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### Accreditation & Memberships

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## Buckingham Browne & Nichols School Profile 2025-26



Formed in 1974 by a merger of two long-standing Cambridge independent schools, Buckingham Browne & Nichols (BB&N) is an academically excellent, diverse, and inclusive coeducational day school for Pre-K to 12 students. Through innovative programs, students enrich their authentic voices, are empowered to fulfill their potential, and develop into lifelong learners who lead with kindness, curiosity, and integrity.

### QUICK FACTS

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| Grades                                     | Beginners-Grade 12 |
| Enrollment                                 | 1,043 Students     |
| Upper School Enrollment                    | 534 Students       |
| Grade 12                                   | 134 Students       |
| Student Towns/Cities Represented           | 76                 |
| Students Receiving Financial Aid           | 26%                |
| Upper School Faculty with Master's Degrees | 71                 |
| Upper School Faculty with Doctorates       | 15                 |
| Alumnus/a Rhodes Scholars                  | 10                 |

### PROGRAM NOTES AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

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| Transcripts  | BB&N does not provide GPAs or Class Rank for its students.  |
| Calendar   | Trimesters  |
| Course Expectations                                | Five core academics is typical, six would require permission. Most students access AP courses starting in their junior year.  |
| 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 2022-2025                           | 32 Semifinalists, 22 Finalists, 5 Scholars  |
| Student Awards noted on transcript for Grades 9-11 | African-American Studies, Double Language Scholar Program, Global Exchange Ambassadors, Junior History Prize, Junior Profile Prize, Petropoulos Art Scholars, The Craig B. Stonestreet '49 Prize, The Desiree Rogers King Fund, The Jacobs Prize, The Marina Keegan '09 Summer Fellowship |

### TEST SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

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         | 660-760    | 701  |
| Math        | 650-769    | 714  |
| Total       | 1325-1540  | 1401 |
| ACT Summary | Middle 50% | Mean |
| English     | 31-35      | 32   |
| Math        | 29-35      | 31   |
| Reading     | 29-36      | 33   |
| Science     | 27-35      | 31   |
| Composite   | 29-34.5    | 32   |

| GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND ADVANCED, HONORS, AND AP COURSES   |  |
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| Department   | Courses  |
| <b>English</b><br>4 credits  | AP Literature and Composition  |
| <b>History and Social Sciences</b><br>2 credits (including a U.S. History course in Grade 11 and a Modern Global History course) | U.S. History (Honors)   U.S. History: African American History (Honors)   American and Global History: Case Studies II (Honors)   AP Art History   Art History (Honors)   AP Comparative Government and Politics   AP U.S. Government and Politics   AP European History   AP Human Geography   AP Macroeconomics   Environmental Studies (Advanced)   |
| <b>Mathematics and Computer Science</b><br>3 credits (including Geometry and Algebra 2)  | Algebra II (Honors)   Geometry (Advanced)   Geometry (Honors)   Precalculus (Advanced)   Precalculus AB (Honors)   Precalculus BC (Honors)   Calculus (Advanced)   AP Calculus AB   AP Calculus BC   Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus (Honors)   Advanced Topics in Mathematics (Honors)   AP Statistics   AP Computer Science A   Advanced Topics in Computer Science (Honors)   |
| <b>World Languages</b><br>3 consecutive credits of the same language   | Arabic IV   Chinese III (Honors)   AP Chinese Language and Culture   Chinese V (Honors)   French II (Honors)   French III (Honors)   AP French Language and Culture   French V (Advanced)   French V (Honors)   Latin II (Honors)   Latin III (Honors)   AP Latin   Latin V (Honors)   Russian IV (Honors)   Russian V (Honors)   Spanish II (Honors)   Spanish III (Honors)   AP Spanish Language and Culture   Spanish V (Honors)  |
| <b>Science</b><br>2 credits (including Biology and a physical science)   | Physics (Honors)   AP Physics I   Chemistry (Honors)   AP Chemistry   Anatomy and Physiology (Advanced)   Anatomy and Physiology (Honors)   Physics II (Honors)   Organic Chemistry (Honors)   AP Biology   Advanced Biology (Honors)   Experimental Biology (Honors)   AP Physics C: Mechanics   AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism   Biochemistry (Honors)   Organic Chemistry (Honors)   Current Topics & Research in Science and Technology (Honors)   Engineering Principles & Practice (Advanced)   Engineering Principles and Practice (Honors)   Environmental Studies (Advanced)   Infectious Diseases (Honors)   Marine Ecology (Advanced)   Scientific Ethics (Advanced) |
| <b>Arts</b><br>1 credit in Grade 9<br>1 credit in Grades 10–12   | Advanced Architecture   Advanced Architecture II   Advanced Ceramics   Advanced Ceramics II   Advanced Drawing & Painting   Advanced Drawing & Painting II   Advanced Photography   Advanced Photography II   Advanced Woodworking & 3D Design   Advanced Woodworking & 3D Design II   Advanced Orchestra   Advanced Chamber Music   Advanced Jazz Ensemble   Advanced Chorale   Advanced A Cappella   Advanced Filmmaking   Advanced Filmmaking II   Advanced Theater Arts   Advanced Theatrical Production   |
| <b>Additional Requirements</b>   | <b>Athletics</b>   3 seasons in Grades 9–11, 2 seasons in Grade 12<br><b>Bivouac</b>   2-week experiential outdoor program in Grade 9<br><b>Service Learning</b>   Completion of service learning curriculum<br><b>Senior Spring Project</b>   8-week, independently designed project  |

