



# **INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES**





# BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## ACADEMIC & COLLEGE COUNSELING UPDATES

### CLASSES OF 2027–2030+

In the last 3 years, Belen Jesuit College Counseling has undergone a significant revision of its policies to better serve our students and provide greater transparency to our college partners.

Similarly, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School is also undergoing a revision of its curriculum. The English and Math departments have already been completed, and we look forward to reviewing Science and Social Studies this academic year.

Below, please find a summary of the pertinent changes that have taken effect or will be taking effect in the years to come.

CLASS OF 2027

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS 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.

ED/REA 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.

AP COURSE ENROLLMENT LIMITS

Beginning with the Class of 2027, enrollment in Advanced Placement courses was limited and adjusted based on grade level. Eligible freshmen continue to be limited to 2 AP courses.

| 9th   | 10th  | 11th  | 12th  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2 APs | 3 APs | 4 APs | 5 APs |

WEIGHTED GPA ADJUSTMENT

All things being equal, a student from the Class of 2027 will see approximately a 0.10 adjustment to their weighted GPA compared to prior graduating classes due to the AP course limit implemented.

CLASS OF 2028

ENGLISH CURRICULUM UPDATES

- Beginning with the Class of 2028, students can opt to take AP English Literature in junior or senior year.
- If taken as a junior, students can choose to:
  - Complete AP English Language & Composition (if not already completed in 10th grade)
  - Complete Advanced Topics – Seminar courses in English, a post-AP option that will carry Advanced Placement course weight in the GPA.

PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUIREMENT

- Beginning with the Class of 2030, a semester of Public Speaking is required for all 9th graders.
- Students who opt to participate in the Band program will be exempt from the Public Speaking requirement.

CLASS OF 2030+

MATHEMATICS UPDATES

- Currently, the highest-level math course offered is AP Calculus BC. This year, we have two seniors who surpassed this and will be taking Multivariable Calculus taught by the head of our Math department.
- Beginning with the Class of 2030, students with the highest aptitude in math will take Advanced Algebra II & Trigonometry.
- Moving forward, the highest-level math course offered will be Multivariable Calculus, a post-AP option that will carry Advanced Placement course weight in the GPA.

ELECTIVE UPDATE

Beginning with the Class of 2030, students will pair their semester of Public Speaking with either a semester of:

- Computer Science OR
- Humanities (Studio Art/Drama/Photography/Theater Production)

ADVANCED COURSE DESIGNATION

Beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School will change the naming convention of its Honors-level courses to Advanced courses for the Class of 2030 and beyond. GPA weight will remain

**WHAT ADMISSION OFFICERS SHOULD KNOW**

- ✓ AP limits may modestly reduce weighted GPAs compared to prior graduating classes.
- ✓ Students now have expanded post-AP opportunities in English and Mathematics.
- ✓ Public Speaking and new elective pathways strengthen communication, analytical, and creative skills.
- ✓ These updates reflect Belen Jesuit’s commitment to forming men of competence, conscience, and character through intentional academic planning and rigorous preparation.

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

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