

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2015

Alabama Department of Education requires a minimum of 24 credits of instruction for a diploma. One-half credit is awarded per semester in most cases.

Diplomas Requirements

Subject	Standard	Advanced
	Units	Units
English	4.0	4.0
Math	4.0	4.0
Science	4.0	4.0
Social Studies	4.0	4.0
Health	.5	.5
Fine Art	.5	.5
Foreign Language	0	2.0
Career Preparedness	1.0	1.0
Physical Education	1.0	1.0
Additional Credits	5.0	3.0
Total Units	24.0	24.0

Academic Indicators

American College Testing Assessment (ACT)

ACT Composite	THS Avg	State Avg	Nat'l Avg
Class of 2008	20.3	20.4	21.1
Class of 2009	21.4	20.3	21.1
Class of 2010	21.1	20.3	21.0
Class of 2011	21.1	20.3	21.1
Class of 2012	21.4	20.3	21.1
Class of 2013	21.6	20.4	20.9
Class of 2014	21.6	20.6	21.0

Mission Statement

The mission of Thompson High School is to provide a safe learning environment, to direct and instruct students toward meeting their fullest potential, to teach students to meet the demands of today's technologically advanced world, and to guide students in academic, cultural, personal, and social growth.

Our Beliefs:

- All students will be given the opportunity to learn.
- Teachers will have high expectations for student learning.
- Students and teachers will be provided a safe, comfortable learning environment.
- Students will be provided a variety of instructional approaches, which implement technology and media resources, critical thinking skills, and creative approaches to problem solving.
- Parents and teachers will work together for the overall development of each student, encouraging them to become lifelong learners.
- The educational program and curriculum offered students will be of high quality and will be designed to prepare students to meet challenges of the future.
- Teachers, staff, administrators, parents, students and community members share in the responsibility of providing a supportive learning environment.

Post-Secondary

49% of our 2014 graduating class enrolled in a 4-year institution while 31% enrolled in 2-year colleges and technical schools, and military. Scholarships totaling over \$9.8 million were offered to graduates of the class of 2014.

Thompson High School

Home of the Warriors



2014 - 2015 School Profile

100 Warrior Drive
Alabaster, Alabama 35007

School Webpage:
<http://ths.alabasterschools.org/>

Phone: (205) 685-6700
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ACT/CEEB Code: 012-485



Thompson High School is a part of the
Alabaster City School System
<http://www.alabasterschools.org/>

Thompson High School is a comprehensive public high school with an enrollment of approximately 1792 students in grades nine through twelve. Approximately 60% of our seniors indicate that they plan to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Our curriculum includes standard, advanced, honors, Advanced Placement, and classes for students with special needs. The school calendar is composed of four nine-week quarters and seven periods each day. Thompson High School is a 7A school according to the Alabama High School Athletic Association. We offer ESOL, Gifted, 504, and Special Education services to students who qualify.

Enrollment

<u>School Year:</u>	<u>12-13</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>
Grade 9	471	475	504
Grade 10	440	441	457
Grade 11	436	422	441
Grade 12	426	422	390
Total:	1773	1760	1792

Accreditation

Thompson High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and by the Alabama State Department of Education.

Grading System

Detailed academic progress reports are issued every three weeks. Report Cards are issued every nine weeks. Semester Grades are permanently recorded on the student's transcript as numerical grades.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Pre-AP</u>	<u>AP</u>
A = 90 – 100	4.0	5.0	5.5
B = 80 – 89	3.0	4.0	4.5
C = 70 – 79	2.0	3.0	3.5
D = 60 – 69	1.0	2.0	2.5
F = 0 – 59	0.0	0.0	0.0

Grade Point Average

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed on a 4.0 scale using all semester grades. 1-1/2 extra points are given for AP course work and 1 extra point is given for Pre-AP & Honors course work. Students are ranked within their grade level according to their GPA. Class rank is provided at the end of each year. This weighted rank is used in determining Valedictorians and Salutatorians at the end of the 1st semester of their 12th grade year.

Academic Calendar

The school calendar requires 180 student days from August 7, 2014 through May 21, 2015. School hours are 7:45 AM – 3:00 PM. Graduation will be on May 19, 2015 at Bartow Arena in Birmingham.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes Offered during 2014 - 2015

AP English Literature
 AP English Language
 AP Biology
 AP Physics
 AP Chemistry
 AB Calculus AB
 AB Calculus BC
 AP Statistics
 AP Government
 AP Microeconomics
 AP U.S. History Modern
 AP Studio Art 2D
 AP Studio Art 3D
 AP Drawing
 AP Spanish

Pre-AP Classes are offered in core areas and foreign languages.

Community Service

We encourage our students to give at least 5 hours of community service to their community. A list of places where the students can volunteer is provided in Student Services and with their social studies teacher.

Administrative and Office Personnel

Principal	Mr. Chris Tangle
Asst. Principals	Mrs. Angela McKnight Mr. Jeff Nichols Mr. Taurus Felton Mr. Drew Warman
Counselors:	Mrs. Brookie Harbison Mrs. Traci McGee Mrs. Heather Myles Ms. Debbie Nichols Mrs. Pam Vickers
Registrar	Mrs. Sue Dennis
Student Services Sec	Mrs. Lynn Hicks
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Eva Batson
Bookkeeper Clerk	Mrs. Judy Clark
Secretary/Attendance	Ms. Peggy Kent
Receptionist	Mrs. Dana Davis
Attendance	Mrs. Beth Eddings

Main Office:	685-6700
Office Fax:	620-9608
Athletics:	685-6770
Bookkeeper:	685-6750
Band Room:	685-6765
Library:	685-6744
Lunchroom:	685-6701
Registrar:	685-6740
Student Services:	685-6704
Student Services Fax:	685-6741