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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 900 students from preschool through 12th grade, including 210 in the Upper School (grades 9-12). **There are 43 students in the Class of 2018.**

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 more than 55% of the Upper School student body, and 48% 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 demanding IB Diploma Program 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. Research has shown that IB Diploma students are better able to cope with the workload and time management demands of college.

Distinctive Characteristics Of The BFS 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.

CEEB Code 330610

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, Mandarin 1/2, or Italian 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) [beginner level]
Students studying IB Spanish, French, or Mandarin may ALSO take IB Latin as an additional language.

MTH: Mathematics 4 years required

- 9: Functions & Geometry 1 or Geometry or Honors Geometry
- 10: Algebra 2 or Honors Algebra 2
- 11-12: **IB Math Studies (SL)** [Algebra 2 + Pre-Calculus]
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: Western Civilization
- 10: Semester-long "Intensive Studies"
Art History 1 & 2, Latin America, Modern Africa, Modern India 1, Modern India 2, World War I, World War II
- 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, Screenprinting, 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: 10th Grade Seminar [1 year, 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]

ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Friends School fields 20 Varsity and Junior Varsity teams:

Fall

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

Winter

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

Spring

Girls Softball (V), Boys Baseball (V), Boys Volleyball (V), Boys & Girls 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 IB Diploma or take individual IB courses to earn IB course certificates.

IB Diploma candidates must:

- Choose **SIX** two-year IB courses, one from each of the six groups (see right) with the exception that students may choose to take Biology Higher Level instead of a Group 6 course.
- Take 3 or 4 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 2018:

35 (81%) are IB Diploma candidates.

2 (5%) are enrolled in 6 IB courses

3 (7%) 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 may be taken as an additional science course, 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.

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

Grade Distribution in 11th Grade Courses – Class Of 2018

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	2	7	9	1	13	5	1	2			
ENG	IB English Literature SL						1	1				
HST	IB History SL/HL	1	9	12	7	5	2	4	1	1	1	
SCI	IB Biology HL		5	2	6			1				
SCI	IB Biology SL	1	2		1	2	3					
SCI	General Biology		1	3	1							
SCI	IB Physics SL			2			1	1				
SCI	IB Env. Syst. & Societies SL			2	1	2	1	3				
MTH	IB Mathematics HL		6	3	1	1						
MTH	IB Mathematics SL	2	8	8	4		1	3				
MTH	Adv. Algebra & Discrete Math				2	2	1	1				
WL	IB Spanish B SL/HL		9	3			2	2				
WL	IB French B SL/HL		1			2						
WL	IB Spanish ab Initio SL	6	3	4								
WL	IB French ab Initio SL			4		3				1		
WL	IB Mandarin ab Initio SL	7	3	4								
WL	IB Latin I SL/HL		1									
ART	IB Visual Arts I SL/HL	1	7	6	1							
ART	IB Music I SL/HL	2	3		2		2					
ART	IB Theatre I SL/HL		3	2	3							
ART	IB Dance I SL/HL		5									
RPE	IB Theory of Knowledge		25	5	3	1	1					

SAT (22 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	580-710	655
Mathematics	540-730	615
Writing	30-36	33
Total (x/1600)	1170-1430	1265

ACT (13 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
English	23-30	27.0
Math	22-28	25.5
Reading	23-30	27.0
Writing	21-28	25.8
Composite	23-30	26.5

College & University Acceptances, Classes Of 2014-2017

BFS graduates from the last four classes were admitted by the following institutions.

An asterisk () indicates that at least one BFS graduate currently attends that college or university.*

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