

# School Profile 2021–2022



## 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 600 students from preschool through 12th grade, including 168 in the Upper School (grades 9–12). **There are 37 students in the Class of 2022.**

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 42% of the Upper School student body, and 35% of Upper School students receive need-based financial aid.

BFS has returned to in-person learning for all students.

### 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, Equity, and Belonging

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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# Graduation Requirements

Students are required to complete 28 credits in four years and must take a minimum of six (6) classes each semester. Additionally, they are required to complete all requirements of the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) Program. Regular class attendance is an expectation for course credit. Specific course and departmental requirements are below:

## Academic Program

4 Years of English (4 credits)

3 Years of History (3 credits)

3 Years of Math (3 credits)

3 Years of Science (3 credits)

3 Years of World/Classical Language (3 credits)

2 Years of Visual/Performing Arts (2 credits)

Physical Education (4 credits)

Health (.5 credits)

Course in Identity, Equity, and Inclusion (0.5 credit)

Theory of Knowledge or Philosophy (0.5 credit)

Creativity, Service, Activity (CAS)

## Pathways Program: Grades 11 and 12

During the junior and senior years, upper school students have innovative opportunities to complete their educational journey at BFS. Pathways allows students to construct meaning, deepen their curiosity, and master essential academic skills. As students progress through our Pathways program, they write to inquire, read to understand, and connect lived experiences through their interdisciplinary studies of science, technology, art, the humanities, and mathematics by choosing a particular pathway based on their interests and passions.

### Baccalaureate Pathway

The Baccalaureate Pathway is for the student who would like to strive to achieve the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Students who choose this program will enroll in two-year long courses in each of the six academic departments: English, History, World Languages, Science, the Arts, and Mathematics; the Theory of Knowledge course; Creativity, Activity, Service, or “CAS” requirements and a 4,000-word Extended Essay. Students must take three or four courses at the Higher Level and the rest at the Standard Level. Students who successfully complete the Baccalaureate Pathway receive a BFS diploma and an IB Diploma.

### Open Pathway

Aligned with the “open curricula” of many selective liberal arts colleges, students who choose the Open Pathway may take International Baccalaureate (IB) courses as a part of a larger, individualized academic program focused on a student’s social and intellectual interests and personal passions. Students who successfully complete the Open Pathway receive a BFS diploma and IB Course Certificates for any IB courses they successfully complete.

## Standardized Testing

Because COVID-19 profoundly disrupted testing for the Class of 2021, many students did not have scores to submit.

BFS does not have meaningful score ranges to report at this time. Should an admissions officer require more information about testing trends at BFS, please contact us directly.

# Athletics

*Brooklyn Friends School fields 20 Varsity and Junior Varsity teams:*

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

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

**Spring:** Boys Baseball (V), Girls Softball (V), Boys Volleyball (V), Boys & Girls Outdoor Track (V)

Due to COVID-19, athletic participation was limited during the 2020–2021 school year. As a response, our athletics department created the Physical Education and Athletic Clubs (PEAC) program to allow time before and after school each day for 7th to 12th grade students to gather safely together in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

# Course Offerings and Requirements

International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are in **bold**.

## English

- 9:** The Hero's Journey  
**10:** English Electives  
*Based on a True Story, Wonder Women, Rules of Romance, Power and Protest, Public and Private, Funny Ha Ha, Funny Strange: Humor in Literature, The Spooky, the Supernatural, and the Surreal, Queering Family*  
**11-12:** **IB English Literature (SL/HL)**

## World Languages

- 9-10:** Spanish 1/2/3 or French 1/2/3 or Mandarin 1/2  
*Students may ALSO study another language in addition to Spanish or French: Latin 2/3 (10th Grade Only)*  
**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) or IB Latin I (SL)**

## Science

- 9:** Biology  
**10:** Chemistry (1 semester) and Physics (1 semester)  
**11:** **IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or IB Environmental Systems & Societies or IB Physics (SL) or IB Physics (HL) and option Biology (SL) or Biology (HL)**  
**12:** **IB Biology (SL) or IB Biology (HL) or IB Environmental Systems & Societies or IB Physics (SL) or IB Physics (HL) and option Biology (SL) or Biology (HL)**

## Electives

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

## History

- 9:** Western Civilization

- 10:** Semester-long "Intensive Studies"  
**Semester 1:** *Genocide in the 20th Century, World War 2, History of Art: From the Renaissance to Realism, or Modern Africa*  
**Semester 2:** *Modern Latin America, The Cold War, International Relations, or History of Art: Modernism to Postmodernism*  
**11:** **IB 20th Century World History (SL/HL)**  
**12:** **IB History: Asia (SL/HL) or IB History: History of the Americas (SL/HL) or IB History: Europe (SL/HL)**

## Mathematics

- 9:** Mathematics 9  
**10:** Algebra 2 and Trigonometry, or Algebra 2 and Trigonometry with Precalculus  
**11-12:** **IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation (SL), or IB Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL/HL)**

## Visual and Performing Arts

- 9-10:** Art Intensives: [Theatre, Dance or Art Studio]  
Art Electives: [Chorus, Jazz Band, Chamber Ensemble, Ceramics, Darkroom Photography, Scene Study, Painting and Drawing, The Human Form 2D and 3D]  
*Art electives may be taken in place of or in addition to art intensives*  
**11-12:** **IB Visual Arts (SL/HL), IB Theatre (SL/HL), IB Dance (SL/HL), IB Music (SL/HL) or 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

# College Acceptances

Brooklyn Friends School's mission is to cultivate graduates who are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service. We are proud of our college acceptance and matriculation list because it encompasses the diversity of interests and passions our students possess. Equally, we rejoice in the ways in which BFS prepares our graduates to voice their convictions, discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth in all that they do.

Brooklyn Friends School graduates of the classes of 2018-2021 were admitted by the following institutions. Bold indicates at least one BFS graduate attends that college or university.

*College acceptance list on following page.*

Adelphi University  
 Agnes Scott College  
 Albright College  
 Allegheny College  
**American University**  
**Amherst College**  
 Arcadia University  
**Bard College**  
**Barnard College**  
 Barton College  
**Bates College**  
 Bennett College  
**Bennington College**  
**Berklee College of Music**  
 Boston College  
 Boston Conservatory  
**Boston University**  
 Bowie State University  
**Brandeis University**  
 University of Bridgeport  
 University of Brighton  
**University of British Columbia**  
 Brown University  
**Bucknell University**  
 California College of the Arts  
**California Institute of the Arts**  
 California State University,  
 Monterey Bay  
**California State University,  
 Northridge**  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 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  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Champlain College  
 Chapman University  
**University of Chicago**  
**University of Colorado Boulder**  
 The City College of New York  
**Clark University**  
 Clark Atlanta University  
**Clarkson University**  
 Colby College  
 Colgate University  
 Colorado College  
**Colorado State University**  
**Columbia University**  
 Concordia College, New York  
 Connecticut College  
 University of Connecticut  
 Coppin State University  
**CUNY Baruch College**  
**CUNY Brooklyn College**  
**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**  
 University of Delaware

Delaware State University  
 Denison University  
**University of Denver**  
 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  
 Sewanee, 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 College at Plattsburgh**  
 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**  
**Wesleyan University**  
**Wheaton College,  
 Massachusetts**  
 Whitman College  
**Whittier College**  
**Williams College**  
 University of Windsor  
**University of Wisconsin,  
 Madison**  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 Xavier University  
 Xavier University of Louisiana  
**Yale University**