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**
1) **Language and Literature**: English Literature 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**: 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)

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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.

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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.

| Davidson College | University of Delaware | Delaware State University | Denison University | DePaul University | Dickinson College | Dillard University | Drew University | Drexel University | Duke University | Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester | Elizabethtown College | Elon University | Emerson College | Emory University | Endicott College | The Evergreen State College | Fairfield University | Five Towns College | Fordham University | Franklin and Marshall College | George Mason University | George Washington University | Georgetown University | Georgia Institute of Technology | Goucher College | Grambling State University | Guilford College | Hamilton College | Hampshire College | University of Hartford | Harvey Mudd College | Haverford College | Hofstra University | College of the Holy Cross | Hood College | Howard University | Humboldt State University | Indiana University Bloomington | Iona College | Ithaca College | Johns Hopkins University | Juniata College | Kalamazoo College | Kenyon College | Keuka College | King’s College London | Kingston University | Lawrence University | Le Moyne College | Lehigh University | Lewis & Clark College | Lincoln University | Loyola University Maryland | Loyola University New Orleans | Macalester College | University of Maine | Manhattan College | Marist College | University of Maryland, College Park | Maryland Institute College of Art | Marymount Manhattan College | University of Massachusetts, Amherst | University of Massachusetts, Boston | Massachusetts College of Art and Design | McGill University | Merrimack College | Miami University, Oxford | University of Miami | University of Michigan | Middlebury College | University of Minnesota, Twin Cities | Morgan State University | Mount Holyoke College | College of Mount Saint Vincent | Muhlenberg College | Nazareth College | University of New Haven | The New School | New York Institute of Technology | New York University | University of North Carolina Asheville | Northeastern University | Northwestern University | Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences | Occidental College | Ohio State University | Old Dominion University | Otis College of Art and Design | University of Ottawa | Pace University | Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University | Pennsylvania State University | Pine Manor College | University of Pittsburgh | Pitzer College | Pomona College | Princeton University | Quest University | Quinnipiac University | Reed College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | Rice University | Rider University | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Rochester | Roger Williams University | Royal Holloway, University of London | Russell Sage College | Rutgers University, New Brunswick | Ryerson University | Sacred Heart University | University of St. Andrews | St. Edward’s University | Saint Francis College | Saint Francis University | St. John’s College | St. John’s University | Saint Joseph’s University | St. Joseph’s College, Brooklyn Campus | St. Lawrence University | The College of Saint Rose | St. Thomas Aquinas College | Salisbury University | San Diego State University | University of San Diego | San Francisco State University | University of San Francisco | Sarah Lawrence College | Savannah College of Art and Design | Scripps College | Seattle University | Savannah, University of the South | Siena College | Skidmore College | Smith College | University of Southern California | Southwestern University | Spelman College | Springfield College | Stetson University | SUNY at Albany | SUNY Binghamton University | SUNY College at Brockport | SUNY Buffalo State | SUNY University at Buffalo | SUNY Fredonia | SUNY College at Geneseo | SUNY New Paltz | SUNY College at Old Westbury | SUNY Polytechnic Institute | SUNY Potsdam | SUNY Purchase College | SUNY Stony Brook University | Susquehanna University | University of Sussex | Swarthmore College | Syracuse University | University of Tampa | Temple University | The Theatre School at DePaul University | University of Toronto | Towson University | Trinity College | Tufts University | Tulane University | Tyler School of Art | Union College | Ursinus College | Vanderbilt University | Vassar College | University of Vermont | Villanova University | University of Virginia | Wageningen University and Research Centre | Wake Forest University | University of Washington | Washington State University | Washington University in St. Louis | Wellesley College | Wells College | Western University | Wheaton College, Massachusetts | Whittier College | Williams College | University of Windsor | University of Wisconsin, Madison | Worcester Polytechnic Institute | Xavier University | Xavier University of Louisiana | Yale University |