

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 205 in the Upper School (grades 9-12). **There are 52 students in the Class of 2020.**

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 50% of the Upper School student body, and 42% 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**

English 4 Years Required

- 9: Youth and Society
- 10: English Electives
Crime, Conscience and Consequence; Based on a True Story; Wonder Women; Rules of Romance; Border Crossers; The Harlem Renaissance; Power and Protest, Public and Private; Funny Ha Ha, Funny Strange: Humor in Literature; The Spooky, the Supernatural, and the Surreal; Everyday Dystopias
- 11–12: **IB English Literature (SL/HL)**

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
- 11–12: **IB French Ab Initio / Spanish Ab Initio (SL) or IB French B / Spanish B (SL/HL) or IB Mandarin Ab Initio (SL) or IB French A (SL)**
*Students may ALSO take **IB Latin (SL/HL)** as an additional language.*

Science 3 years required

- 9: Biology
- 10: Chemistry or Chemistry/Physics
- 11: **IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or IB Environmental Systems & Societies or IB Physics (SL) or IB Physics (HL) or Environmental Science**
- 12: **IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or IB Environmental Systems & Societies or IB Physics (SL) or IB Physics (HL) or Forensic Science**

Electives

- 10: World Religions or Computer Programming or Public Speaking
- 12: Film Studies

History 3 years required

- 9: Western Civilization
- 10: Semester-long “Intensive Studies”
Genocide in the 20th Century, Islamic History, Art History 1 & 2, Modern Latin America, Modern Africa, Global Economics, International Relations
- 11–12: **IB History (HL)** [11: History of the Americas; 12: 20th Century World History]

Mathematics 3 years required

- 9: Mathematics 9
- 10: Algebra 2 & Trigonometry (Core) or Algebra 2 & Trigonometry (Standard) or Algebra 2 & Trigonometry with Precalculus
- 11–12: **IB Math Studies or IB Mathematics (SL) or IB Mathematics (HL)**

Visual and Performing Arts 2 years required

- 9–12: Dance, Chorus, Jazz Band, Chamber Ensemble, Theatre, 2-D Workshop, 3-D Workshop, Ceramics, Darkroom Photography, Printmaking/Alternative Processes, Mixed Media
- 11–12: **IB Visual Arts (SL/HL), IB Theatre (SL/HL), IB Dance (SL/HL), IB Music (SL/HL), Studio Art**

Other Graduation Requirements

- 9: Study Skills, Design and Technology, Health, Quakerism, Physical Education
- 10: Service and Justice, Health, Physical Education
- 11–12: CAS, Theory of Knowledge or Philosophy, Physical Education

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 52 students in the Class of 2020:
38 (73%) are IB Diploma candidates.

IB Diploma Program Subject Groups

- Language and Literature:** English Literature SL/HL
- Language Acquisition:** Spanish B SL/HL, French B SL/HL, Spanish Ab Initio SL, French Ab Initio SL*, Mandarin Ab Initio SL*, French A and/or Latin SL/HL
- Individuals and Societies:** History SL/HL
- Sciences:** Biology SL/HL or Environmental Systems & Societies SL or Physics SL/HL
- Mathematics:** Math Studies SL* or Mathematics SL/HL
- 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 2020

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		Inc		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	S1	S2	
IB Eng. Lit. HL			1	2	9	11	8	7	10	17	18	9	6	5				1											
IB Eng. Lit. SL									1	1																			
IB Hist. SL/HL			5	3	12	12	17	12	8	12	7	10	4	3						1									
IB Bio HL				2	2	2	1	1			2	4	1																
IB Bio SL			5	1	5	8	3	3	2		1			1	1														
IB Physics HL							2	2	1	2	1	1		1	1		1												
IB Physics SL				1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2		1	1															
IB Env. Systems & Societies SL				1	4	1	1	2	1		1	1																	
IB Math HL				3		4	1	1			4	1	4																
IB Math SL			1	1	3	5	6	4	2	5	6	7	5	1	2		1	1				1							
IB Mathematical Studies SL					1	3	2	1	2	2	5	3	1	3			2	2	1	1	1								
IB Spanish B HL/SL					4	6	7	7	2	4	6	2	2	1	1	3	1												
IB French B HL/SL						1	1					3	2		1														
IB Spanish ab Initio SL					1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	1	3														
IB French ab Initio SL					1	1	2	2		1																			
IB Mandarin ab initio SL			1	1	2	2	2	2																					
IB Latin I SL/HL			1	1	2		1	1																					
IB Visual Arts I SL/HL				3	16	10	6	1	6	4		2	1	1															
IB Music I SL/HL					2		2	2			2				1	1													
IB Theatre I SL/HL					2	2	5			5																			
IB Dance I SL/HL					2	3	1															1							
IB Theory Of Knowledge				1	34	21	7	5	6	7	3	1	1	1	1		1		1	1									
IB Computer Science			1		2	1	1	3	4	2		1				1													
Environmental Systems				1	2	4	2		1	1																			

SAT (37 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	605-685	646
Mathematics	550-660	610
Total (x/1600)	1180-1315	1256

ACT (15 Students)	Middle 50%	Mean
English	28-35	31.5
Math	23-30	26.6
Reading	32-34	32.4
Science	25-32	28.3
Composite	28-32	29.3

College Matriculations

Brooklyn Friends School graduates from the Class of 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 were admitted by the following institutions. Bold indicates that at least one BFS graduate currently attends that college or university.

Adelphi University
Agnes Scott College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Arcadia University
The University of Arizona
Bard College
Barnard College
Barton College
Bates College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
University of Bridgeport
University of Brighton
University of British Columbia
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
California Institute of the Arts
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
California State University, Monterey Bay
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary University
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Champlain College
Chapman University
University of Chicago
City University of New York
Clark University
Clark Atlanta University
Clarkson University
Colby College
Colgate University
The College of Saint Rose
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia College, New York
University of Connecticut
Connecticut College
CUNY City College of New York
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
CUNY New York City College of Technology
CUNY Queens College
CUNY College of Staten Island
Curry College
Daemen College

Davidson College
Dean College
Delaware State University
University of Delaware
Delaware Valley University
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eastman School of Music of the U of Rochester
Eckerd College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
The Evergreen State College
Fairfield University
Five Towns College
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Goucher College
Guilford College
Hamilton College, NY
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
Humboldt State University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iona College
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Juniata College
Kenyon College
Keuka College
Lafayette College
Landmark College
Le Moyne College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lincoln University
Long Island University, Post
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
University of Maine
Manhattan College
Marist College
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland, College Park
Marymount Manhattan College
University of Massachusetts,

Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Miami
Miami University, Oxford
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
Nazareth College
The New School
University of New Haven
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Otis College of Art and Design
University of Ottawa
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University, New York City
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
Pennsylvania State University
Pine Manor College
University of Pittsburgh
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Quest University Canada
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Ryerson University
Sacred Heart University
The Sage Colleges
Saint Francis University
Saint Joseph's University
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
The University of Scranton
Scripps College
Seattle University
Sewanee: The University of the

South
Siena College
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of Southern California
Southwestern University
Spelman College
St. Andrews University
St. Francis College
St. John's College
St. John's University
St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus
St. Thomas Aquinas College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Albany
SUNY College at Brockport
SUNY Buffalo State College
SUNY University at Buffalo
SUNY Empire State College
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY College at Geneseo
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY College at Old Westbury
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY Purchase College
SUNY Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Toronto
Towson University
Trinity College
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
Ursinus College
Utica College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
Wellesley College
Wells College
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College MA
Whitman College
Whittier College
College of William & Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University