

# Blue Valley High

## Class of 2020 Profile

**Total Graduates:** 406

**Percent Attending 4-Year Schools:** 74%

**Percent Attending 2-Year Schools:** 14%

**Work/Military/Other:** 12%

### Schools Attended by Recent Graduates:

Abilene Christian Univ.	Hutchinson Community College	Texas A&M Univ.
AMDA - College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts	Indiana Univ. at Bloomington	Texas Christian Univ.
American Univ.	Iowa State Univ.	The Evergreen State College
Arizona State Univ.	John Brown Univ.	The Univ. of Arizona
Baker Univ.	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Univ. of Alabama
Baylor Univ.	Johnson County Community College	Univ. of Arkansas
Belmont Univ.	Kansas State Univ.	Univ. of California - Berkeley
Benedictine College	Loyola Marymount Univ.	Univ. of Central Missouri
Bradley Univ.	Loyola Univ., Chicago	Univ. of Central Oklahoma
Brigham Young Univ.	Marymount Manhattan College	Univ. of Colorado at Boulder
Butler County Community College	Michigan State Univ.	Univ. of Denver
California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona	Minerva Schools at KGI	Univ. of Illinois
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Mississippi State Univ.	Univ. of Iowa
College of Charleston	Missouri State Univ.	Univ. of Kansas
Colorado Mountain College, Spring Valley	Moorpark College	Univ. of Louisville
Colorado State Univ.	Morehead State Univ.	Univ. of Maryland, College Park
Columbia Univ.	Musicians Institute - Los Angeles	Univ. of Michigan
Cornell Univ.	Naval Academy	Univ. of Minnesota
Cowley County Community College	New York Univ.	Univ. of Mississippi
Creighton Univ.	Northeastern Univ.	Univ. of Missouri Columbia
Dartmouth College	Northern Arizona Univ.	Univ. of Missouri Kansas City
Davidson College	Northwestern Univ.	Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln
DePaul Univ.	Northwest Florida State Univ.	Univ. of North Carolina
Drake Univ.	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	Univ. of North Carolina at Wilmington
Duke Univ.	Oklahoma State Univ.	Univ. of Notre Dame
Elon Univ.	Ottawa Univ.	Univ. of South Dakota
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ., Daytona Beach	Pennsylvania State Univ.	Univ. of Southern California
Emporia State Univ.	Pepperdine Univ.	Univ. of Southern Florida
Evangel Univ.	Pittsburg State Univ.	Univ. of Texas
Fashion Institute of Technology- New York	Pratt Institute	Univ. of Toledo
Florida State Univ.	Rice Univ.	Univ. of Tulsa
Fort Hays State Univ.	Ringling College of Art & Design	Univ. of Utah
Fort Scott Community College	Rockhurst Univ.	Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison
Franklin & Marshall College	Saint Louis Univ.	Univ. of Wyoming
Full Sail Univ.	San Diego City College	Villanova Univ.
George Washington Univ.	San Diego State Univ.	Washburn Univ. of Topeka
Georgetown Univ.	Savannah College of Art and Design	Washington Univ. - St. Louis
Georgia Institute of Technology	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Webster Univ.
Grand Canyon Univ.	Seattle Univ.	Wichita State Univ.
Greenville College	Seattle Central College	William Jewell College
Harding Univ.	Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville	Yale Univ.
Haskell Indian Nations Univ.	St. Olaf Univ.	Yeshiva Univ. (abroad)
	Stanford Univ.	
	Syracuse Univ.	

# Blue Valley Schools

Located in a portion of southeastern Johnson County, in the heart of the Kansas City metropolitan area, the Blue Valley School District's 35 schools serve more than 22,000 students. The district consists of Blue Valley's five high schools, nine middle schools and 21 elementary schools. According to a recent school district census, 51 percent of the K-12 students in Blue Valley schools were male and 49 percent were female. Additionally, 70.41 percent of all students in Blue Valley reported their ethnic background as Caucasian/White. More than 14 percent of all Blue Valley students were of Asian descent, 6.38 percent were of Hispanic descent, 5 percent were of multi-racial descent, 3.42 percent of students were of African-American/Black descent, 0.28 percent of students were of American Indian/Alaskan Native American descent and 0.04 percent were of Hawaiian/Pacific Islander descent.

All five Blue Valley high schools were named to U.S. News & World Report's list of top high schools. Blue Valley 2019 graduates registered an average ACT composite score of 25.2 and Blue Valley 2019 graduates registered an average SAT composite score of 1315, well exceeding state and national averages.



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## MISSION & VISION

### Mission

Blue Valley High is dedicated to high levels of learning for all.

### Vision

Blue Valley High School is a...

- high performing professional learning community.
- safe and welcoming community that develops positive relationships with and among students.
- community that promotes personal responsibility and high achievement.
- community that prepares students for life and global citizenship.
- community that builds upon its deep sense of tradition.

