| Math          | 762     | 701     | 623     | 533          |
| Writing       | 676     | 645     | 586     | 506          |
| ACT           |         |         |         |              |
| English       | 33      | 31      | 27      | 23           |
| Math          | 32      | 28      | 25      | 22           |
| Reading       | 34      | 31      | 28      | 23           |
| Science       | 31      | 29      | 26      | 23           |
| Composite     | 31      | 29      | 26      | 23           |

### MATRICULATION SUMMARY

All Brook Hill graduates from the Class of 2016 were accepted to and matriculated at a college/university.



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