



BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

2016-2017 PROFILE

Mission Statement

Guided by the Quaker belief that there is a Divine Light in everyone, Brooklyn Friends School cultivates an intellectually ambitious and diverse community that celebrates each individual's gifts. We challenge our students to value and embrace difference as they develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge and intelligence both in and out of the classroom. In this rich learning environment, we inspire all members of our community to voice their convictions, to discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth. Our graduates are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service.

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BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

School and Student Body

Brooklyn Friends School, founded in 1867, draws upon its Quaker heritage to educate students within the context of a challenging academic program and a caring, supportive community. An independent, coed day school, Brooklyn Friends enrolls more than 860 students from preschool through 12th grade, including 200 in the Upper School (grades 9-12).

There are 43 students in the Class of 2017

Our student body reflects the racial, economic, ethnic, and religious diversity of New York City. Upper School students travel to school from all five boroughs of the city, as well as New Jersey. Students of color comprise over 40% of the Upper School student body, and 52% of Upper School students receive need-based financial aid.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Brooklyn Friends offers 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or enroll in individual IB courses of their choice. The academically rigorous IB Diploma Program prepares students for college and encourages them to ask challenging questions, learn how to learn, develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures.



DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BROOKLYN FRIENDS UPPER SCHOOL

Quaker Values

Quaker Meeting for Worship is held weekly in the Upper School. Community members sit in silence, and if they feel moved to say something that will deepen and enrich the experience, they stand and speak. The practice of quieting the mind and opening the heart adds a spiritual dimension to the educational experience and encourages students to be thoughtful, active listeners.

Commitment to Diversity

Brooklyn Friends School is committed to maintaining an environment in which all people are respected and valued. The School actively strives to recognize, respect, and celebrate the differences and commonalities that shape the individual and collective identities of its members.

Service Learning

As a Quaker school, Brooklyn Friends has a rich tradition of service, and all students complete the IB Diploma Program's CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) project requirements in 11th and 12th grades.

COURSE OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS

International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are in **bold**

ENG: English - 4 years required

9: Youth and Society

10: US Literature

11-12: IB English Literature (SL/HL)

WL: World Languages - 3 years required

9-10: Spanish 1/2/3 or French 1/2/3

Students may ALSO study another language in addition to Spanish or French: Latin 1/2/3 or Mandarin 1/2

11-12: IB French Ab Initio / Spanish Ab Initio (SL)

[for students who have completed French/Spanish 2]

or **IB French B / Spanish B / Latin (SL/HL)**

[for students who have completed Fr/Sp/Lat 3]

or **IB Mandarin Ab Initio (SL)** [for students who have completed Mandarin 1 and Mandarin 2]

Students studying IB Spanish, French, or Mandarin may ALSO take IB Latin as an additional language.

MTH: Mathematics - 4 years required

9: Integrated Algebra & Geometry 1 or Geometry or Honors Geometry

10: Integrated Algebra & Geometry 2 or Algebra 2 or Honors Algebra 2

11: IB Mathematics (SL) [Pre-Calculus + Calculus] or **IB Mathematics (HL)** [SL + Advanced Topics]

12: IB Math Studies (SL) [Algebra 2 + Pre-calc]

or **IB Mathematics (SL)** [Pre-Calculus + Calculus]

or **IB Mathematics (HL)** [SL + Advanced Topics]

SCI: Science - 3 years required

9: Conceptual Physics

10: Chemistry or Honors Chemistry

11-12: IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or

IB Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)

IB Physics (SL) may be taken as a 2nd science course

11: General Biology

12: Forensic Science

HST: History - 4 years required

9: Comparative World Cultures

10: Semester-long "Intensive Studies":

Art History 1 & 2, Latin America, The World Wars,

Modern Africa, Modern India, China, Japan,

The Wars in Korea & Vietnam

11-12: IB History (SL/HL) [11: History of the Americas;

12: 20th Century World History]

ART: Visual and Performing Arts - 3 years required

9-12: Students choose from the following yearlong courses:

2-D Art; 3-D Art; Ceramics; Darkroom Photography; Digital Photography; Chorus; Chamber Ensemble; Jazz Band; Dance; Theatre; Print Making and Alternative Processes; Digital Media

11-12: Students may also choose from the following two-year courses: **IB Visual Arts (SL/HL); IB Theatre (SL/HL); IB Dance (SL/HL); IB Music (SL/HL)**

RPE: Religion, Philosophy, Ethics

9: Quakerism [1 semester, required]

10: Service and Justice Seminar [1 semester, required]

11-12: IB Theory of Knowledge [3 semesters, required for IB Diploma candidates] or Philosophy [1 semester required in grade 11 or 12]

Other graduation requirements

9-12: Physical Education

9: Study Skills [1 year] and Life Skills/Health [1 year]

AFTERNOON SEMINARS

Students may complement their regular coursework with challenging afterschool elective seminars in areas of special interest that fall outside of our curriculum. These **trimester-long seminars**, known as "After 3" courses, meet once a week from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, and are graded on a **pass/fail** basis. *Offerings have included:* Italian; Mandarin; Advanced Quaker Studies; The Aesthetic Life of Japan; Introduction to Black Studies; Creative Writing; Introduction to Philosophy; Food, Society, and Self; Journalism; Hamlet from Page to Stage; Caribbean Studies; Astronomy; The Spiritual Life of China.

ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Friends School fields 17 Varsity and Junior Varsity teams:

Fall - Girls Volleyball (JV & V), Girls & Boys Soccer (V), Girls & Boys Cross-Country (V)

Winter - Girls & Boys Basketball (JV & V), Girls & Boys Indoor Track (V), Girls & Boys Squash (Club), Girls & Boys Swim (Club)

Spring - Girls Softball (V), Boys Baseball (V), Boys Volleyball (V), Girls & Boys Outdoor Track (V)

THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM AT BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

Brooklyn Friends School offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program for students in 11th and 12th grades. Students may choose to pursue the full **IB Diploma** or take individual **IB courses** to earn certificates.

IB Diploma candidates must:

- Choose **SIX** two-year IB courses, including at least one each from Groups 1-5 (see right)
- Take at least 3 of the 6 courses at **Higher Level (HL)**, with the remainder at **Standard Level (SL)**
- Take a 3-semester **Theory of Knowledge** course
- Complete a 4,000 word **Extended Essay**, an independent research project on a topic of their choice
- Fulfill **CAS** (Creativity, Activity, Service) requirements

Of 43 students in the Class of 2017:

33 (77%) are IB Diploma candidates.

3 (7%) are enrolled in 6 IB courses

4 (9%) are enrolled in 5 IB courses

3 (7%) are enrolled in 4 IB courses

IB Diploma Program Subject Groups

- 1) **Language and Literature:** English Literature SL/HL
- 2) **Language Acquisition:** Spanish B SL/HL, French B SL/HL, Spanish Ab Initio SL, French Ab Initio SL*, Mandarin Ab Initio SL*, and/or Latin SL/HL
- 3) **Individuals and Societies:** History SL/HL
- 4) **Sciences:** Biology SL/HL or Environmental Systems & Societies SL*; Physics SL* (Physics may only be taken as an *additional* science, in place of an Arts course)
- 5) **Mathematics:** Math Studies SL* or Mathematics SL/HL
- 6) **The Arts:** Visual Arts SL/HL, Theatre SL/HL, Music SL/HL, or Dance SL/HL. (Instead of an Arts course, students may choose to take Physics SL or Latin SL/HL.)

*Denotes courses offered **ONLY** at Standard Level (SL)

GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN 11TH GRADE COURSES – CLASS of 2017

We do not rank our students and we do not calculate weighted GPA. Grades range from A+ to F, except in Physical Education and Study Skills, which are graded Pass/Fail. *Students who have completed the 3-year World Language graduation requirement or who have a foreign language waiver due to a diagnosed learning disability may also take World Language classes as Pass/Fail.*

		A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
ENG	IB English Literature HL		4	9	9	7	7	3	1	1		
ENG	ENG IB English Literature SL					1	3					
HST	HST IB History SL/HL		1	7	12	9	7	3	2	1	1	1
SCI	SCI IB Biology HL		3	5	1	6		1	1	1	1	
SCI	SCI IB Biology SL			1	2	3	1		1		1	
SCI	SCI General Biology		2	1	2			1				
SCI	SCI IB Physics SL		1	2	1			1				
SCI	SCI IB Env. Syst. & Societies SL	1	2	2	2	2			1			
MTH	MTH IB Mathematics HL	2	3	4								
MTH	IB Mathematics SL	2	8	5	8		4	2		4		
MTH	IB Mathematics SL					2						
WL	IB Mathematics SL WL	1		7	5							
WL	WL IB Spanish B SL/HL			3	1	1						
WL	WL IB Spanish B SL/HL	1	5	7	1	1						
WL	WL IB Spanish B SL/HL											1
WL	WL IB Mandarin ab Initio SL	1				1						
WL	WL IB Latin I SL/HL		2	2								
ART	ART IB Visual Arts I SL/HL		2	5	4	5	1			1		
ART	ART IB Music I SL/HL		1	1								
ART	ART IB Theatre I SL/HL		1	2								
ART	IB Dance I SL/HL		1	3	1							
RPE	RPE IB Theory of Knowledge	2	26	3	2	1	1			1		

SAT AND ACT SCORES - CLASS OF 2017 (as of August 2016)

SAT (2 students)

Prior to March 2016 Middle 50% Mean

Critical Reading	630 – 730	680
Math	440 – 660	550
Writing	500 – 790	645
Total (x/2400)	1570 – 2180	1875

New SAT (4 students)

Middle 50% Mean

Evidence Based Reading and Writing	570 – 690	645
Mathematics	540 – 660	575
Writing	28 – 35	34
Total (x/1600)	1110 – 1350	1210

ACT (42 students) Middle 50% Mean

English	23 – 32	27.3
Math	19 – 27	23.9
Reading	23 – 32	27.5
Science	20 – 27	24.2
Composite	22 – 29	25.8

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY MATRICULATIONS - CLASSES OF 2013-2016

Brooklyn Friends School graduates from the last four classes were admitted by the following institutions. An asterisk (*) indicates that at least one BFS alumna/alumnus currently attends that college or university.

