



BPHS FAQS

Let's learn
more about
Brooklyn
Prospect
High School!

The IB Program at BPHS

What is the International Baccalaureate Program?

The IB Diploma Program is a holistic, liberal arts, college preparatory academic program. Students who attend BPHS take academic credits that go well beyond state requirements that are more comprehensive than Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

The IB program is globally respected curriculum that challenges students to view their education through a world view and to become strong writers, thinkers, and problem solvers.

IB classes are completed over two years and require students to go well beyond tests, but to explore subjects through writing, research, and argument.

Find out more about IB: <https://www.ibo.org>

What does the IB course load look like?

Study for the IB diploma begins in the 11th grade. Students must complete required courses over the course of the two years. Student must complete a course in each of the following **six IB subject groups**:

- Studies in Language and Literature(English)
- Language Acquisition (World language)
- Individuals and Societies (Humanities)
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- The Arts

What are some highlights of the IB program?

- **Extended Essay** - an independently written, college level research paper
- **(CAS)-Creativity, Activity, and Service-** students are required to obtain at least 18 months of experience in each category. Students log their hour of completion and write a reflection at the conclusion of those hours.
- **Theory of Knowledge-** A half-time course that focuses on inquiry and discussions. The course consists of two assessments, which are graded directly by IB.
- **IB Psychology, Dance, and Visual Arts** - Each of these classes is a perennial favorite of our students.

What is CAS?

(CAS)-Creativity, Activity, and Service - Students undertake a CAS project independently, outside of the classroom.

These extensive projects challenge students to show initiative, demonstrate perseverance, and develop skills such as collaboration, problem solving and decision making. CAS allows students to grow by learning through experience beyond the classroom.

College Preparation

What colleges do graduates of Brooklyn Prospect High School attend?

The graduates of the class of 2023 were accepted **982 times** to **228** different colleges in **34** different states and **3** different countries. So this list is very robust!

You can find a full list of universities and college BPHS students have attended in our 2022 [High School Profile](#). 2023 profile is forthcoming!

What is BPHS's college acceptance rate?

Last year 90% of students were accepted to 4-year colleges—the **highest matriculation rate to 4-year colleges in Prospect Schools' history!**

This graduating class received **40** full-ride scholarships

32 Higher Education Opportunity Program and Educational Opportunity Program full scholarships earned by **21** different students (**50%** of eligible students)

4 Recruited Athletes

What supports are in place for students applying to college?

The mission of our **five person(!)** college counseling team is to provide personal attention and an individually tailored approach. We do this by providing the services listed below:

- Individualized 1:1 meetings with assigned college counselor
- Parent workshops (Financial Aid, etc)
- College Readiness Advisory lessons in 9-10th grades
- Weekly College Seminar application sessions in 11-12th grades
- Local and Overnight College Trips / College Fairs
- Over 40 Admissions Representative visits on campus per year
- Generation Rise + Enrichment Placement assistance
- SAT Preparation classes

What are the required number of credits needed to graduate with an IB diploma?

Students need a minimum of 48 credits to graduate with an IB diploma. 4 more than what is required for graduation with a NYS Regents Diploma.

Does an IB diploma guarantee my student college credit?

Colleges treat IB classes as either credits or use them to place students in more advanced classes once they begin their course of study.

They also factor heavily into college admissions decisions.

Even students who do not earn a full IB diploma will have a head start because colleges view those courses as more rigorous.

Enrichment, Afterschool, and Sports

What languages are offered at Brooklyn Prospect High School?

Brooklyn Prospect High School offers Mandarin and Spanish. Students are able to take IB (college) level language classes and regents level class.

What are the extracurricular activities offered at Brooklyn Prospect High School?

Extracurricular activities at Brooklyn Prospect High School vary by season. We host both Fall and Spring sports as well and clubs. Most clubs are student directed and offered through our after school program. Some of these include Student Council, Community Service, Gardening and Senior Committee.

What sports are offered at Brooklyn Prospect High School?

Brooklyn Prospect high Schools offers an array of sports depending on the season. Please see the list below:

Fall:

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Cross Country

Winter:

- Boys JV Basketball
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Cheerleading

Spring:

- Cross Country
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball

Does Brooklyn Prospect High School offer transportation?

We offer transportation through the NYC Department of Education. Most students receive a metro card, which allows for 3-trips per day. Students in high school are only offered bus service if they have an IEP and the service is mandated in their IEP.