

Brooklyn Friends School



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 54 students in the Class of 2019.**

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 53% 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.

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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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]
or French A Self-study
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: Biology
- 10: Chemistry or Honors Chemistry
- 11-12: **IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL)**
or IB Environmental Systems & Societies (SL)
or IB Physics (SL)
- 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, International Relations, Islamic Empire, Genocide in the 20th Century
- 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 54 students in the Class of 2018:

46 (85%) are IB Diploma candidates.

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*, French A Self-study and/or Latin SL/HL
- 3) **Individuals and Societies:** History SL/HL
- 4) **Sciences:** Biology SL/HL or Environmental Systems & Societies SL or Physics SL/HL
- 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 2019

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		W		
	Semester 1	Semester 2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	S1	S2	
IB ENG LIT HL			2	1	6	11	6	4	2	10	10	6	11	9	4	3	4	1	3	4	1						
IB ENG LIT SL									2	2		2			1	2								1			
IB Hist SL/HL			1		12	9	9	10	10	7	8	8	3	3	5	2	1	6	2	3	1	3					
IB BIO HL				1	3	2		1	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	1	2		1	2		1				1	
IB BIO SL					2	3	1	2	1		1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2				1		2		
GEN BIO					4	5	4	3																			
IB Physics HL					1	1			1	1	2	3	1		2	2											
IB Physics SL											1		2	2	1	1											
IB Env. SL																		1									
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL						1	2	1					2	2				1			1				1		
IB Math HL				1	2	1				4	2	3	3	1	2	2			1		2						
IB Math SL			2	6	3	9	2	3	2		4	4	7	4	4	2	2	1	1		2						
IB Mathematical Studies SL							1	1				2	3	4	3	1		3	2		2	2					
ADV. Alg. & Discrete Math																											
IB Spanish B HL/SL					2	2	8	6	1	2	2	2	7	4				1		1							
IB French B HL/SL					1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1															
IB Spanish ab Initio SL				1	1	8	8	3	3	3	3																
IB French ab Initio SL			1		1		1			2	2				1			2									
IB Mandarin ab initio SL			2	1	1	1	1			2			2														
IB Latin I SL/HL			2	1		1																					
IB Visual Arts I SL/HL			1	6	6	5	3	4	6	4	1	1	2														
IB Music I SL/HL			1	1			1	1					1														
IB Theatre I SL/HL						1	3	5	5	2	1	1															
IB Dance I SL/HL			1		9	8	1			1																	
IB Theory Of Knowledge				2	40	25	1	6		5	4	1		2			1	1		1	1						

SAT (29 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	630-725	680
Mathematics	580-710	630
Total (x/1600)	1200-1415	1310

ACT (14 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
English	23-33	27.6
Math	22-28	25.7
Reading	23-33	28.1
Science	22-30	26.8
Composite	23-30	26.7

College Matriculations

Brooklyn Friends School graduates from the Class of 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 were admitted by the following institutions. Bold indicates that at least one BFS graduate currently attends that college or university.

Agnes Scott College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
University of Arizona
Babson College
Bard College
Barnard College
Barton College
Bates College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College of the CUNY
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
California College of the Arts (San Francisco)
California Institute of the Arts
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Cruz
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary University
Central Connecticut State University
Champlain College
City College of New York CUNY
CUNY New York City College of Technology
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colby College
Colgate University
The College of Saint Rose
Colorado College
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Curry College
Daemen College
Davidson College
Dean College
Delaware State University
Delaware Valley University
University of Delaware
University of Denver
DePaul University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Earlham College
Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Five Towns College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Guilford College
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
Hampton University
University of Hartford
Hartwick College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Howard University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Ithaca College
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iona College
Ithaca College
John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY
Johns Hopkins University
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kenyon College
Keuka College
Knox College
Lafayette College
Landmark College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lincoln University
Long Island University, Post
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
University of Maine
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland, College Park
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
McDaniel College
McGill University
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences
Molloy College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New School
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
SUNY Albany
SUNY College at Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Empire State College
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY Morrisville State College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Purchase College
Nazareth College
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Queens College of the CUNY
Quinnipiac University
University of Redlands
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Richmond
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sage College of Albany
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Skidmore College
Spelman College
St. Andrews University
University of St. Andrews
St. Francis College
St. John's University
St. Joseph's College
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Mary's College of California
San Francisco State University
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of Visual Arts
University of Scranton
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of Southern California
Spelman College
Springfield College
Stanford University
College of Staten Island – CUNY
Stony Brook University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Toronto
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
University of Washington
Washington University in St. Louis
Wells College
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Willamette University
College of William and Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin Madison
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University