

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 800 students from preschool through 12th grade, including 198 in the Upper School (grades 9–12). **There are 57 students in the Class of 2021.**

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 35% of the Upper School student body, and 35% 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.

COVID-19 Related Changes to BFS Academic Program:

- BFS transitioned to full time virtual learning in mid-March 2020
- For Spring 2020 semester, grades shifted temporarily from A-F to Pass/Fail for all classes
- Fall 2020 semester began virtually for Upper School, with hopes to move to Hybrid mid-November 2020
- For academic year 2020-2021, grading shifted back to A-F
- 1st Quarter 2020 was 8 academic days shorter than Q1 in past years

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: The Hero's Journey

10: English Electives

Based on a True Story, Wonder Women, Rules of Romance, Border Crossers, 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 1/2/3

11-12: **IB French Ab Initio / Spanish Ab Initio (SL), IB French B / Spanish B (SL/HL), IB Mandarin Ab Initio (SL), IB French A (SL), IB French Literature A (SL), or IB Russian Literature A (SL)**

Science *3 years required*

9: Biology

10: Chemistry or Chemistry/Physics

11: **IB Biology (SL), IB Biology (HL), IB Environmental Systems & Societies, IB Physics (SL), IB Physics (HL), Environmental Science and Biology (SL), or Biology (HL)**

12: **IB Biology (SL), IB Biology (HL), IB Environmental Systems & Societies, IB Physics (SL), IB Physics (HL), Forensic Science and Biology (SL), or Biology (HL)**

Electives

10-12: World Religions, Computer Programming, or Public Speaking

History *3 years required*

9: Western Civilization

10: Semester-long "Intensive Studies"

Semester 1: *Genocide in the 20th Century, World War 2, Art History 1, or Modern Latin America*

Semester 2: *Modern Africa, The Cold War, International Relations, or Art History 2*

11: **IB History (HL)** [History of the Americas or 20th Century World History]

12: **IB History (SL/HL)** [History of the Americas, History of Asia, or History of the Middle East]

Mathematics *3 years required*

9: Mathematics 9

10: Algebra 2 and Trigonometry (Core), Algebra 2 and Trigonometry (Standard), or Algebra 2 and Trigonometry with Precalculus

11: Statistics 1, **IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL), or IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (HL)**

12: Statistics 2, **IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL), or IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (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 1, Quakerism, Physical Education, Service and Justice 1

10: Service and Justice 2, Health 2, 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)

Due to COVID-19, athletics participation will be limited in the 2020-2021 school year.

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. *Environmental Systems & Societies is a transdisciplinary course that meets the requirements for both group 3 (individuals and societies) and group 4 (sciences).*
- 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 57 students in the Class of 2021: **35 (61%) 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, Latin SL/HL, French Literature A SL, and/or Russian Literature A SL
- Individuals and Societies:** History SL/HL
- Sciences:** Biology SL/HL or Environmental Systems & Societies SL* or Physics SL/HL
- Mathematics:** 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 2021

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. Due to COVID-19, grades are (P) pass or (F) fail for semester 2 of 2019–2020.

	Semester 1												
	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F	P	W
IB Eng Lit HL		8	15	17	7	2	1	1		1			
IB Eng Lit SL			1	4	2								
IB Hist SL/HL	5	6	15	12	9	7	2	2			1		
IB Bio HL	1	4	1	4	1	3		1					
IB Bio SL		3	2	1	4	3		1					
IB Physics HL		1	2	1	2								
IB Physics SL				1	3								
IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL	2	7	2	1			1						
IB Math HL	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1				
IB Math SL		5	6	2	7	3	3	5					
Statistics		6	1	3	2							1	
IB Spanish B HL/SL		6	4	5	5								
IB French B HL/SL		3	3	2	1	1		1					
IB French Literature A SL: Self Study			1										
IB Spanish ab Initio SL	1		4	7	4	1				1			
IB Mandarin A SL		1											
IB Russian Literature A SL: Self Study												1	
IB French ab Initio SL			1	1		2							
IB Mandarin ab initio SL	2				1								
IB Visual Arts I SL/HL		13	7	5	2		1						
IB Music I SL/HL	1	4											
IB Theatre I SL/HL													
IB Dance I SL/HL		6	1	1									
IB Theory Of Knowlegde		22	8	7	2	1	1						
Studio Art			1										
IB Computer Science	2		1	1				1					
Environmental Systems	1	5		3						1			

College Acceptances

Brooklyn Friends School graduates from the Class of 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 were admitted by the following institutions. Bold indicates that at least one BFS graduate currently attends that college or university.

