



ALPHA
HIGH SCHOOL

INFO BOOKLET

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ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Here's a step-by-step guide to making your application process smooth and simple.

STEP 1

Attend a Showcase or Schedule a Tour

This is your chance to chat with our Admissions team and get all your questions answered.

STEP 2

Submit an application form

Start your Alpha journey by submitting your application along with a non-refundable \$100 fee per student.

STEP 3

Shadow Days

Schedule your Shadow Days with your Admissions Coordinator to give your student a firsthand experience of Alpha. During their visit, students will engage with our core skills AI applications, participate in life skills workshops, and take the NWEA MAP Screener to help ensure they're placed with the right content from day one.

Required Documents to Submit Before Shadow Day or Student Observation:

- Allergy or medication details
- Emergency contact information
- Current school records (grades 2-8)
- Current School Transcript (9-11th)

Required Documents to Sign:

- Liability Waiver
- Photo/Video Consent Form
- Data Collection Consent Form

Your dedicated admissions counselor will work with you to schedule the ideal day for your student to visit.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Next step – finalizing your enrollment and preparing for an incredible educational journey with Alpha.

STEP 1

Meet with Your Admissions Coordinator

During your meeting, we will review the MAP exam results, feedback from your child's Shadow Day or Observation, and discuss your academic goals. Our admissions team will also address any remaining questions to ensure your family is fully informed and confident in your decision.

STEP 2

AlphaX MVP Assignment

Before moving forward with enrollment, you must complete and submit the following assignment. Using the AlphaX Olympic-Level One-Liner you previously created, your task is to develop a Minimum Viable Product (MVP). This MVP should represent the simplest version of your idea that allows you to test its core functionality. The assignment consists of two parts: a completed plan for your MVP and the MVP itself.

After completion, email both parts to chris.locke@alpha.school and chloe.belvin@alpha.school. We suggest you spend 5-10 hours on this project, though the time may vary based on your topic.

STEP 3

Finalize Enrollment

Review admissions enrollment offer and complete the following:

- Student Enrollment Form
- Tuition Agreement
- Submit a non-refundable \$1000 tuition deposit
- Complete the Family Medical and Financial sections

STEP 4

Welcome to the Alpha Family

Congratulations on joining the Alpha community! We are thrilled to embark on this transformative journey of growth and opportunity together. We're excited to have you as part of our family!



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Tuition at Alpha School is **\$40,000**

TUITION OVERVIEW

Tuition Schedule

Payments are drafted on the first of every month beginning **July 1st of the year.**

Mid-Year Enrollment

Tuition is prorated based on the number of academic days enrolled. For the exact cost of tuition, please reach out to your admissions coordinator for more details.

Monthly Payments

12 payments from July 1st to June 1st the following year OR, full payment.

Full Payment

1 payment collected on July 1st. **OR,** if enrollment occurs after July 1st of the academic year, tuition will be collected at the time of enrollment.

IMPORTANT INFO

Deposit

Once admission is offered to a student, a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your student's spot at Alpha. **This deposit will be deducted from your overall tuition balance.**

Sibling Discount

We offer a 5% discount on tuition for the second child and beyond in families with two or more children enrolled at our school.

Location Specific Costs

Please ask your Admissions Coordinator about costs not included in tuition.

Now Enrolling K through 8th Grade.

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EXAMPLE CALENDAR

2024 -2025

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUG 12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUG 20 - 23 MAP TESTING

SEPTEMBER

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29	30					

SEPT 2 NO SCHOOL / LABOUR DAY

OCTOBER

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OCT 4 SESSION 1 ENDS
OCT 7 - 11 SESSION BREAK
OCT 14 SESSION 2 STARTS
OCT 23 PSAT/NMSQT

NOVEMBER

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NOV 25 - 29 THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER

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DEC 20 SESSION 2 ENDS
DEC 23 - JAN 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2024

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JAN 6 SESSION 3 START
JAN 20 MLK DAY
JAN 29 - 31 MAP TESTING

FEBRUARY

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FEB 17 PRESIDENTS DAY

MARCH

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30	31					

MAR 3 SESSION 3 ENDS
MAR 17 - 21 SESSION BREAK
MAR 24 SESSION 4 START
MAR 24 SCHOOL DAY SAT

APRIL

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APR 16 - 17 PM STAFF MEETINGS
APR 18 SESSION 4 ENDS
APR 21 - 25 SESSION BREAK
APR 28 SESSION 5 STARTS

