Shipley
THE SHIPLEY SCHOOL

School Profile 2026-2027

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OUR MISSION

The Shipley School, a Pre-Kindergarten through 12 coeducational day school, is committed to educational excellence and dedicated to developing in each student a love of learning and a compassionate participation in the world. Through a strong college preparatory curriculum in the humanities and sciences, the school encourages curiosity, creativity, and respect for intellectual effort. Shipley upholds and promotes moral integrity, a sense of personal achievement and worth, and concern for others at school and in the larger community.

OUR MOTTO

Courage for the Deed; Grace for the Doing.

SHIPLEY BY THE NUMBERS

Total Enrollment: 691 Upper School: 321 Class of 2027: 64

100% of students attend a four-year college within one year of graduation

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- **Shipley does not rank or report GPAs for individual students.**
- Honors courses represent the highest level of rigor in Shipley's curriculum. Because these courses are designed to meet or exceed the standards of the AP curriculum, Shipley does not offer AP courses.
- Honors courses are available in all disciplines.
- Placement in honors courses is made upon recommendation of the faculty and based on previous academic performance.
- Students are encouraged to take minor classes that complement their academic interests, if they fit in the student's schedule.
- All major courses are year-long, except English 12, which consists of two semester-long electives.
- Students take five major courses per year; six courses may be taken with permission from the Academic Dean if it fits in the student's schedule.

HONOR CODE

Student conduct, both personal and academic, is guided by an Honor Code. Honor Code violations are presented to the Honor Council, which includes student leaders, faculty, and the Dean of Students. Issues will be reported to colleges accordingly.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Credits (English 12: 2 Semester Seminars)
History & Social Sciences	2 Credits (one must be U.S. History), 3 Credits (Class of 2030 and beyond)
Mathematics	3 Credits, 4 Recommended
Science	3 Credits (one life science, one physical science, and one elective major from the STEAM or science departments)
World Language	3 Consecutive credits of one language
Interdisciplinary	1 Credit (Must be a major course in 10, 11, or 12)
Performing Arts	1 Course (or two years in an ensemble, participation in two main stage productions, participation in two years of DECA, Model Congress, or Model UN)
Fine Arts	1 Course
SEED Seminars & Financial Literacy	1 Course yearly, including a three-week Service Project
Physical Education/Athletics	Yearly Requirement
Community Service	40 Hours over four years

COURSE OFFERINGS (MAJORS ONLY)

**An asterisk indicates the course is offered at both the standard and honors level.*

English
English 9*, 10*, 11*
English 12 Semester Seminars*

History and Social Sciences
History 9: Modern World History*
U.S. History*
American Military History*
China after 1500*
Environmental History and the Future*
Immigration Studies*
Macroeconomics: Policies and Perspectives*
Modern American Women*
Modern History of Black America*
Modern Middle East*
Prohibition to Pop: 20th Century American History*
Slavery and Resistance in the Atlantic World*
Sports in American History*
World Religions*

Interdisciplinary
Art and Data*
Psychology*

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.shipleyschool.org/upper-school#curriculum

Language
Level I courses are taught only at the standard level.
Levels II through V:
French*
Latin*
Mandarin*
Spanish*

Mathematics
Algebra I
Geometry*
Algebra II*
Functions and Trigonometry
Precalculus*
Calculus Honors (formerly Calculus AB Honors)
Advanced Calculus Honors (formerly Calculus BC Honors)
Multivariable Calculus Honors

Performing Arts
Advanced Music Composition & Production*
Elements of Music
Music Theory and Composition

Science
Introductory Physics*
Chemistry I*
Biology*
Astronomy
Chemistry II Honors
Comparative Anatomy and Neuroscience Honors
Environmental Science and Bioethics
Physics Honors
Physics: Newtonian Mechanics Honors
Science and the Citizen*

STEAM
Computer Science: Python I*
Engineering Design: Principles & Practice*
Tech Innovation Honors
Web Development

Studio Art
Ceramics I*, II*, III*
Digital Photography and Design I*, II*
Studio Art I*, II*, III*
Studio Seminar: 2D/3D Art*

ENGLISH 12: SENIOR SEMINARS

In place of traditional year-long English classes, seniors select both a fall and spring seminar to fulfill their final English credit. These seminars offer students the opportunity to explore the subject from a different perspective and to experience college-style courses. Seminars are available at both the standard and honors level and span a large range of subjects. Recent titles include: African American Literature, Women's Literature: A Global Study, American Utopias and Dystopias in Literature, and Creative Writing.

SIX MAJOR COURSES

Course expectations are built on the assumption that students are enrolled in five major classes, but the ability to take six courses is, in some instances, a possibility. Students must apply to take six courses, must be in strong academic standing, and must exhibit exemplary organizational skills. Because of our academic schedule, there may be instances where we are unable to include a sixth course in a student's schedule.

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

To support our mission of developing and nurturing a true love of learning, selected seniors are allowed to construct an independent course of study in an academic area not represented in our current curriculum. The student designs the course in conjunction with a faculty member who serves as the advisor for the course, and independently progresses through the year with the support of their advisor. Proven ability to stay on task in independent, self-guided work is a requisite to be approved for an Independent Study.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

as of July 2026

SAT Summary - Class of 2027

Test Takers	Mean
57	1280

ACT Summary - Class of 2026

Test Takers	Mean
19	29

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Class of 2025

Commended	6
Semi-Finalists	2
Finalists	2

Class of 2026

Commended	5
Semi-Finalists	6
Finalists	6

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College Matriculation
Classes of 2022-2026

University of Akron
University of Alabama
American University
Arcadia University
Auburn University
Babson College
Barnard College
Bates College
Belmont University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
University of California-Davis
University of California-Los Angeles
Carleton University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
Champlain College
Chatham University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William & Mary
Colorado College
University of Colorado-Boulder
Columbia University
Community College of Philadelphia
Connecticut College
The Cooper Union
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware Valley University
University of Delaware
University of Denver
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Emory University-Oxford
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Flagler University
Franklin and Marshall College
George Washington University
University of Galway
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hamilton College
Haverford College
Harvey Mudd College
High Point University
Immaculata University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
The Juilliard School
Juniata College
Kent State University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
LaSalle University
Lewis University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lycoming College
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marist University
University of Mary Washington
Marymount University
University of Maryland
Massachusetts College of Art & Design
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
University of Mississippi
Montclaire State University
Moravian University
Muhlenberg College
Neumann University
University of New Haven
New York University
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queen's University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rowan College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Salisbury University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
University of Scranton
Shippensburg University
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
University of St. Andrews
St John's University-New York
St. John Fisher University
Syracuse University
Temple University
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Texas at Austin
Texas Christian University
Thomas Jefferson University
University of Toronto
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
Union College
Ursinus College
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington College
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Chester University
Western University
Whitman College
Widener University
Wilkes University
Williams College
University of Wisconsin
Yale University

BOLD signifies four or more students enrolled.

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