Adelphi University	Davidson College	McGill University	Scripps College
Agnes Scott College	University of Delaware	Merrimack College	Seattle University
Albright College	Delaware State University	Miami University, Oxford	Sewanee, University of the South
Allegheny College	Denison University	University of Miami	Siena College
American University	University of Denver	University of Michigan	Skidmore College
Amherst College	DePaul University	Middlebury College	Smith College
Arcadia University	Dickinson College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of Southern California
Bard College	Dillard University	Morgan State University	Southwestern University
Barnard College	Drew University	Mount Holyoke College	Spelman College
Barton College	Drexel University	College of Mount Saint Vincent	Springfield College
Bates College	Duke University	Muhlenberg College	Stetson University
Bennett College	Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester	Nazareth College	SUNY at Albany
Bennington College	Elizabethtown College	University of New Haven	SUNY Binghamton University
Berklee College of Music	Elon University	The New School	SUNY College at Brockport
Boston College	Emerson College	New York Institute of Technology	SUNY Buffalo State
Boston Conservatory	Emory University	New York University	SUNY Buffalo at Buffalo
Boston University	Endicott College	University of North Carolina Asheville	SUNY Fredonia
Bowie State University	The Evergreen State College	Northeastern University	SUNY College at Geneseo
Brandeis University	Fairfield University	Northwestern University	SUNY New Paltz
University of Bridgeport	Five Towns College	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	SUNY College at Old Westbury
University of Brighton	Fordham University	Occidental College	SUNY College at Plattsburgh
University of British Columbia	Franklin and Marshall College	Ohio State University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Brown University	George Mason University	Old Dominion University	SUNY Potsdam
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Otis College of Art and Design	SUNY Purchase College
California College of the Arts	Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Ottawa	SUNY Stony Brook University
California Institute of the Arts	Goucher College	Pace University	Susquehanna University
California State University, Monterey Bay	Grambling State University	Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University	University of Sussex
California State University, Northridge	Guilford College	Pennsylvania State University	Swarthmore College
University of California, Berkeley	Hamilton College	Pine Manor College	Syracuse University
University of California, Davis	Hampshire College	University of Pittsburgh	University of Tampa
University of California, Irvine	University of Hartford	Pitzer College	Temple University
University of California, Los Angeles	Harvey Mudd College	Pomona College	The Theatre School at Depaul University
University of California, Riverside	Haverford College	Princeton University	University of Toronto
University of California, San Diego	Hofstra University	Quest University	Towson University
University of California, Santa Barbara	College of the Holy Cross	Quinnipiac University	Trinity College
University of California, Santa Cruz	Hood College	Reed College	Tufts University
Case Western Reserve University	Howard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Tulane University
Champlain College	Humboldt State University	Rice University	Tyler School of Art
Chapman University	Indiana University Bloomington	Rider University	Union College
University of Chicago	Iona College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Ursinus College
University of Colorado Boulder	Ithaca College	University of Rochester	Vanderbilt University
The City College of New York	Johns Hopkins University	Roger Williams University	Vassar College
Clark University	Juniata College	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Vermont
Clark Atlanta University	Kalamazoo College	Russell Sage College	Villanova University
Clarkson University	Kenyon College	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Virginia
Colby College	Keuka College	Ryerson University	Wageningen University and Research Centre
Colgate University	King's College London	Sacred Heart University	Wake Forest University
Colorado College	Kingston University	University of St. Andrews	University of Washington
Colorado State University	Lawrence University	St. Edward's University	Washington State University
Columbia University	Le Moyne College	Saint Francis College	Washington University in St. Louis
Concordia College, New York	Lehigh University	Saint Francis University	Wellesley College
Connecticut College	Lewis & Clark College	St. John's College	Wells College
University of Connecticut	Lincoln University	St. John's University	Wesleyan University
Coppin State University	Loyola University Maryland	Saint Joseph's University	Wheaton College, Massachusetts
CUNY Baruch College	Loyola University New Orleans	St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus	Whitman College
CUNY Brooklyn College	Macalester College	St. Lawrence University	Whittier College
CUNY Hunter College	University of Maine	The College of Saint Rose	Williams College
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Manhattan College	St. Thomas Aquinas College	University of Windsor
CUNY New York City College of Technology	Marist College	Salisbury University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
CUNY Queens College	University of Maryland, College Park	San Diego State University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
CUNY College of Staten Island	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of San Diego	Xavier University
Curry College	Marymount Manhattan College	San Francisco State University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Daemen College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	University of San Francisco	Yale University
	University of Massachusetts, Boston	Sarah Lawrence College	
	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Savannah College of Art and Design	