MAY




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MAY 2 NO SCHOOL
MAY 21 - 23 MAP TESTING
MAY 23 GRADUATION
MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

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29	30					

KEY

-  START OR END OF SESSION
-  SCHOOL HOLIDAY/SESSION BREAK
-  TESTING DAY



2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ABOUT ALPHA HIGH SCHOOL

Accreditation & Affiliations

Alpha High School is accredited through Cognia Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC) Member School

Alpha Students

Alpha students are taught to learn independently without teachers, driving their own learning via adaptive, educational applications Alpha students receive coaching and motivation from guides and work with these guides to set ambitious goals Through a combination of mastery-based learning and technology, Alpha students pursue rigorous coursework and develop deep expertise. The primary motivator students attend Alpha High is to engage in the four-year AlphaX Masterpiece program

ALPHAX

AlphaX, short for Alpha Expertise, is the key differentiator for Alpha students. Unlike traditional senior capstone projects, AlphaX is a multi-year program that every high school student completes before graduating from Alpha. The mission of the program is to purposefully guide students to find their passion and purpose early on in life and guide them as they develop expertise in that area, to ultimately pursue a bold project in that area of interest. Each student is coached to set an ambitious, long-term goal called a Masterpiece. Each Masterpiece must have an incredibly high bar, as exciting and inspirational as becoming an Olympic athlete. The time commitment for the AlphaX program is very significant, approximately 400 hours/year (1600+ hours across a high school career). At the conclusion of a student's high school experience, each student has a culminating event demonstrating completion of their Masterpiece. This culminating event takes different forms, depending on the nature of the Masterpiece.

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THE FOUR STAGES OF ALPHAX



STAGE 1 DISCOVER

Participate in **hackathons** and **rabbit-hole-athons** (a research deep-dive in a topic of interest) to discover your passions and explore what your Masterpiece will be.

Outcome: Find your passion & develop an Olympian mindset



STAGE 2 DEFINE

Become an expert in your topic and identify the unique **Masterpiece project** you will do within your passion, and pitch it for approval.

Outcome: Create your Olympic-level one-liner



STAGE 3 LAUNCH

Bring your **Masterpiece to life & share it with the world**. Learn how to grow your audience, distribute your work and receive feedback, build an MVP using no-code and AI tools, and acquire your first 100 customers.

Outcome: Build your Masterpiece & achieve product-market fit with paying customers



STAGE 4 SCALE

Participate in coaching, mentorship, and specialized workshops to **execute, scale, and grow** your Masterpiece.

Outcome: Achieve your Olympic-level goal

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an Alpha diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 24 credits. The breakdown of credits is as follows:

English	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Math	4 credits	PE	1 credit
Science	3 credits *	Student-Driven Electives	2 - 4 credits
Social Science	3 credits **	AlphaX	2 - 4 credits
World Languages	2 credits	*Includes 2 credits of Biology and Chemistry **Includes 1 credit of US History	

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Students have the option to pursue self-directed, AP-aligned coursework to prepare for AP exams.

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Calculus Statistics

SOCIAL SCIENCE

World Geography
World History
U.S. History
U.S. Government
Micro/Macro Economics

SCIENCE

Biology Chemistry
Physics Computer
Science Environmental
Systems

ALPHAX

Entrepreneurship 101
Introduction to Online Writing
Ambitious Goal-Setting
Pitching
Advanced Online Writing
Building a Network Advanced
Entrepreneurship Be an Expert
Advanced Masterpiece Execution 1
Advanced Masterpiece Execution 2

ENGLISH

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12

WORLD LANGUAGES

Full suite of courses offered through online provider, LanguageBird

GPA

Alpha does not rank its students. A student's GPA is calculated by multiplying the academic year grade by the weight of the course.

Courses are designated as college preparatory or Advanced Placement (AP). The weighted GPA is calculated as follows: +1.0 for AP.

GRADING SCALE

A+	97 - 100	B+	87 - 89	C+	77 - 79	D+	67 - 69	F	0 - 59
A	93 - 96	B	83 - 86	C	73 - 76	D	63 - 66		
A-	90 - 92	B-	80 - 82	C-	70 - 72	D-	60 - 62		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

In May 2024, Alpha students took 32 exams 94% of the scores were 3 or higher, as follows:

AP Exam Score	3	4	5
Total	4 (13%)	19 (28%)	17 (53%)

ELECTIVES

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SAT SCORES!