**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 relevant questions, BB&N will contact the college directly.

**GRADE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE JUNIOR CLASS OF 2026 BY DEPARTMENT**

|   | <b>A+</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A-</b> | <b>B+</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>B-</b> | <b>C+</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>C-</b> |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>English</b>                            | 2%        | 23%      | 26%       | 22%       | 17%      | 7%        | 1%        | 1%       |           |
| <b>Mathematics &amp; Computer Science</b> | 6%        | 22%      | 29%       | 17%       | 16%      | 7%        | 1%        | 1%       |           |
| <b>Science</b>                            | 6%        | 33%      | 27%       | 16%       | 14%      | 2%        |           | 2%       |           |
| <b>History &amp; Social Science</b>       | 13%       | 37%      | 24%       | 14%       | 9%       | 3%        | 1%        |          |           |
| <b>World Languages</b>                    | 6%        | 36%      | 31%       | 13%       | 8%       | 4%        | 1%        |          | 1%        |
| <b>Arts</b>                               | 43%       | 38%      | 14%       | 4%        | 1%       |           |           |          |           |
| <b>Global Online Academy</b>              | 45%       | 45%      | 9%        |           |          |           |           |          |           |

**COLLEGES ENROLLING BB&N GRADUATES FROM THE CLASSES OF 2022-2025**

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**

|                   |                                       |                         |                                    |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Boston College    | Harvard University                    | New York University     | Tufts University                   |
| Colby College     | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Northeastern University | University of Michigan             |
| Dartmouth College |                                       | Northwestern University | Washington University in St. Louis |

**Colleges enrolling five or more BB&N graduates**

|                           |                              |                                     |                                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| American University       | Cornell University           | Providence College                  | University of Pennsylvania        |
| Babson College            | Duke University              | Rice University                     | University of Southern California |
| Barnard College           | Emory University             | Syracuse University                 | University of St Andrews          |
| Bentley University        | George Washington University | Tulane University                   | Vanderbilt University             |
| Bowdoin College           | Georgetown University        | University of Chicago               | Wake Forest University            |
| College of the Holy Cross | Middlebury College           | University of Massachusetts-Amherst | Yale University                   |
| Colorado College          | Princeton University         |                                     |                                   |

**Colleges enrolling one or more BB&N graduates**

|                                 |                                   |                                      |   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Amherst College                 | Hamilton College                  | Rutgers University-New Brunswick     | University of California-San Diego      |
| Assumption University           | Harvey Mudd College               | Sacred Heart University              | University of California-Santa Barbara  |
| Bard College                    | Haverford College                 | Saint Anselm College                 | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign |
| Bates College                   | High Point University             | San Diego State University           | University of Manchester                |
| Boston University               | Indiana University                | Santa Clara University               | University of Massachusetts-Boston      |
| Brandeis University             | Johns Hopkins University          | Savannah College of Art and Design   | University of Massachusetts-Lowell      |
| Brown University                | Lafayette College                 | Simmons University                   | University of Miami                     |
| Bryant University               | Lake Forest College               | Skidmore College                     | University of New Hampshire             |
| Bucknell University             | Lehigh University                 | Smith College                        | University of North Carolina            |
| Carleton College                | Macalester College                | Southern Methodist University        | University of Notre Dame                |
| Carnegie Mellon University      | McGill University                 | Spelman College                      | University of Oxford                    |
| Case Western Reserve University | Mount Holyoke College             | Springfield College                  | University of Richmond                  |
| Chapman University              | Oberlin College                   | Stanford University                  | University of Rochester                 |
| Claremont McKenna College       | Occidental College                | Stonehill College                    | University of Toronto                   |
| Clark University                | Ohio State University             | Swarthmore College                   | University of Vermont                   |
| Clemson University              | Olin College                      | Temple University                    | University of Virginia                  |
| Colgate University              | Pennsylvania State University     | The College of Saint Rose            | University of Washington-Seattle        |
| Columbia University             | Pepperdine University             | The University of Texas at Austin    | University of Wisconsin-Madison         |
| Connecticut College             | Pitzer College                    | Trinity College                      | Vassar College                          |
| Duquesne University             | Pomona College                    | Union College                        | Villanova University                    |
| Elon University                 | Pratt Institute                   | United States Air Force Academy      | Wellesley College                       |
| Emerson College                 | Quinnipiac University             | University of Arizona                | Wentworth Institute of Technology       |
| Fairfield University            | Regis College                     | University of California-Berkeley    | William & Mary                          |
| Fordham University              | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  | University of California-Davis       | Williams College                        |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Rhode Island School of Design     | University of California-Los Angeles | Worcester Polytechnic Institute         |
| Gettysburg College              | Rochester Institute of Technology |                                      |   |



# CORE VALUES

## Inquiry

We promote curiosity and critical thinking to inspire a lifelong love of learning.

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## Integrity

We strive to be honest, conscientious, and accountable in our actions even when no one is watching.

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## Belonging

We foster a culture of respect, well-being, and connection that values all individuals and empowers them to discover and be their authentic selves.

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## Kindness

We strengthen our communities by recognizing our common humanity and treating ourselves and others with respect and compassion.