



2026- 2027 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Belen Jesuit is an all-male college preparatory school founded in 1854 in Havana, Cuba, where it operated until government seizure in May 1961. It reopened in Miami, Florida, in September 1961 and moved into the current campus in September 1981. Since then, the campus has grown to 34 acres in suburban Miami with state-of-the-art facilities.

The foundation of education at Belen is based on religious formation, academic excellence, social responsibility and athletic achievement. As a Catholic-Jesuit school, Belen strives to form leaders who are men of character committed to the Christian spirits of understanding, social justice and concern for others.

Although the majority of Belen students are of Hispanic background, the school is open to all students regardless of race, religion or national origin.

ENROLLMENT & STUDENT SNAPSHOT



Total Students
Grades 6-12

1,385



High School
Students

833



Class of
2026

187



Class of
2027

207



Students Receiving
Financial Assistance

16%



Volunteer Hours
Completed

31,000



Multicultural
Students

96%



Student
Athletes

75%



JESUIT SCHOOLS NETWORK



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Association of College Counselors
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MARKING SYSTEM

Belen uses the alpha grading system. AP courses earn 2 extra quality points for grades A–C; Honors courses earn 1 extra point for A–C. Students may take dual enrollment classes through St. Thomas University and FIU, but only Belen grades count toward the GPA.

Grades are issued each fall and spring. For year-long courses, both semesters are averaged into one final grade. A GPA is calculated yearly and averaged across all years for a cumulative GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 28 credits and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 are required for graduation:

English	4.0	Spanish	4.0
Humanities	1.0	Theology	4.0
Mathematics	4.0	P.E./Life Mgmt Skills	1.0
Science	3.0	Electives	5.0
Social Studies	2.0		

CLASS RANK

Belen Jesuit does not rank its students for purposes of college admission. The quality of a student's curriculum and individual academic achievement is discussed in a personal letter of recommendation.

COLLEGE APPLICATION (LIMIT)

Rooted in the Ignatian principle of discernment, Belen Jesuit limits the number of applications seniors can submit to a maximum of 15 universities. This practice helps students focus on finding the schools that truly align with their values, goals, and sense of purpose.

EARLY DECISION & RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION POLICY

Belen Jesuit values intentionality and regards Early Decision (ED) and Restrictive Early Action (REA) applications as a serious commitment. Students admitted under ED or REA are required to meet with their College Counselor and promptly withdraw all other applications.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

As a Catholic-Jesuit school, we believe in the ideal of forming our students to become “men-for-others.” Students are required to devote 25 hours per year to community service. A minimum of 100 service hours is required for graduation from Belen Jesuit.

OUTSIDE COURSEWORK POLICY

Belen Jesuit does not allow for grade remediation unless a student receives a grade of F. If a student chooses to complete outside coursework to improve mastery for a grade other than an F or to accelerate in order to meet grade-level standards, this work will not be issued credit by Belen Jesuit, nor will it be incorporated into the student's GPA as the course is not recognized. Acceleration courses to meet grade-level standards will be acknowledged by appropriate course placement for the following academic year.

GRADE	RANGE	COLLEGE PREP	ADV./ HON.	AP
A+	95-100	4.25	5.25	6.25
A	90-94	4.00	5.00	6.00
B+	85-89	3.25	4.25	5.25
B	80-84	3.00	4.00	5.00
C+	75-79	2.25	3.25	4.25
C	70-74	2.00	3.00	4.00
D+	65-69	1.25	1.25	1.25
D	60-64	1.00	1.00	1.00

ENROLLMENT IN HONORS AND AP COURSES

Students must have a 3.5 unweighted cumulative GPA to enroll in AP courses and a 3.25 unweighted cumulative GPA to enroll in Honors courses. Additionally, a comprehensive review is conducted, including testing and ensuring that students earned an A in the previous year's related course and passed the previous year's related AP course exam.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Beginning with the Class of 2027, enrollment in Advanced Placement courses was limited, adjusting based on grade level. Eligible freshmen continue to be limited to 2 AP courses. See the table below for the grade level and its corresponding maximum AP course limit:

9th	10th	11th	12th
2 AP Courses	3 AP Courses	4 AP Courses	5 AP Courses

GPA ADJUSTMENT

All things being equal, a student from the Class of 2027 will see approx a .10 adjustment to their weighted GPA compared to prior graduating classes due to the implemented AP course limit.

NEW: HIGH SCHOOL COURSES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning with the Class of 2027, high school courses taken in 8th grade that are recognized by Belen Jesuit will appear on a second page of the Belen transcript. Courses and credit earned will be listed, while grades will not be included. Belen Jesuit does not incorporate middle school grades into the high school GPA calculation.

DISTINCTIVE CURRICULUM FEATURES

Continuing in the Jesuit tradition and keeping with its Hispanic heritage, a hallmark of Belen education is its well-roundedness. All students must take Western Civilization and Art History (or the AP option) as juniors and Latin American History as seniors. Both courses may be completed in Spanish based on student interest. Philosophy is also a required course for seniors. All high school students also complete two years of Spanish and four years of Theology.

