

PROFILE

JAMES E. TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Sandra Lacks, *9th Grade*
Andre Brooks, *10th Grade*
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Alicia Leung
Peggy Cameron
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Tiffany Mitchell
Professional Registrar
Christy Maeker
Registrar
Mirian Romero
Athletic Coordinator
Chad Simmons
Assistant Athletic Coordinator
Brooke Plemons

THE COMMUNITY

James E. Taylor High School is located 25 miles west of downtown Houston in a suburban area with a population of 26,609. The Katy Independent School District itself encompasses a large area consisting of over 90,000 students. The socio-economic level is predominantly middle to upper-middle class.

SCHOOL FACTS

James E. Taylor High School is a public, four-year secondary school with an enrollment of 3,032 students in grades nine through twelve. Taylor is one of nine high schools in the Katy Independent School District. The teaching faculty has 187 members. The school is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. The school has a very strong academic focus that reflects the interest, involvement, and profile of the school's parents, business and community leaders.

The school day consists of seven class periods which meet five days a week. Each class period is approximately 50 minutes in length. The school year is divided into two semesters with three six-week marking periods in each semester.

CAMPUS DEMOGRAPHICS

American Indian / Alaskan Native	.19%
Asian	14.49%
Black/African American	9.75%
Hispanic	32.78%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	.06%
Two or More Races	3.68%
White	39.03%

CLASS RANK

KISD uses a weighted 4.0 grading scale. Class Rank is based on a cumulative grade point average for grades 9-12, plus high school courses taken in junior high and credits earned via preapproved Katy ISD provider(s). Students are officially ranked for the first time after the fifth semester in high school.

Katy ISD only ranks the top 10% of the senior class. Quartile will only be populated on transcripts for students who are in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd quartile. Quartile will not show for students in the 4th quartile or students new to Katy ISD. A full year, one period course consisting of two semesters is equivalent to one credit.

CLASS OF 2023 QUARTILE RANK

Quartile	GPA
1	4.8462-3.9655
2	3.9636-3.4762
3	3.4737-2.9636
4	2.9615-1.7500

Number of Seniors 641

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM TEST RESULTS

Katy ISD	
Total Number of Exams	20,676
Scores 3 or higher	15,991
Percentage	77%
Taylor High School	
Percentage scoring 3 or better	86%

STATE ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE

STAAR/EOC Exams

Test	Approaches	Met	Masters
Algebra I	79%	52%	28%
Biology	97%	83%	52%
English I	86%	78%	34%
English II	85%	75%	21%
US History	98%	89%	70%

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Entering 4 yr college	65.5%
Entering 2 yr college	19.3%
Gap Year	7.2%
Military	2.1%
Entering tech college	2.1%
Workforce	3.7%

COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST SCORES

High School Graduates in 2022
(average scores)

SAT	Total
THS	1106
Texas	1000
National	1050
ACT	Total
THS	26

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Year	Semi-Finalists
2022-23	6
Year	Finalists
2022-23	6

CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS

- State Pole Vault Finalist
- Academic Decathlon earns 4th at State and Mr. and Mrs. Brunsell earned AcDec State Coaches of the Year
- Anjelica Werning- Katy ISD Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Cindi Adams- Katy ISD Clerical Paraprofessional of the Year
- THS Chess Team won 1st place at Katy ISD Invitational
- Two All-State TGCA Cheerleaders
- Two Swimming State Finalists-including a Silver medalist
- Taylor FFA brought home multiple state and national awards.
- UIL Theatrical Design State Qualifier & One Act Play Area Finalist
- UIL State Marching Band Finalists



KISD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a passing score on five STAAR/EOC state assessments (English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, & US History). In addition to earning all required course credits for their graduation plan to earn a diploma, Katy ISD students must also satisfy the following academic requirements:

Course	FHSP	FHSP+ Endorsement
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	4
Social Studies	3	3
Other Languages	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Health*	.5	.5
Electives	4.5*	6.5*
Total	22	26

*All students must earn a communication skills component from one of the following as an elective credit: Professional Communications, Leadworthy, Theatre Arts, Theatre Productions, Debate, Oral Interpretation, Professional Standards in Agribusiness or AP Seminar.

Endorsements available:

STEM, Business & Industry, Public Services, Arts & Humanities, Multidisciplinary Studies, and Distinguished Level of Achievement.

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing all curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program, plus each of the following:

- A fourth credit in mathematics, which must include Algebra II;
- A fourth credit in science;
- The requirements of at least one endorsement.

A student must graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement to be considered for the Top 10% and eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement in one or more of the following categories:

- AP test score of 3 or above;
- IB test score of 4 or above (applies to transfer students only as the International Baccalaureate program is not offered in Katy ISD);
- Outstanding performance on the PSAT, SAT or ACT;
- Completion of at least 12 hours college coursework with final grades of A or B (3.0 GPA or above);
- Bilingualism and biliteracy; and
- Earning a state, nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.

KISD GRADING SCALE

	(90-100) A	(80-89) B	(70-79) C	(69-Below) F
KAP/AP Courses	5	4	3	0
Dual-Credit Courses	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic Core & Elective Courses	4	3	2	0
Fundamental/Applied Courses	3	2	1	0

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED COURSES

KAP Courses

Algebra II	German III
Biology	Humanities
Chemistry	Ind Eng I - Academic Decathlon
Chinese III	Japanese III
Comp Sci Independent Study	Latin III
Comp Sci III Data Structure	Multivariable Calculus
Comp Sci Unity Game Devel	Pre Calculus
Elements of Data Science	Psychology
English I	Spanish III
English II	World Geography
French III	World History
Geometry	

Dual Credit Courses

Accounting I	Instr Practices
Accounting II	Learning Framework
Art History	Plane Trigonometry
Business Info Mgt I	Pro Communications
College Algebra	Psychology
Economics	Spanish Language IV
Elements of Calculus	Speech
English III	U.S. Government
English IV	U.S. History

Advanced Placement Courses

2-D Design Portfolio	Latin Vergil
3-D Design	Macro Economics
Art History	Micro Economics
Biology	Music Theory
Calculus AB, BC	Physics I
Chemistry	Physics II
Computer Science A	Psychology
Computer Science Principles	Research
Drawing	Seminar
English Language	Spanish Language
English Literature	Spanish Literature
Environmental Science	Statistics
French Language	Studio Art
German Language	U.S. Government
Human Geography	U.S. History
Japanese Language	World History

Total Number of KAP Courses	23
Total Number of Dual Credit Courses	18
Total Number of AP Courses	33
Total Advanced Academic Courses	74