

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2023–2024

## 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.

## DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 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.

## 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 located in the thriving Downtown Brooklyn neighborhood, Brooklyn Friends enrolls 688 students from Preschool through 12th grade, including 192 in the Upper School (grades 9–12). **There are 55 students in the Class of 2024.**

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 43% of the Upper School student body, and 38.5% of Upper School students receive need-based financial aid.

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

	IPEDS (Single select)	Non-IPEDS (Multi-select, will not total to 100%)
Hispanic or Latino	15%	15%
American Indian or Alaska Native	-	4%
Asian	7%	15%
Black or African American	15%	20%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-	-
White	56%	74%
Multiracial	7%	26%



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## ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Friends School fields the following sports teams: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swim, Track (Indoor & Outdoor)

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete 28 credits in four years and must take a minimum of six (6) classes each semester.

During their junior and senior years, students may strive to achieve the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in addition to their BFS 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; students in the IB diploma program will also complete the following: 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 choose not to seek the IB Diploma may enroll in IB courses while pursuing additional academic and co-curricular opportunities in consultation with the Assistant Head of Upper School.

## COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

### ENGLISH

4 Years Required

**9th:** The Hero's Journey  
**10th:** Perspectives in Storytelling  
**11th/12th:** IB English Literature SL or HL

### MATHEMATICS

3 Years Required

**9th:** Visualization and Modeling, Abstractions and Modeling  
**10th:** Algebra 2 and Trigonometry Core, Algebra 2 and Trigonometry Standard, Algebra 2 and Trigonometry with Precalculus  
**11th/12th:** IB Mathematics: Applications and Interpretations (SL or HL), Math Modeling, Statistics

### SCIENCE

3 Years Required

**9th:** Biology  
**10th:** Chemistry  
**11th/12th:** IB Biology (SL or HL), IB Environmental Systems and Societies (SL), IB Physics (SL or HL)  
**Electives:** Introduction to Web Design

### HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

3 Years Required

**9th:** Social Inquiry into an American Tale  
**10th:** History 10  
**11th:** IB History: 20th Century History (SL or HL), IB Economics (SL or HL)  
**12th:** IB History: Americas (HL), IB History: Africa (HL), IB History: Asia (HL), IB History: Europe (HL), IB Economics (SL and HL)  
**Electives:** Philosophy, Fashion and Social Change, Fashion Economy and Ecology

### WORLD LANGUAGES

3 Years Required

**9th:** French (I, II, III), Spanish (I, II, III), Mandarin (I, II), Latin (I, II, III)  
**10th:** French (I, II, III), Spanish (I, II, III), Mandarin (I, II), Latin (I, II, III)  
**11th/12th:** IB French Ab Initio (SL), IB French B (SL or HL), IB Spanish Ab Initio (SL), IB Spanish B (SL or HL), IB Mandarin Ab Initio, IB Classical Languages: Latin I (SL)  
**Electives:** Advanced French

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

2 Years Required

**9th:** Dance 1, Theater 1, Studio Art Survey, The Human Form: 2D and 3D, Representation and Abstraction in 2D, Drawing and Painting  
**10th:** Music Performance and Creation: Instrumental, Vocal, and Digital, Dance 1, Theater 1, Studio Art Foundation  
**11th/12th:** IB Theater (SL and HL), IB Dance (SL and HL), IB Music (SL and HL), IB Visual Arts (SL and HL), Visual Arts Intensive  
**Electives:** Chorus, Dance, Ceramics I and II, Painting, Digital Photography I and II, Printmaking, Sculpture, Advanced Studio Art, Art History: From the Renaissance to Realism, Art History: Modernism and Postmodernism

### IB CORE

CAS Required

**11th/12th:** Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), IB Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay

### PHYS. EDUCATION

2 Credits or Athletics Exemption Required

General PE, Cooperative Games, Yoga, Functional Fitness, Swimming, Climbing, Cycling, PE Pathways

### GRADE-LEVEL SEMINARS

**9th:** Social Justice and Identity

## GRADING

We do not rank our students and we do not calculate weighted GPA. Grades range from A+ to F, except in Physical Education, Health, and Grade-level seminars, 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. Beginning in the 2021–2022 academic year, BFS assigns Final Grades for all courses in addition to semester grades.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

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 matriculation list because it encompasses the diversity of our students' interests and passions. 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. BFS graduates of the classes of 2019–2023 matriculated to the following institutions:

American University	Johns Hopkins University	SUNY, Binghamton
The American University of Paris	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	SUNY, Buffalo
Bard College	Juniata College	SUNY, New Paltz
Barnard College	Kenyon College	SUNY, Stony Brook
Berklee College of Music	Lafayette University	Swarthmore College
Bocconi University	Leiden University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Lewis and Clark College	Temple University
Boston University	Liverpool John Moores University	Towson University
Bournemouth University	Loyola Marymount University	Trinity College Dublin
Bowdoin College	Loyola University New Orleans	Tufts University
Brandeis University	Macalester College	Tulane University of Louisiana
Brown University	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of British Columbia
Bucknell University	McGill University	University of California, Irvine
California Institute of the Arts	Middlebury College	University of California, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge	Mt Holyoke College	University of Chicago
Chapman University	Muhlenberg College	University of Colorado, Boulder
Clark University	Nazareth University	University of Connecticut, Storrs
Clarkson University	The New School	University of Denver
Colby College	New York University	University of Illinois, Chicago
Colorado College	Northeastern University	University of Edinburgh
Columbia University	Northwestern University	University of Maryland, College Park
The Cooper Union	Oberlin College	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Cornell University	Occidental College	University of Michigan
CUNY, Baruch College	Pace University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
CUNY, Brooklyn College	Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg	University of Oregon
CUNY, City College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	University of Oxford
CUNY, Hunter College	Pitzer College	University of Pittsburgh
Dartmouth College	Quest University	University of Richmond
Dean College	Reed College	University of San Francisco
DePaul University	Rice University	University of Southern California
Dickinson College	Richard Bland College of William and Mary	University of Sussex
Drexel University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Vermont
Duke University	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Elon University	Sarah Lawrence College	Vassar College
Emory University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Villanova University
Fordham University	Scripps College	Wake Forest University
George Mason University	Skidmore College	Washington University in St. Louis
George Washington University	Smith College	Wellesley College
Goldsmiths, University of London	Spelman College	Wesleyan University
Goucher College	St. Francis College	Wheaton College (MA)
Hood College	SUNY, Albany	Williams College
Howard University		Yale University
Ithaca College		