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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School Profile 2026-27



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

Grades	PreK-Grade 12
Enrollment	1,034 Students
Upper School Enrollment	532 Students
Grade 12	130 Students
Student Towns/Cities Represented	76
Students Receiving Financial Aid	24%
Upper School Faculty with Master's Degrees	71
Upper School Faculty with Doctorates	15
National Merit 2023-2026	37 Semifinalists, 25 Finalists, 5 Scholars

Key Points for Admissions Readers

Due to our highly rigorous curriculum, BB&N does not provide GPAs or Class Rank for its students.

We operate on a trimester system.

Five core academics is typical. Six would require permission.

Most students access AP courses starting in their junior year. Most honors and AP classes require prerequisite coursework.

Academic rigor follows a clear progression from advanced to honors/AP.

In 2025 and 2026, 478 students took 1195 AP exams. 79% earned scores of 4 or higher; 97% earned scores of 3 or higher.

Student Awards noted on Transcripts 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

Cum Laude:

Offered to graduating seniors who have attained the highest level of achievement in an academically demanding program.

TEST SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

SAT Summary	Middle 50%	Mean
ERW	620-730	678
Math	620-760	682
Total	1240-1490	1360
ACT Summary	Middle 50%	Mean
English	26-35	30
Math	26-33	29
Reading	25-34	30
Science	25.5-34	30
Composite	26-34	30

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND ADVANCED, HONORS, AND AP COURSES	
Department	Courses
English 4 credits	AP Literature and Composition
History and Social Sciences 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)
Mathematics and Computer Science 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)
World Languages 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)
Science 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 (Honors) Infectious Diseases (Honors) Marine Ecology (Advanced) Scientific Ethics (Advanced) Science Research Program 1 + 2 (Honors)
Arts 1 credit in Grade 9 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 Chorus Advanced A Cappella Advanced Filmmaking Advanced Filmmaking II Advanced Theater Arts Advanced Theatrical Production
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 Completion of four-year guided service learning curriculum Senior Spring Project 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.

PROGRAM NOTES

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
Honors Science Research Program	A two-year course where students develop and employ research skills that equip them to conduct ongoing undergraduate-level research under the supervision of both a researcher in the professional field and a member of the BB&N faculty, including summer research. Enrollment in this sixth non-arts course is limited and an application to the Science Department and administration is required for course approval.

COLLEGES ENROLLING BB&N GRADUATES FROM THE CLASSES OF 2023-2026

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	Cornell University	MIT	Tufts University
Brown University	Dartmouth College	Northeastern University	University of Michigan
Colby College	Harvard University	Northwestern University	Washington University in St. Louis

Colleges enrolling five or more BB&N graduates

Amherst College	Duke University	Syracuse University	University of St Andrews
Babson College	George Washington University	Tulane University	Vanderbilt University
Bentley University	Georgetown University	University of California- Los Angeles	Wake Forest University
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	University of Chicago	Yale University
Bowdoin College	Middlebury College	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	
College of the Holy Cross	New York University	University of Pennsylvania	
Columbia University	Princeton University	University of Southern California	

Colleges enrolling one or more BB&N graduates

American University	Harvey Mudd College	Saint Anselm College	University of North Carolina
Bard College	Haverford College	San Diego State University	University of Notre Dame
Bates College	High Point University	Santa Clara University	University of Richmond
Brandeis University	Indiana University	Simmons University	University of Rochester
Bryant University	Johnson & Wales University	Skidmore College	University of Toronto
Bucknell University	Lafayette College	Smith College	University of Vermont
Carleton College	Lehigh University	Southern Methodist University	University of Washington-Seattle
Carnegie Mellon University	Macalester College	Spelman College	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Chapman University	McGill University	Springfield College	Vassar College
Claremont McKenna College	Mount Holyoke College	Stanford University	Villanova University
Clark University	Oberlin College	Stonehill College	Wellesley College
Clemson University	Occidental College	Swarthmore College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Colgate University	Olin College of Engineering	Temple University	William & Mary
Colorado College	Pepperdine University	The College of Saint Rose	Williams College
Connecticut College	Pitzer College	The University of Texas at Austin	
Curry College	Pomona College	Trinity College	
Davidson College	Providence College	Union College	
Drexel University	Quinnipiac University	United States Air Force Academy	
Duquesne University	Regis College	University of California-Berkeley	
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California-San Diego	
Emory University	Rhode Island School of Design	University of California-Santa Barbara	
Fairfield University	Rice University	University of Massachusetts-Boston	
Fordham University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts-Lowell	
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Miami	
Hamilton College	Sacred Heart University	University of New Hampshire	



CORE VALUES

Inquiry

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

Integrity

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

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.

Kindness

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