



Upper School Fact Sheet 2015-2016

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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, a coeducational day school distinguished by a deep, broad, and challenging program of study, was formed in January 1974 by a merger of two longstanding Cambridge independent schools. Approximately 1,020 students are enrolled in Beginners through Grade 12, with about 525 students in the Upper School. The graduating class is 135. 100% of the seniors go on to four-year colleges. Sixty-seven members of the faculty hold master's degrees; twelve members have earned doctorate degrees.

Calendar and Curriculum

BB&N's calendar is divided into trimesters. The grading system is alphabetical, with D- as a passing grade. To graduate from BB&N, a student must complete the following requirements:

English	4 credits, Grades 9-12
Mathematics	3 credits, including Algebra II and Geometry
World Languages	3 credits of the same language (modern or ancient)
History/Social Science	2 credits, including United States History
Science	2 credits, including Biology and a physical science
Visual and Performing Arts	2 credits

Athletics	3 seasons in Grades 9-11, 2 seasons in Grade 12
Bivouac	2-week experiential outdoor program in Grade 9
Community Service	40 hours
Senior Spring Project	8-week independently designed project

Global Online Academy

BB&N is a member of Global Online Academy, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world that fosters new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach. GOA teachers and students share their voice on a global stage, enhancing learning and enabling the pursuit of individual passions.

Curriculum Overview

English

The curriculum develops students' critical thinking and reading abilities, as well as analytical and creative writing skills. Students write a *New Yorker*-style Junior Profile about a person at work and a Senior Essay, an extended analysis or emulation of a literary text.

Mathematics

The math curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college calculus. The department includes a nationally recognized AP Statistics teacher and a geometry course that has been highlighted in a national journal and at regional educational conferences.

History/Social Science

The history curriculum is dedicated to a global approach that examines the broad exchange of ideas and technology across all cultures. Critical thinking and discussion are central to each course and major research papers are written in each grade. Juniors can obtain honors designation through a portfolio review.

Science

The science program adopts a laboratory-based discovery model to instill in students a systematic approach to scientific problem solving. The curriculum includes AP Biology, AP Physics C, and Honors Chemistry, which is taught beyond the AP level. Current Topics and Research in Science and Technology engages the most committed, able, and independent science students.

World Languages

BB&N offers six languages—French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Latin. Many students graduate with proficiency in two languages and regularly excel on national language exams.

Visual and Performing Arts

Every student experiences our unique, exceptionally varied, and rigorous program in both fine and performing arts. Two-thirds of students go beyond the minimum two-year graduation requirement, speaking to BB&N's level of commitment to the arts, seriousness of purpose, and climate of creativity.

Average SAT Scores for the Class of 2015

Critical Reading 653	Math 670	Writing 667
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**Average ACT Scores for the Class of 2015
Number Tested - 91**

English 30.2	Math 28.4	Reading 29.7	Science 27.2	Composite 29.0
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National Merit Recognition, Classes of 2011-2015

National Merit Scholars	7	National Merit Finalists	29
National Merit Semifinalists	31	National Merit Commended Scholars	132
National Achievement Scholarship Program	13	National Hispanic Recognition Program	5

Advanced Placement Examinations (includes all students tested in Grades 10-12)

2015	192 students	303 exams	20 subjects	90% of the scores were 3 or better
2014	200 students	293 exams	19 subjects	92% of the scores were 3 or better
2013	186 students	278 exams	20 subjects	92% of the scores were 3 or better
2012	168 students	260 exams	17 subjects	95% of the scores were 3 or better

Colleges Enrolling Graduates from the Classes of 2010-2014

American University	Harvard University	Swarthmore College
Amherst College	Harvey Mudd College	Syracuse University
Babson College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	The George Washington University
Bard College	Ithaca College	Trinity University
Barnard College	Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University
Bates College	Kenyon College	Tulane University
Belmont University	Lafayette College	Union College
Bentley University	Lake Forest College	United States Military Academy - Army
Boston College	Lehigh University	University of California, Berkeley
Boston University	Loyola Marymount University	University of California, Los Angeles
Bowdoin College	Loyola University Maryland	University of California, San Diego
Brandeis University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Cambridge
Brown University	Macalester College	University of Chicago
Bryant University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bryn Mawr College	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health	University of Connecticut
Bucknell University	Sciences	University of Delaware
Carleton College	Merrimack College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Carnegie Mellon University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Maryland, College Park
Case Western Reserve University	Middlebury College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Claremont McKenna College	Muhlenberg College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Clemson University	New York University	University of Miami
Colby College	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
Colgate University	Northwestern University	University of New Hampshire
College of the Holy Cross	Norwich University	University of Oxford
College of William and Mary	Oberlin College	University of Pennsylvania
Colorado College	Occidental College	University of Richmond
Columbia University	Pomona College	University of San Diego
Connecticut College	Princeton University	University of Southern California
Cornell University	Providence College	University of St. Andrews
Dartmouth College	Purdue University	University of Vermont
Davidson College	Queen's University	University of Virginia
Dickinson College	Quest University Canada	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Duke University	Rhodes College	Ursinus College
Elon University	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Emerson College	Saint Anselm College	Vassar College
Emory University	Santa Clara University	Villanova University
Fairfield University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	Wake Forest University
Florida State University	Sewanee: The University of the South	Washington and Lee University
Fordham University	Simmons College	Washington University in St. Louis
Georgetown University	Skidmore College	Wellesley College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Smith College	Wesleyan University
Gettysburg College	Southern Methodist University	Wheaton College - MA
Gordon College	St. Lawrence University	Whitman College
Grinnell College	Stanford University	Williams College
Hamilton College - NY	Stonehill College	Yale University