DECEMBER 2024

Overall School Average

National Average = **1024** | Texas Average = **978**

1410

94th Percentile

Class of **2025** (Seniors)

1530

Class of **2026** (Juniors)

1420

Class of **2027** (Sophomores)

1400

Class of **2028** (Freshman)

1350



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Alpha High Austin Graduates have been accepted to:



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Alpha High School Curriculum Guide

2024-2025



Introduction

The Curriculum Guide is intended to provide information to students and families about the individualized academic pathways available through Alpha. We strive for simplicity and student ownership over academic choices as well as outcomes. No single publication can reliably describe every situation that may arise in the course of a student's time at Alpha. Therefore, students and families are encouraged to use this Curriculum Guide as a resource and communicate with the Alpha High School Guides throughout their time at Alpha.

The Curriculum Guide was developed in collaboration with Alpha Guides, leaders and parents. It is important that everyone in the community reviews the content and familiarizes themselves with how Alpha works.

About Alpha

Alpha High School

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Austin, Texas 78701
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CEEB: 440644

Alpha was founded in 2016 as a private day school located in Austin, Texas, serving students from kindergarten through high school. In 2021, Alpha expanded to locations across Texas. Alpha was founded on three pillars that form the basis of our educational philosophy:

Students love school.

Students succeed when they love school. Everything else (learning, creativity, risk-taking, hard work) follows from love of school. Ultimately, love of school comes from the self-agency and engagement students feel when they truly invest in their school experience.

Students learn two times (2x) faster.

Alpha utilizes adaptive technology, an innovative schedule, and the self-agency of each student to create an environment where students complete the same amount of content in half the time.

Students learn life skills.

Alpha students learn practical life skills, such as public speaking, focus and intensity, giving and receiving feedback, personal finance, and entrepreneurship. During workshops, students tackle projects as individuals or with a group of their peers.

Academic Program Overview

Autonomy, accountability and ingenuity are central to Alpha High School. Guides mentor students as they work independently with adaptive apps to advance through their required courses. Students earn the same or more credits compared to traditional high schools, but do so more quickly, leaving time for their true passion – a 4-year AlphaX Masterpiece that ties together multiple disciplines.

Alpha High School (Grades 7-12) is accredited through Cognia.

Alpha's adaptive learning environment includes Masterpiece projects, highly engaging group workshops that take our students all over the city, and personalized college counseling. While Alpha's high school experience is anything but traditional, our students are bolstered with in-depth curriculum support, ensuring that core requirements are fulfilled, while deeper interests are explored.

Student-Driven Learning and Contract

Alpha is building an exceptional school. Through self-directed learning and governance, Alpha students have full ownership of their school. To make sure that students understand their responsibilities relative to their education, we ask them to sign a contract each year. The contract is made up of five articles, the most critical articles being the following:

Article I

I am personally accountable for my actions, my time and my work. This means that my school and my parents are not responsible for my education - I own my education. Coming to Alpha is MY choice.

Article III

I will do the hard work required to own my education and accomplish my goals. I will fail sometimes, but I will take setbacks as temporary and bounce back quickly.

Article IV

I have the opportunity to do something real in high school. I will use my time in high school to complete an ambitious, bold and extraordinary project that excites me.

Graduation Requirements

To qualify for an Alpha diploma, a student must earn a minimum of 22 credits. The academic breakdown of credits is as follows:

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits *
Social Science	3 credits **
World Languages	2 credits
PE/Health	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Student-Driven Electives	4+ credits
Or	
AlphaX	4+ credits

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Quality Points

A+	4.3	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3	F	0
A	4.0	B	3.0	C	2.0	D	1.0		
A-	3.7	B-	2.7	C-	1.7	D-	0.7		

College Counseling

Alpha's goal is to maximize opportunities for each student. While we expect some of our graduates to opt into unique opportunities, like the Thiel Fellowship, acceptance to a top-tier university is one way to optimize opportunity.

How do we do this? By creating a clear pathway where the only delta in outcome is based on the input or work ethic of a student.

College Counseling Goals Mirror Alpha Promises:

- Love your college Attend the best college *for you*
- *Learn life skills through the admissions process*

Alpha maintains a college readiness timeline that is updated annually. The timeline includes a series of information sessions, independent meetings and objectives that allow Alpha to provide resources, tools and serve the needs of each student. The college admissions process is completely opt-in for students and families.