ADVANCED COURSES

AP courses offered:

2D Art and Design	Computer Science A	Psychology
Art History	Computer Science Principles	Spanish Language and Culture
Biology	English Lang. and Composition	Spanish Literature
Calculus AB	English Literature	Statistics
Calculus BC	Environmental Science	U.S. Government and Politics
Capstone Research	Human Geography	U.S. History
Capstone Seminar	Macroeconomics	World History: Modern
Chemistry	Physics 1	
Comparative Gov. and Politics	Physics C: Mechanics	

Honors courses offered:

Algebra 1	Economics	Philosophy
Algebra 2 & Trig	Entrepreneurship & Innovation	Physics
American Literature	Design Experience	Pre-Calculus
Anatomy and Physiology	Environmental Science	Principles of Engineering
Biology	Film Production II	Survey of Latin American Literature
British Literature	Geometry	U.S. Government
Broadcast Journalism II	Ignatian Leadership in Action	U.S. History
Broadcast Journalism III	Ignatian Spirituality	Western Civ & Art History
Calculus	Jazz Band	Western Civ & Art History in Spanish
Chemistry	Journalism II	World History
Computer Science	Journalism III	World Literature
Concert Band	Latin American History	
Design & Innovation	Latin American History in Spanish	

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses offered:

Engineering Design & Innovation	Introduction to Engineering	Principles of Engineering
Anatomy & Physiology		

Dual Enrollment courses offered:

St. Thomas University	Florida International University	Catholic University of America
College Physics I + lab	Advanced Readings in Spanish	Human Advantage and the Future of Work
Composition	American History 1602-1850	Management of Information
Composition and Lit	American History 1877 to Present	Vocations of Business
Survey of English Lit I	Principles of Macroeconomics	
Survey of English Lit II	Intermediate Readings in Spanish	
Pre-Calc: Algebra & Trig	Intro to Entrepreneurship	
Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	Intro to Business	
Intro to Criminal Justice	Spanish I	
Intro to Philosophy	Spanish II	
Intro to Physics		
Intro to Psychology		

The Belen Jesuit transcript indicates participation in Dual Enrollment courses with a "DE" designation.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOLARS 2025-2027

14	
*National Merit Scholar Finalists	
73	20
National Merit Commended Scholars	National Merit Semi-Finalists
*Pending 2027 results.	
190	22
School Recognition Awards	First Generation Scholars
*2027 awarded in February.	

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT Class of 2026	
Mid 50% (146 Tested)	
EBR+W	600-700
Math	620-720
Composite	1220-1420
ACT Class of 2026	
Mid 50% (185 Tested)	
Composite	22-31

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Scores Summary	
2025-2026	
1,136	Exams Taken
473	Test Takers
94%	Pass Rate

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AWARDS

Scholar	289
Scholar with Honor	200
Scholar with Distinction	513
Capstone Diploma	20
Data from 2023-2026	



100%

Post-Secondary Institutions



64%

Attend In-State



36%

Attend Out-of-State



14

Attend International



4

Attend Military Academies



1

In Priestly Formation

*across last 4 years

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW BY GRADE

Subject	9th	10th	11th	12th
English	English 9 CP or Hon	American Literature CP or Hon AP English Language & Composition	British Literature CP or Hon AP Literature and Composition (2028)	World Literature CP or Hon AP Literature and Composition
Math	Geometry CP or Hon Algebra I if not taken in 8th	Algebra 2 and Trigonometry CP or Hon	Pre-Calculus CP or Hon AP Calculus AB	Statistics, Calculus CP or Hon AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or AP Statistics
Social Studies	World History CP, Hon or AP World History: Modern	U.S. History CP, Hon or AP US History	U.S. Gov and Politics CP, Hon, or AP US Gov and Politics	Latin American History CP or Hon Economics CP or Hon AP Macroeconomics
Science	Biology CP or Hon	Chemistry CP or Hon	Physics CP or Hon AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Theology	Anthropology and Multicultural Studies	World Religions and Sociology	Global Studies	Eastern and Western Heritage or Honors Ignatian Spirituality
World Languages	Spanish IV Non-Heritage or Heritage Hon AP Spanish Language & Composition	Spanish V Non-Heritage or Heritage Hon AP Spanish Language & Comp AP Spanish Literature		
Humanities			Art History and Western Civilization CP or Hon AP Art History	Philosophy CP or Hon
Elective	Physical Education/Health 0.5 Credit	1.0 Credit	1.0 Credit	2.0 Credit

BY THE NUMBERS

Educators

- 139 faculty
- 68% hold advanced degrees
- 42% serving longer than 10 years at Belen

Athletics

- 17 Sports, 55 teams
- 37 State Championships
- 49 Academic State Championships

Visual and Performing Arts

Wide-ranging and robust offerings in art, music, film, production, and theater that involve a large percentage of Belen students.

Co-Curricular

Organizations

- 10 Academic Teams
- 14 Honor Societies
- 45 Enrichment Clubs

Breakthrough Miami

Belen is a proud Breakthrough Miami partner.

Breakthrough Miami helps inspire motivated, under-resourced 5th - 12th grade students to recognize and reach their full potential.

MISSION STATEMENT

Following the Ignatian tradition of excellence, the mission of Belen Jesuit as a Catholic, Jesuit, college preparatory school is to guide and support our students in their process of becoming men who are proficient in both English and Spanish, open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to doing justice, so they can work as leaders for the defense of the faith and the promotion of justice in a multicultural society.