Alfred University	Dickinson College*	McDaniel College*	Sewanee: The University of the South
Allegheny College*	Drew University	McGill University	Siena College*
American University*	Drexel University*	Miami University, Oxford	Skidmore College*
Amherst College*	Durham University	University of Miami*	Smith College*
Arcadia University	Earlham College	University of Michigan	University of Southern California*
University of Arizona*	Eckerd College*	Middlebury College*	Spelman College
Babson College	University of Edinburgh	Molloy College	Springfield College
Bard College*	Elon University	Morehouse College	University of St Andrews
Barnard College*	Emerson College*	Mount Holyoke College	St. Andrews University
Bates College*	Emory University*	Muhlenberg College*	St. John's University - Queens Campus*
Beloit College	Evergreen State College*	New School - All Divisions*	St. Lawrence University
Bennington College*	Fairfield University	New York City College of Technology	Stanford University*
Berklee College of Music	Fordham University	New York University*	Stony Brook University
Binghamton University*	Franklin & Marshall College*	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*	Suffolk University
Boston University*	George Mason University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts*	SUNY Albany
Bowdoin College*	George Washington University*	Northeastern University*	SUNY Brockport*
Brandeis University*	Georgetown University	Northwestern University*	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
University of British Columbia	Gettysburg College	Oberlin College	SUNY Empire State College
Brooklyn College of the CUNY*	Goucher College	of Arts and Sciences*	SUNY Geneseo*
Brown University*	Green Mountain College	Occidental College*	SUNY Morrisville State College*
Bryn Mawr College	Grinnell College	Oglethorpe University	SUNY New Paltz
Bucknell University*	Guilford College*	Ohio State University*	SUNY Oneonta
Buffalo State College of SUNY	Hampshire College*	Oregon State University	SUNY Oswego
Buffalo State University of SUNY	Hampton University	Pace University*	SUNY Plattsburgh
California Institute of the Arts	University of Hartford*	University of Pennsylvania*	SUNY Potsdam
University of California, Davis	Hartwick College	University of Pittsburgh	SUNY Purchase
University of California, Irvine	Haverford College	Pitzer College*	Susquehanna University
University of California, Los Angeles*	High Point University	Pomona College*	Swarthmore College*
University of California, San Diego	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Pratt Institute*	Syracuse University*
University of California, Santa Cruz	Howard University	University of Puget Sound	University of Tampa
Carleton College*	Humboldt State University	Quest University Canada	Temple University
Case Western Reserve University	Hunter College of the CUNY	Quinnipiac University*	Trinity College*
Centenary College	Indiana University at Bloomington*	University of Redlands	Trinity College Dublin*
Central Connecticut State University	Iona College*	Reed College*	Tufts University*
Champlain College	Ithaca College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*	Tulane University*
University of Chicago*	Johns Hopkins University*	Rhode Island School of Design*	Union College
City College of New York CUNY	Juniata College*	Rhodes College	Ursinus College*
Clark University	Kenyon College*	Richmond The American International College in London	Utica College
Clarkson University	Knox College*	University of Richmond*	Vanderbilt University
Colgate University*	Lafayette College	Rider University	Vassar College*
College of Saint Rose	Landmark College	Rochester Institute of Technology*	University of Vermont*
College of the Atlantic	Lehigh University	Roger Williams University	University of Victoria
College of the Holy Cross	Lewis & Clark College*	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Virginia*
College of William and Mary	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Wagner College
College of Wooster	Louisiana State University	Saint Joseph's University	Wake Forest University
University of Colorado at Boulder	Loyola University Chicago	Saint Mary's College of California	Warren Wilson College
University of Colorado at Denver	Loyola University Maryland	University of San Francisco	Wells College
Colorado College*	Loyola University New Orleans*	Santa Clara University	Wesleyan University*
Columbia College Chicago	Lycoming College	Sarah Lawrence College	Western Washington University
Columbia University*	Lynn University	Savannah College of Art and Design*	Wheaton College MA
Connecticut College*	Macalester College*	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Whitman College
University of Connecticut	Manhattan College	School of Visual Arts*	Willamette University
Cornell University	Manhattanville College	University of Scranton	Williams College
Curry College*	Marist College	Scripps College	University of Wisconsin, Madison*
Davidson College*	Maryland Institute College of Art*	Seton Hall University	Wofford College
Dean College	University of Maryland, College Park*		Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Delaware Valley University	Marymount Manhattan College		Yale University*
University of Delaware	Massachusetts Institute of Technology*		
DePaul University*	University of Massachusetts, Amherst		
DeSales University			