



Upper School Fact Sheet 2018-2019

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 1,000 students are enrolled in Beginners through Grade 12, with 509 students in the Upper School. The graduating class is 126. 100% of the seniors go on to four-year colleges. Eighty members of the faculty hold master's degrees; thirteen 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.

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 analysis or emulation of a literary text.

Mathematics/Computer Science: The curriculum instills habits of mathematical thinking that will prepare students for further inquiry and for using quantitative reasoning. Courses previously labeled Principles of Precalculus, Precalculus, and Geometry have been renamed Precalculus, Advanced Precalculus, and Advanced Geometry for the 2018-19 year and beyond.

History/Social Science: The history curriculum adopts a global approach that examines the broad exchange of ideas across all cultures. Juniors can obtain honors designation by independently working on three major assignments. African American Studies is an interdisciplinary

course that fulfills both the U.S. History and the AP English 11 requirements.

Science: The science program empowers students to think critically and act ethically. Advanced Biology, Experimental Biology, AP Biology, AP Physics C, Honors Organic Chemistry, and Current Topics in Research, a course that engages students in independent research, are honors-level courses. Engineering, Marine Ecology, and Forensics students have the option to complete work beyond the curriculum to receive advanced designation.

World Languages: BB&N offers six languages—Arabic, Chinese, French, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. All emphasize meaningful oral communication, personal written production and global cultural competency through immersion classes. Most languages offer APs, senior electives, and trips abroad. Students can become Double Language Scholars.

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Average ACT Scores for the Class of 2018
Number Tested - 135

English
31.5

Math
29.9

Reading
31.27

Science
29.35

Composite
30.63

Average SAT Scores for the Class of 2018

Math
686

ERW
663

National Merit Recognition, Classes of 2015-2018

National Merit Scholars	8	National Merit Semifinalists	21
National Merit Finalists	21	National Merit Commended Scholars	87

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

2018	183 students	277 exams	23 subjects	93% of the scores were 3 or better
2017	194 students	293 exams	17 subjects	92% of the scores were 3 or better
2016	187 students	251 exams	18 subjects	90% of the scores were 3 or better
2015	192 students	303 exams	20 subjects	90% of the scores were 3 or better

Colleges Enrolling Graduates from the Classes of 2014-2018

Amherst College	Harvard University	Swarthmore College
Babson College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Syracuse University
Bard College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Trinity College
Barnard College	Ithaca College	Tufts University
Bates College	Johns Hopkins University	Tulane University
Belmont University	Kenyon College	Union College - NY
Bentley University	Lafayette College	University of British Columbia
Berklee College of Music	Lehigh University	University of California, Berkeley
Boston College	Lesley University	University of California, Los Angeles
Boston University	London School of Economics & Political Science	University of California, San Diego
Bowdoin College	Loyola Marymount University	University of California, Santa Cruz
Brandeis University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Chicago
Brown University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bucknell University	Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	University of Maryland, College Park
Carleton College	McGill University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Case Western Reserve University	Merrimack College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Claremont McKenna College	Middlebury College	University of Miami
Clark University	New England College	University of Michigan
Colby College	The New School	University of Notre Dame
Colgate University	New York University	University of Pennsylvania
College of the Holy Cross	Northeastern University	University of Rhode Island
College of William and Mary	Northwestern University	University of Richmond
Colorado College	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Occidental College	University of San Diego
Connecticut College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Southern California
Cornell University	Princeton University	University of St. Andrews
Dartmouth College	Providence College	University of Sydney
Davidson College	Purdue University	University of Virginia
Duke University	Quest University Canada	University of Washington
Elon University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Emmanuel College	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Emory University	Saint John's University (NY)	Villanova University
Florida Institute of Technology	St. Lawrence University	Wake Forest University
Fordham University	St. Thomas University	Washington and Lee University
Franklin & Marshall College	Salve Regina University	Washington University in St. Louis
The George Washington University	Santa Clara University	Wellesley College
Georgetown University	Skidmore College	Wesleyan University
Gettysburg College	Stanford University	Williams College
Grinnell College	Stonehill College	Yale University
Hamilton College - NY	Suffolk University	