Attendance

Regular attendance is critical for success at Alpha. Alpha's adaptive software allows for students to work independently, however, the discussions, group activities, and interactions during the school day are key to success at Alpha. Students are expected to be in school daily, on-time and ready to learn.

Planning a Course of Study

Students meet with their advisor at the start of their Alpha career. Together, the advisor and the student create a pathway to graduation. The plan may be altered at any time, based on the student's interest. As the student travels through the AlphaX learning plan, courses that complement their passion are added to the pathway to graduation.

AP Testing

Alpha High School provides students with the opportunity to register for and take AP Exams in various subjects of their choosing. AP Exams are standardized exams offered by the College Board. They are designed to measure how well students have mastered advanced high school content in each applicable subject. Scoring well on these exams is beneficial for students' admission to college and students may receive college credit for passing scores. If a student registers for an AP Exam in a particular subject, the student is enrolled in advanced placement coursework within their adaptive learning applications for that subject, and receives additional adaptive learning applications as resources for their AP Exam.

How do students determine which AP Exams to take?

Students may elect to register for AP Exams in the subjects of their choice. This election process occurs at the beginning of the school year. Following conversations with their academic advisor, students indicate which AP Exams they are electing to register for by notifying their advisor. From there, Alpha High School handles student registration and payment for AP tests. Registered students will receive a confirmation email from CollegeBoard. If a student registers for an AP Exam in a particular subject, the expectation is that the student remains current with their coursework in their applications for that subject.

Academic and Testing Accommodations

Classroom and testing accommodations are approved on an individual basis. The deadline to apply for accommodations is January 5, 2025.

Academic Integrity Policy

A core principle of Alpha is for students to take responsibility for their own work, and acknowledging when any work submitted is the result of collaboration. Alpha High School requires that all students be accountable for the integrity of their work. Alpha students should know that Guides utilize software to check for plagiarism. Plagiarism is the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. This is an offense that takes place each and every day in the United States in an academic and business context and results in serious repercussions.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Submitting writing in whole or in part that is taken from another student or any other source that is not the person submitting the writing.
- Taking an essay or any other material from the Internet and using it as one's own without citing the source and using quotations.
- Paraphrasing another author's work without citing the source.
- Using the ideas of another author without citing the source.
- Resubmitting work that was originally written for another course.
- Sharing any information about the content of assessments, including quizzes, tests, or exams with one's peers is strictly prohibited.

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Disciplinary action for academic dishonesty follows these guidelines:

First Offense

Student may fail the assignment and/or lose progress tied to the Alpha motivational model. Guide or Head of High School will notify the student's parents.

Second Offense

Student will fail the assignment. Guide or Head of School will arrange for a conference with parents and the student. Any motivational model points will be lost. Student may receive a home suspension for a minimum of 1 week up to the remainder of the session. Student will be placed on academic probation.

Third Offense

Student will be subject to dismissal. Head of School will schedule a conference with the student and parents.

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During each year of high school, students take courses associated with the AlphaX program. Courses are separated into four AlphaX stages, demonstrated by the graphic below.



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Course Offerings

*AP course available

English English 9
English 10
English 11*
English 12*

Science Biology*
Chemistry*
Physics*
Computer Science*
Environmental Systems*

AlphaX AlphaX Entrepreneurship 101
AlphaX Building in Public
AlphaX Ambitious Goal Setting
AlphaX Pitching
AlphaX Distribution
AlphaX Building a Network

Mathematics Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus*
Calculus* Statistics*

Social Science AP Human Geography
World History*
US History*
US Government*
Micro/Macro Economics*

World Languages Full suite of courses offered through online provider, Language Bird*

Physical Ed (PE) Lifetime Fitness & Wellness
PE Waiver

Fine Arts Art History
AP 2D Art
Digital Art & Media
Fine Arts Waiver

AlphaX Advanced

Entrepreneurship
AlphaX Be an Expert
AlphaX Advanced Masterpiece Execution 1
AlphaX Advanced Masterpiece Execution 2

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PE Substitution

Students must participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 100 minutes per five-day school week. This may be earned through participation in the following activities: athletics, JROTC, professional, supervised training, private or commercially sponsored physical activities including those certified by the head of high school to be of high quality and well supervised by appropriately trained instructors, drill team, marching band, cheerleading.

A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness may substitute an academic elective credit approved by the head of school for the physical education credit requirement.

Fine Arts Substitution

Students may participate in an approved community-based fine arts program not provided by Alpha High School and certified by the head of high school to be of high quality and well supervised by appropriately trained instructors.