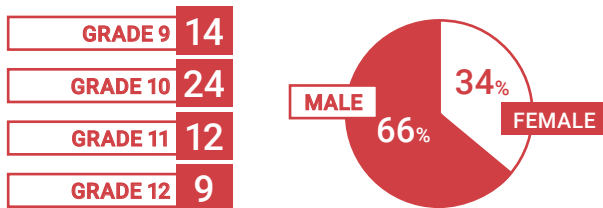


At BASIS Independent Schools, our mission is to educate students to the highest international levels with a spiraling liberal arts and sciences curriculum benchmarked to the best education systems in the world.

BASIS Independent Manhattan is a PK-12 independent school founded in 2017 that forms part of a larger network of independent schools across the US and internationally. The Manhattan campus has grown into two campuses - the lower school in the Upper West Side of Manhattan and the Upper School located in the Chelsea neighborhood. The Upper School currently has 175 students from grades 6 through 12. The class of 2025 will be our second graduating class.

2024–25 ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9–12



STANDARDIZED TESTING SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 2025 SAT SCORES

SECTION	AVERAGE	RANGE
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	686	660-730
Math	730	700-740
TOTAL	1416	1350-1460

ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Each year students are required to take an elective. Our most popular electives include:

AP 2D Art and Design	Drama
AP Computer Science A	Intro to Art Studio 2D
AP Environmental Science	Intro to Business
AP Microeconomics / AP Macroeconomics	Intro to Computer Science
AP Music Theory	Intro to Engineering
AP Psychology	Intro to Photography
AP Seminar	Journalism
AP Statistics	PE & Sports
Band	Topics in Economics

GRADING POLICY AND GPA CALCULATIONS

Transcripts provide both an unweighted and weighted GPA, and AP® Exam results are incorporated into final grades for AP courses. The unweighted GPA is based on a 4.0 scale, the weighted GPA is computed on a 5.0 scale by adding one point to all Honors and AP courses. We do not rank our students.

UNWEIGHTED GPA



WEIGHTED GPA



MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

SUBJECT	CREDITS	CLASSES
Mathematics	5	Minimum Level of AP Calculus AB
Electives	3	Minimum Requirement of an elective course in PE, Fine Art, AP Level Science
English	4	2 Honors Level: Literature and Language, 2 AP Level or 1 AP Level + Honors Level 10
Science	4	3 Honors Level Courses and Minimum of 1 AP Level Course
History	3	Minimum 3 AP Level Courses
World Language	3	Chinese, French, Latin, or Spanish
Economics	0.5	Minimum Requirement

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students are prepared to take AP courses and AP Exams as early as grade 9, and typically take more than the required 4 AP Exams. The externally generated and graded AP Exams also count as final exams for AP courses.

BASIS Independent Manhattan REQUIRES AP coursework – 4 AP courses and exams—of all students.

- > 2023–2024 school year, **48** students took **120** AP examinations across **20** AP subject areas.
- > In total they achieved an average score of **4.1**, with an overall pass rate of **93%**.

CURRICULAR PATHWAY TO GRADUATION

The BASIS Curriculum is built upon two main premises: that students should be held accountable for mastering advanced content across all core subjects; and that students should effectively use executive functioning skills such as time management, organization, and advanced research and presentation skills to “own” their academic outcomes.

To ensure that students have mastered advanced content, we begin rigorous coursework in the middle grades, including such required courses as Biology, Physics, and Chemistry in each middle year, Economics, Latin and a World Language of students’ choice, and Algebra I, II, and Geometry. All students must pass high-stakes cumulative exams in each subject in order to be promoted to the next grade. Thus, by the time they are in grade 9, they have accumulated 3.5 credits required for graduation (in math and Econ) and are prepared for AP courses far earlier than their peers. All our students are required to take at least 6 AP courses throughout high school (with a minimum of one each in Math, English, History, and Lab Science); we do not have an “Honors track,” and there is no option not to take AP courses in all subjects. Final exams are the AP Exams, which are factored into students’ grades using a conversion table, and students must pass at least one AP Exam in order to graduate. Students typically finish these AP requirements in their sophomore and junior years, after which they may take Post-AP courses with such titles as Multivariable Calculus, Organic Chemistry, Postcolonial Literature, and Machine Learning. These courses replace the breadth of AP courses with depth and are equivalent to 200 or 300 level courses at university.

