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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School Profile 2023-24



Buckingham Browne & Nichols, 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.

QUICK FACTS

Grades	Beginners-Grade 12
Enrollment	1,037 Students
Upper School Enrollment	529 Students
Grade 12	131 Students
Graduates Attending College	100%
Student Towns/Cities Represented	95+
Students Receiving Financial Aid	24%
Upper School Faculty with Master's Degrees	75
Upper School Faculty with Doctorates	12
Alumnus/a Rhodes Scholars	8

PROGRAM NOTES AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

Transcripts	BB&N does not provide GPAs or Class Rank for its students.
Calendar	Trimesters
Course Expectations	Five academics is typical, six would require permission.
Global Online Academy	Offered to Grades 11 – 12, as a sixth course. GOA is a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world that fosters new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach.
Semester Away Programs	Alzar School, Swiss Semester, Maine Coast Semester, High Mountain Institute, Mountain School, School for Ethical and Global Leadership, St. Stephen's School (Rome), School Year Abroad, Outdoor Academy
Cum Laude	Offered to graduating seniors who have attained the highest level of achievement in an academically demanding program.
National Merit 2020-2023 National Recognition Awards 2020-2023	25 Semifinalists, 21 Finalists, 6 Scholars 10 students awarded the National Hispanic Recognition Award and/or National African American Recognition Award
Student Awards noted on transcript for grades 9-11	Junior History Prize, Global Exchange Ambassadors, Petropoulos Art Scholars, The Desiree Rogers King Fund, The Jacobs Prize, The Marina Keegan '09 Summer Fellowship, The Craig B. Stonestreet '49 Prize, Junior Profile

TEST SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

In addition to the SAT and ACT statistics listed below, BB&N students take a variety of AP exams. More than 90% of AP exams taken by students in the past five years resulted in a score of 3 or higher.

SAT Summary	Middle 50%	Mean
ERW	630-740	679
Math	630-740	686
Total	1240-1500	1365
ACT Summary	Middle 50%	Mean
English	26-35	30
Math	25-31	28
Reading	26-35	30
Science	24-31	28
Composite	26-33	29

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND MOST RIGOROUS COURSES OFFERED IN EACH GRADE BY DEPARTMENT

Department	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 4 credits	English 9	English 10	AP Literature and Composition	English 12
History and Social Sciences 2 credits (Including a U.S. History course in Grade 11 and a Modern Global History course)	Global History I: The Individual in Society	Global History II: Making an Inter-connected World American and Global History: Case Studies I Making of Modern Middle East	U.S. History: African American History (Honors) U.S. History: Gender and Sexuality Studies (Honors) American and Global History: Case Studies II (Honors)	AP Comparative Government and Politics/AP U.S. Government and Politics AP European History AP Human Geography AP Macroeconomics AP Art History History Research Seminar (H)
Mathematics and Computer Science 3 credits (Including Geometry and Algebra 2)	Algebra 2 (Honors) Geometry (Honors) Precalculus AB (Honors) Precalculus BC (Honors) AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC			
	AP Statistics AP Computer Science A			
	Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus (Honors) Advanced Topics in Computer Science (Honors)			
World Languages 3 consecutive credits of the same language	Arabic: I, II, III, IV Chinese: I, II, III (Honors), AP Chinese Language and Culture, Chinese V (Honors) French: II (Honors), III (Honors), AP French Language and Culture, French V (Honors) Latin: II (Honors), III (Honors), AP Latin, V (Honors) Russian: I, II, III, IV (Honors) Spanish: II (Honors), III (Honors), AP Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish V (Honors)			
Science 2 credits (Including Biology and a physical science)	Biology (Honors)	Physics (Honors) Chemistry (Honors)		
				Advanced Biology (Honors) AP Physics C: Mechanics Experimental Bio (Honors) Organic Chemistry (Honors) Current Topics and Research in Science and Technology (Honors)
Arts 1 credit in Grade 9 1 credit in Grades 10-12	Filmaking 9 Photography 9 Visual Arts 9 Woodworking Chorus 9 Dance 9 Orchestra 9 Theater Studies 9	Architecture Ceramics Drawing and Painting Photography	AP Art History Advanced Ceramics II Advanced Drawing & Painting II Advanced Photography II Advanced Woodworking and 3D Design II Advanced Filmmaking II	
	Chamber Orchestra			
	Theater Arts: Stagecraft Audio Production and Music Technology Chorale A Capella			
	Filmmaking Advanced Audio Production and Music Technology Dance Woodworking and 3D Design The Art of Presentation Chamber Music			
	Advanced Filmmaking Advanced Architecture Advanced Ceramics Advanced Drawing and Painting Advanced Filmmaking Advanced Drama/Theater Independent Study Advanced Photography Advanced Woodworking and 3D Design			
Additional Requirements	Athletics 3 seasons in Grades 9-11, 2 seasons in Grade 12 Bivouac 2-week experiential outdoor program in Grade 9 Service Learning 40 Hours Senior Spring Project 8-week, independently designed project			

GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE JUNIOR CLASS OF 2024 BY DEPARTMENT

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-
English	-	18%	32%	27%	19%	2%	2%		1%
Mathematics & Computer Science	4%	28%	22%	22%	13%	7%	1%	1%	
Science	2%	39%	35%	18%	3%	2%	1%		
History & Social Science	8%	34%	38%	17%	2%	1%			
World Languages	3%	40%	31%	18%	6%	1%	2%		-
Arts	29%	67%	3%		-	-	-	-	-
Global Online Academy	13%	67%	13%	7%	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7%	36%	26%	18%	8%	2%	1%	1%	1%

COLLEGES ENROLLING BB&N GRADUATES FROM THE CLASSES OF 2020-2023

We are proud of all of our graduates and their college choices. The diversity of this matriculation list reflects the texture, talents, and interests of our dynamic student body. Just as no one student is alike, no one college—or group of colleges—fits every child. Every type of college is represented on this list, but more importantly, we are confident that wherever our graduates enroll, they are prepared to navigate and contribute positively to any college and the wider world.

Colleges enrolling ten or more BB&N graduates

Brown University Colby College	Harvard University New York University	Northeastern University Northwestern University	Tufts University Tulane University of Louisiana Washington University in St Louis
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Colleges enrolling five or more BB&N graduates

American University Amherst College Babson College Barnard College Bates College Bentley University Boston College Bowdoin College	Colorado College Dartmouth College Duke University George Washington University Georgetown University Hamilton College Middlebury College Princeton University	Rice University Syracuse University University of Chicago University of Massachusetts -Amherst University of Miami University of Michigan-Ann Arbor University of Pennsylvania	University of Richmond University of Virginia-Main Campus University of Wisconsin-Madison Villanova University Wake Forest University Wellesley College Yale University
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Colleges enrolling one or more BB&N graduates

Assumption University Bard College Boston University Brandeis University Bucknell University California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo Case Western Reserve University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Clemson University Colgate University College of the Holy Cross College of William and Mary Columbia University in the City of New York Connecticut College Cornell University Elon University Emerson College Emory University Fairfield University Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus Gettysburg College	High Point University Howard University James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lafayette College Lake Forest College Lehigh University Massachusetts Institute of Technology McGill University Oberlin College Occidental College Ohio State University-Main Campus Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus Pitzer College Pratt Institute-Main Quinnipiac University Reed College Regis College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design Rutgers University-New Brunswick Sacred Heart University Saint Anselm College Santa Clara University	Savannah College of Art and Design Simmons University Smith College Southern Methodist University St Lawrence University Stanford University Stonehill College Swarthmore College Texas Christian University The College of Saint Rose The University of Tampa The University of the South Trinity College Trinity University Union College United States Air Force Academy United States Naval Academy University of Arizona University of California-Berkeley University of California-Davis University of California-Los Angeles University of California-San Diego University of California-Santa Barbara University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Florida	University of Massachusetts-Boston University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth University of Notre Dame University of Oxford University of Rhode Island University of Rochester University of Southern California University of St Andrews University of Toronto University of Utah University of Vermont University of Washington- Seattle Campus Vanderbilt University Vassar College Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Wesleyan University William & Mary Williams College Worcester Polytechnic Institute
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Reporting Discipline: BB&N does not directly report disciplinary actions unless they occur following the submission of the application materials. It is expected that students, when asked about discipline, will respond in an honest and forthright manner. If BB&N discovers that the student has not contacted the college or has not answered the questions honestly and in a forthright manner, BB&N will immediately contact the college directly.