



# 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 U.S., and from over 29 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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## **ADMINISTRATION**

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College Counselor – Celia Tucker

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Athletic Director – Wally Dawkins

Fine Arts Director – Glenn Ballard

## **ACCREDITATION**

AdvancED

## **AFFILIATIONS**

National Association for College Admission Counseling; Texas Association for College Admission Counseling; Association of Christian Schools International; The Association of Boarding Schools; Council on Educational Standards and Accountability; Texas Association of Private and Parochial 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.

## 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

## 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	671
Upper School	290
Senior Class	71
Upper School Student/Teacher Ratio	9:1

## UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

### GENDER

Female	48%
Male	52%
Students of color	38%

## NATIVE LANGUAGES

English is the primary language spoken at Brook Hill; however, the students in our boarding program diversify our culture by speaking a variety of languages such as Arabic, Mandarin, French, German, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

## 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

Enrollment at the university level continues to increase, and

getting into a student's school of choice is becoming even more competitive. 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. The College Guidance Program begins in grade six and continues through graduation.

The College Guidance Program begins with an introduction to college life with day visits to college campuses for middle school students. Sixth graders visit the The University of Texas at Tyler, 7<sup>th</sup> graders visit East Texas Baptist University, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders travel to Stephen F. Austin State University. Upper school students visit seven additional 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. Websites and brochures are informative, but 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 U.S. 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 students a chance to ask specific questions about each school and to make a personal connection to an admissions counselor.

The Brook Hill College Guidance Program is supported by standardized testing. A cohesive testing program provides families information to be used in preparation for college admission testing. Each year middle school students take the ERB CPT5 assessment while the 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders are given the PSAT. Juniors are encouraged to begin taking the ACT or SAT (or both) in the spring of their junior year.

Concentrated College Guidance actually begins during the fall of the junior year with a College Kickoff event. College Emphasis week centers around the local college fairs in the fall semester. During the week students are given the opportunity to interact with college representatives and parents are invited to evening grade-level events to discuss the college process. These family activities help to introduce students and their parents to the expectations of the college admission process. Senior Seminar provides seniors with topical discussions related to specific aspects of the college admission process. The Academic Counselors and special guests from college

admissions discuss issues related to college and financial aid planning. Students are encouraged to take the ACT or SAT in the spring of their junior year and the fall of their senior year and to apply to at least five colleges. 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 Counselors 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. The class both identifies common struggles for college freshmen and provides resources that prepare seniors to overcome those obstacles. Topics include spiritual disciplines, safety and security, personal finance, and college social life.

### 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.

### 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

Total 27 credits\*

\*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, Forensic Science

##### SPANISH

Pre-AP Spanish III, Advanced Spanish IV, 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 (College Credit is Intro to ECON), Dual-Credit Business Math, Dual-Credit Business Principles, Dual-Credit Marketing

##### FINE ARTS

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

\*Courses not offered 2018-2019 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. 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. We do not rank; however, we do weight numerical averages for determination of the top 10%\*, 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.

*\*Texas House Bill 588. This law guarantees Texas students who graduate in the top 10% of their high school class automatic admission to all state-funded universities.*

### CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES

The Brook Hill School offers an advanced, college preparatory education culminating with college-level courses in all core areas. The distinct curriculum is rooted in a classical, liberal arts education taught 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 2018

	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	All Students
<b>SAT</b>				
Total	1474	1419	1334	1204
Math	792	749	694	608
EBRW	728	692	655	596
<b>ACT</b>				
English	34	32	29	24
Math	29	28	26	23
Reading	35	32	29	24
Science	32	30	28	24
Composite	31	29	28	24

### MATRICULATION SUMMARY

All Brook Hill graduates from the Class of 2018 were accepted and matriculated to a college/university.



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