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The Altamont School is a coeducational, college preparatory school located in a residential area five minutes away from downtown Birmingham, Alabama. Altamont was established in 1975 through the merger of Birmingham University School and Brooke Hill School.

THE MISSION OF THE ALTAMONT SCHOOL
IS TO IMPROVE THE FABRIC OF SOCIETY BY GRADUATING COMPASSIONATE, WELL-EDUCATED INDIVIDUALS CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT THINKING AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS. TO THIS END, THE SCHOOL ATTRACTS, NURTURES, AND CHALLENGES STUDENTS WHOSE COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, KNOWLEDGE, AND HONOR WILL PREPARE THEM NOT ONLY FOR THE MOST RIGOROUS COLLEGE PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO FOR PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2022-23

The Altamont School enrolls 380 students in grades 5-12 with an upper school enrollment of 216. Admission is competitive and requires submission of an academic record, the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE), an interview, and teacher recommendations. Altamont draws students from 29 post codes and 80 schools; 15% of the student body are Asian American/Indian; 11% are African American; and 4% are Hispanic/Latino/a/x. Thirty-eight percent of the student body share \$1,418,766 in need-based financial aid and scholarships (merit and fellowship).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Five core subjects (English, World Language, History, Mathematics, Science) each year
23.5 credits; 20 in core subjects
English: 4 years (including 2 senior seminars)
World Languages: 3 consecutive years of the same language
History: 3 years
Mathematics: 3 years (Students must complete Statistics or Pre-Calculus.)
Science: 1 year each: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics; OR 1 year of Biology and Chemistry and 2 additional years of science courses
Fine Arts: 2 courses
Health: 1 year
Physical Education: 1 year
Public Speaking: 1 year

GRADING SYSTEM

Altamont does not rank its students.
100-Point Scale: Official, unweighted GPA
4.0 Scale: Unofficial, weighted GPA Honors classes receive a .5 increase, APs receive a 1.0 increase.
Courses are taught at Honors or AP level. Senior Seminars are semester-long, intensive classes.

2022-23 COURSES: HONORS (H), ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), SENIOR SEMINAR (SS)

ENGLISH

9th Grade English (H)
10th Grade English (H)
AP American Literature
Modern Eastern World Lit. (H) (SS)
20th Century Drama (H) (SS)
Critical Comm. & Rhetoric (H) (SS)
Women Writers (H) (SS)
Journalism
Public Speaking
Annual Staff (Elective)

HISTORY

Anc. & Med. Civilizations (H)
Experiential Leadership
Modern World History (H)
AP U.S. History
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
20th C. Europe (H) (SS)
Contemp. Pol. Theory (H) (SS)
Latin American Studies (H) (SS)
South & Civil Rights (H) (SS)

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I (H)
Geometry (H)
Algebra II (H)
Finite Mathematics (H)
Statistics (H)
Pre-Calculus (H)
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC w/ Lab
Complex Calculus (AP calc. prerequisite)
Diff. Equations (AP calc. prerequisite)
Linear Algebra (AP calc. prerequisite)
Multivariable Calculus (AP calc. prerequisite)

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I-V, VII (H)
AP French VI
Greek (H)
Latin I-VI (H)
Mandarin I-V (H)
Spanish I-VI (H)

SCIENCE

Biology (H)
Chemistry (H)
Physics (H)
AP Biology w/ Lab
AP Chemistry w/ Lab
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C
AP Psychology
Anatomy & Physiology (H)

TECHNOLOGY

3-D Printing
Programming
Web Design

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE
Health
Weight Training

FINE ARTS

Acting	Orchestra
Ceramics	Musical Theatre
Creative Writing	Painting
Directing	Photography
Drawing	Sculpture
Jazz Band	Studio Recording & Songwriting
Music History & Theory	Technical Theatre

CLASS OF 2023

GPA (56 students)

19 students with all As

21 students with at least one B

11 students with at least one C

5 students with a least one D

ACT (72 exams, 44 students)

Mid-50

24-32 Composite

22-29 Math

23-31 Science

22-29 STEM

25-34 English

24-34 Reading

SAT (9 exams, 8 students)

Mid-50

1310-1460 Composite

630-740 Reading and Writing

660-750 Math

AP Exams (158 exams, 52 students)

Total Tests with Score 5 29

Total Tests with Score 4 35

Total Tests with Score 3 43

COVID Statement

Altamont adopted a 4 x 4 block schedule for the 2020-21 school year only. Each class, except senior English and history seminars, was a semester long, met daily and was worth 1 credit. English and history seminars were worth .5 credit and met every other day. For all other academic years, including 2021-22, Altamont's schedule is two semesters, with a seven-period, rotating schedule.

2019-2022 MATRICULATIONS

Amherst College

Art Center College of Design

Auburn University*

Baldwin Wallace University

Bard College

Barnard College*

Baylor University

Belmont University*

Birmingham-Southern College*

Boston University*

Brandeis University

Brown University*

Colgate University

College of Charleston*

Colorado State (Fort Collins)

Columbia University

Cornell University

Dartmouth College*

Dickinson College*

Drexel University

Duke University*

Elon University

Florida A & M University

Furman University*

George Mason University

George Washington University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology*

Grinnell College

Harvard University

High Point University

Hollins University

Holy Cross College

Howard University

Johns Hopkins University

Knox College

Lees-McRae College

Lehigh University

Louisiana State University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Middlebury College

Millsaps College

Mississippi State University

Mount Holyoke College

New York University*

Northeastern University

Northwestern University*

Oglethorpe University

Reed College*

Rhodes College*

Rice University*

Rollins College

Samford University*

Savannah College of Art and Design

Sewanee: University of the South*

Skidmore College

Southern Methodist University

Spring Hill College*

Tabor College

Texas Christian University*

Trinity University

Troy University

Tufts University*

Tulane University*

United States Air Force Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama*

Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham*

University of Alabama in Huntsville*

University of Arizona

University of Auckland

University of British Columbia*

University of California (Los Angeles)

University of California (San Diego)

University of Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder*

University of Denver*

University of Georgia

University of Michigan

University of Mississippi*

University of Missouri

University of Montevallo*

Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Pennsylvania*

University of South Alabama

University of Southern California

University of Virginia*

Vanderbilt University*

Wake Forest University

Washington and Lee University

Washington University in St. Louis

Williams College

Wofford College

Yale University*

* = 2 or more students will matriculate

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

C. Kyser Miree Ethical Leadership Center gives Altamont students an opportunity to learn leadership skills and hands-on opportunities to utilize what they have learned. Leadership opportunities and internships may be local or global in scope and nature.

Fall Project Week offers experiential learning through travel, service, and outdoor activities and includes an annual college trip with visits to approximately 10 colleges and universities.

Honor Code and student-operated Honor Council.

College Counseling and Academic Advising