The final required course in the BASIS Curriculum, and the only one scheduled in grade 12, is College Counseling, in which students work to determine the programs and schools that are the best fits for their intellectual passions and the strengths they have diligently honed over the past seven years.

Upper School Courses Currently Offered:

AP Biology	AP World History: Modern
AP Chemistry	College Counseling
AP English Language	Health
AP English Literature	Honors Biology
AP Physics 1 and 2	Honors Chemistry
AP Research	Honors English 10
AP Seminar	Honors English Language
AP U.S. Government and Politics	Honors English Literature
AP U.S. History	Honors Physics

CAPSTONE COURSES

Capstones are a privilege that seniors may only take if they have met specific requirements. They are two trimesters long and have AP courses as prerequisites; seniors take one Capstone each in Humanities and Math and then must take two additional courses in Lab Sciences, Math, Humanities, or World Language. Students may take AP Research in lieu of Capstone Humanities to fulfill these same goals if they have previously passed AP Seminar. These courses provide the opportunity for students to conduct original research, synthesize information, develop skills in critical evaluation and evidence-based writing, and embark on an intensive project requiring college-level motivation. Although Capstones may be focused on a specific theme that reflects the research interests of the instructor, they include assignments that foster intellectual independence in the student and thus propel students into Senior Projects.

Sample Capstones Include:

Arte Contemporaneo	Multivariable Calculus
Industrial Chemistry	Quantum Physics
Rupture: Psychology and Literature	Roman Drama
Linear Algebra	The 14th Amendment

SENIOR PROJECTS

Seniors finish their Capstone courses by the second trimester, and many then opt into a three-month, off-site, independent project that is proposed and constructed by students under the guidance of an internal faculty advisor, as well as an external professional specialist in the field of the student’s choosing. Senior Projects illustrate each senior’s ability to apply their classroom-based education to experimental research and professional learning. Irrespective of the student’s research location—in a business, art studio, laboratory, charitable organization, or law office—each project goes beyond job shadowing and requires the student to develop and answer a research question, produce a weekly blog, and make public presentations of their findings at the end of the year.

Students who have taken AP Research also produce blogs and make presentations. Academic rigor and student accountability come together in Senior Projects and AP Research Projects—we don’t just want our seniors to be admitted to top universities; we want their experiences at BASIS Independent Schools to equip them to thrive throughout their college experience and to maintain the confidence, resourcefulness, and networking abilities they will need for their post-graduate lives.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Beyond academics, our students seek additional opportunities through a variety of enrichment clubs, teams, and societies. We do not set enrichment or volunteerism requirements for our students, and many extracurricular activities are established and led by students.

BASIS Independent Manhattan offers many clubs, societies, and sports programs such as:

Robotics Club	Podcasting Club
Audio Engineering Club	Chess Club
Math Club	Soccer Club
Model United Nations	Volleyball Club
Speech & Debate	Fashion & Design Club
Drama Club	Student Council
Basketball Club	Yearbook
Running Club	Table Tennis

COVID-19 UPDATE

In March of 2020, BASIS Independent students transitioned into an entirely online learning environment. All students continued to be assessed and our school continued on the A-F grading scale for the remainder of the year. BASIS Independent Manhattan started an in-person hybrid in the fall of 2020. All students returned to full-time in-person learning in the spring of 2021.

DISCIPLINARY DISCLOSURE

The school reports student disciplinary violations, which resulted in an out-of-school suspension or expulsion when requested during the admissions process. Our students are expected to respond honestly about disciplinary violations prior to their senior year when completing a college application and in the event the violation occurs after submitting the application or enrollment deposit.

BASIS INDEPENDENT MANHATTAN'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS ACCEPTANCES

American University
Babson College
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Cornell University
Denison University
Duke University
Elon University
Emory University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
James Madison University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
McGill University
New York University
Northeastern University
The Ohio State University
Pomona College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University

SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Stony Brook
Stanford University
University of California – Berkeley
University of California – Davis
University of California – Irvine
University of California – Los Angeles
University of California – San Diego
University of California – Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Indiana at Bloomington
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Rochester
University of Virginia
Washington University in St Louis
Wesleyan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University