

ROBERT M BEREN ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Robert M. Beren Academy is an integrated Jewish co-educational college preparatory school with an enrollment of 275. Seventy-one students are enrolled in the upper school (grades 9-12). Beren Academy is dedicated to preparing students for success in college and beyond and developing in students a mature appreciation of their Jewish heritage. Each student pursues a program of secular studies, Judaic studies, enrichment courses, and extracurricular activities.

Accreditations and affiliations include the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools, Institute for University-School Partnership, the National Honor Society, the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and Torah Umesorah.

Robert M. Beren Academy, located on a 52-acre campus in the southwest area of Houston, Texas, was founded in 1969 as The South Texas Hebrew Academy. The state-of-the-art facility includes chemistry, biology, physics, and computer technology laboratories; a 10,000-volume library, including a major Judaic collection, a regulation-size gymnasium, and art room. In addition, there are large athletic fields for physical education classes and interscholastic athletic competition.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students attending Robert M. Beren Academy pursue an intensive dual curriculum of secular and Judaic studies. The secular studies enumerated in the school profile conform to the highest national standards for college preparation. The Judaic studies program consists of a sequential series of core courses, including intense study of Bible and Jewish Law and Philosophy. The combination of the two areas of study creates an atmosphere of academic excellence, which demands higher critical and analytical skills.

ADMISSIONS AND FACULTY/STAFF

Admission to Robert M. Beren Academy is selective and based upon the applicant's achievement record, testing, recommendations, and interviews.

The Academy's high school academic administrative staff includes the Head of School, the Principal of General Studies, and the Principal of Judaic Studies. The high school faculty and administration consists of 28 men and women, 20 of whom hold a master's or doctorate degree.

TEST STATISTICS

SAT I		ACT	
Critical Reading	629	Composite	24
Mathematics	635		
Writing	626		

GRADING SCALE

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	75-79
D	70-74
F	69 and Below

GPA SCALE

	REGULAR	ADVANCED
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	2
F	0	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4.0	Foreign Language	3.0
Mathematics	3.0	Physical Education	1.0
Science	3.0	Electives	3.0
Social Studies	4.0	Judaic Studies	12.0
Community Service		25 hours annually	

RANKING/GRADING SYSTEM

Robert M. Beren Academy does not rank students. Student grades are assessed on a 100-point numeric scale. Transcript grades in Advanced Placement, Pre-AP, Advanced, and Honors classes reflect a weighting of five percentage points. The Academy reports student Grade Point Average on a weighted 4-point scale. The highest GPA for the 2011-2012 school year is 4.74.

Advanced Placement Courses

English Language	Calculus AB and BC *
English Literature	Statistics *
U.S. Government	Biology
U.S. History	Physics *
Psychology	Chemistry
Art *	* Not offered every year

Honors/Pre-Advanced Placement Courses

English I and II	Algebra I and II
World History	Pre-Calculus
U.S. History	Biology
Chemistry	Hebrew I, II, III
Physics *	Oral Law
Geometry	Talmudic Studies
Economics	* Not offered every year

Electives

Yearbook	Holocaust and Zionism
Studio Art	Advanced Hebrew
	• Bechina Yerushalmit (Jerusalem Exam)
Graphic Design *	• Hebrew Journal *
Spanish *	* Not offered every year

Extracurricular Activities

Student Government	National Honor Society
Math and Science Club	Drama
Basketball	Volleyball
Flag Football	Golf
M.A.D. Club- Making a Difference (Community Service Club)	

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

In recent years, students of the Robert M. Beren Academy have been offered admission by the following colleges and universities:

American Jewish University	Smith College
Barnard University	Stern College
Boston University	SUNY at Binghamton
Brandeis University	Syracuse University
Brooklyn College	Tel Aviv University
Clark University	Texas A & M University
Columbia University	Touro College
Cornell University	Trinity University
Emory University	Tulane University
George Washington University	University of Arizona
Goucher College	University of Houston
Hofstra University	University of Illinois
Lander College	University of Kansas
Mount Holyoke	University of Maryland
New York University	University of Michigan
Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania
Ohio State University	University of Texas
Rice University	University of Toronto
Rutgers University	Yeshiva University

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