# Blue Valley High

Scott Bacon, Principal

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## Blue Valley High Community

**Total Enrollment:** 1,562 students

**Accreditation:** Kansas Department of Education

## Blue Valley High Recognitions:

- 1988-89 and 2012 – “Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence” by U.S. Department of Education
- 2000-19 – Presidential School of Service Award
- 2006 – “Exemplary Professional Learning Community of the Year” by Kansas Staff Development Council
- 2010-12 – Two Siemens Award recipients for math & science
- 2010-11 – Student named national debate champion
- 2015 – National School Library Program of the Year
- 2015 and 2018 – Male Presidential Scholar
- 2018 Business Insider - Top High School in Kansas four years in a row
- 2019-20 – Eleven National Merit Finalists and fourteen National Merit Commended Scholars
- Three Kansas Horizon Award winners
- Named to “Best High Schools” list by *Newsweek* and to “America’s Best U.S. High Schools” list by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Washington Post*

## Blue Valley High Students

**Graduation Requirements:** The following are the minimum credits which must be earned during grades 9-12 in order to graduate from Blue Valley High with the class of 2021:

- English Language Arts (4 units)  
 ELA 9, 10, 11 or Honors/AP equivalent (3)  
 ELA 12, Contemporary Communication or AP equivalent (1)
- Social Studies (3 units)  
 World History or AP European History (1)  
 U.S. History or AP equivalent (1)  
 American Government or AP equivalent (.5)  
 Social Studies elective (.5)
- Mathematics (3 units)
- Science (3 units)  
 Biological Sciences (1)  
 Physical Sciences (1)  
 Additional Science (1)
- Physical Education (1 unit)
- Health (.5 unit)
- Technology (1 unit)
- Fine Arts (1 unit)
- Electives (7.5 units)
- Total Units Required 24 units
- Curriculum and graduation requirement information is available on the district website under “Academics.” Visit [www.bluevalleyk12.org](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org) for more information.

**Weighted Grading:** The weighted grade policy used by all Blue Valley high schools features a formula which weights classes labeled Honors and AP without skewing GPA with study halls or non-graded classes. The formula is on the transcript.

**Grading Scale:** All Blue Valley classes use this grading scale; A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60,

## Advanced Placement Performance (2019-20)

AP Exams taken . . . . .	765
Number of students tested . . . . .	417
Scores of 4 or higher . . . . .	49.0%
Scores of 5 . . . . .	22.5%
AP Scholars . . . . .	160

## ACT: Approximately 89% take the ACT

Class	Eng	Math	Read	Sci	Comp
2020	25	24.1	25.3	24.3	24.8
2019	26	24.6	25.4	24.7	25.3
2018	26.6	25.1	25.8	24.9	25.7
2017	26.5	24.9	26.2	24.9	25.8
2016	26.4	25.0	25.7	24.8	25.6

## SAT: Approximately 13% take the SAT

Class	Math	Reading/Writing	Total
2020	683	691	1374
2019	674	666	1340
2018*	680*	680*	1360*
2017*	683*	656*	1326*
2016	680	637	1982

\*The College Board recently made content, format and scoring changes to the SAT. Thus, the scores are not comparable to previous years.

## Advanced Placement (AP), Honors and Concurrent Enrollment:

Blue Valley High offers Advanced Placement, Honors and Dual Credit Courses to all eligible students including:

### English Language Arts:

- Honors English Lang. Arts 9 ◊
- Honors English Lang. Arts 10 ◊
- AP English Language ◊ ℓ
- AP English Literature ◊ ℓ +

### Social Studies:

- Honors Advanced Studies in American Government ◊ ℓ
- AP U.S. History ◊ ℓ + \*
- AP European History ◊ ℓ
- AP American Government/Politics ◊ ℓ \*
- AP Psychology ◊ ℓ
- AP Human Geography ◊ ℓ
- AP Macroeconomics ◊ ℓ \*
- AP Microeconomics ◊ ℓ \*
- International Relations +

### Science:

- Honors Biology ◊
- Honors Chemistry ◊
- AP Biology ◊ ℓ
- AP Chemistry ◊ ℓ
- AP Environmental Science ◊ ℓ
- AP Physics I ◊ ℓ
- AP Physics II ◊ ℓ

### Performing Arts:

- Honors Music Theory ◊
- Honors Advanced Debate ◊

### Math, Business & Computers:

- Advanced Algebra +
- Honors Algebra II ◊
- Honors Geometry ◊
- Honors Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry ◊
- Honors Accelerated Pre-Calculus ◊
- Honors Multivariable Calculus ◊ +
- Honors Principles of Engineering ◊
- AP Calculus AB ◊ ℓ +
- AP Calculus BC ◊ ℓ
- AP Statistics ◊ ℓ +
- AP Computer Science A ◊ ℓ
- Honors Accounting ◊
- AP Computer Science Principles ◊ ℓ
- Honors Java Programming ◊

### World Language:

- Honors French 4.0 ◊ ℓ +
- AP French 5.0 ◊ ℓ +
- Honors Spanish 4.0 ◊ ℓ +
- AP Spanish 5.0 ◊ ℓ +
- Honors Latin 4.0 ◊ +

Key: ◊ Weighted grade point  
 ℓ Advanced Placement  
 + Dual credit option  
 \* Online option

**Definition:** Concurrent Enrollment courses are taken on the high school campus through our partnerships with Johnson County Community College and Baker University.