



BROOKS SCHOOL

2023–2024 PROFILE

Description of the School

Founded in 1926, Brooks School is a residential boarding school of 359 students. Our mission is to “provide the most meaningful educational experience our students will have in their lives.” Students hail from across the United States and from 16 countries and work in a challenging curriculum. The class of 2024 is comprised of 88 students; 100 percent of Brooks seniors plan to attend a four-year college. For a Brooks diploma, 89 credits are required from members of the class of 2024. A total of 21 Advanced Placement courses are offered.

Curriculum Requirements

Students customarily take five and one-half credits per semester. Specific requirements include: four years of English; mathematics through Second Year Algebra; three levels of a world language; two years of laboratory science; two years of history, including Modern World History and U.S. History; five semesters of art; and a Self in Community class (health and leadership programming) each year. Beginning in the fall of 2022, Brooks no longer offered AP Modern World History. Members of the class of 2024 were the last class to have the opportunity to take this course.

Grading

The numerical system at Brooks is designed to give a precise evaluation of each student’s academic performance. All internal grading and GPA calculations are unweighted, though we do provide a weighted GPA to colleges. The weighting used is five points for each AP course and two and one-half points for each honors or advanced course.

School Year 2020–2021 and 2021–2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, at the beginning of the 2020–2021 school year, students were given the choice to become residential boarding students and attend classes in person, or take classes online from home. Brooks’ grading structure has remained the same throughout the pandemic for both in-person and online students. These options continued through the spring of 2021, in addition to allowing day students to commute to and from school. In the following year, the 2021–2022 school year, Brooks students attended in-person classes for the duration of the school year without a remote learning option.

Winter Term

Each January, students engage in an intense, three-week, one-topic course of study. The single-course structure of Winter Term allows students and faculty to work together even more closely than they do in regular classes. Course topics in 2023 included *New York Cinema*; *El Camino de Santiago*; *Raku*; *Hawks and Doves*; *The Great Outdoors*; *Passion to Pass It On*; *Time Travel and the Multiverse*; *The Constitution*; and many more. Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, Winter Term did not run during the 2020–2021 school year.

Discipline Reporting Policy

Brooks School does not directly report nor disclose a student’s disciplinary history when a student is undergoing the college application process. If a student is asked about their disciplinary history by a college or university, either in a college specific-supplemental question in written form in the application, or in a conversation or other form of communication, the expectation from Brooks is that the student responds with honesty. Brooks School values honesty and should a student be asked by a college or university if they have been suspended, the student will be advised by their college counselor to craft an appropriate statement explaining the infraction. If a student is enrolled at Brooks School during the college or application process, colleges and universities can expect that the student is in good standing at Brooks both academically and in terms of citizenship.

Brooks Grading System — Number/Letter Equivalencies

A+ 97-100 A 93-96 A- 90-92 B+ 87-89 B 83-86 B- 80-82 C+ 77-79 C 73-76 C- 70-72 D+ 67-69 D 63-66 D- 60-62 F 55-59

Grade Distribution by Department - Class of 2024

	95+	90-94	85-89	80-84	> 80
English	15%	54%	24%	6%	1%
Mathematics	13%	32%	29%	19%	7%
Science	13%	40%	29%	14%	4%
History and Social Sciences	9%	43%	33%	11%	5%
World Languages	26%	47%	15%	8%	5%
Arts	51%	41%	5%	1%	1%
Total	21%	43%	23%	10%	3%

Honors and Advanced Level Courses by Department

Visual and Performing Arts

AP 2D Art, AP 3D Art, AP Studio Art, AP Music Theory, Advanced Open Studio, Advanced Jazz Band, Advanced Rock Band, Advanced Performance Studio, Media and Performance, Chamber Orchestra

English

AP Literature and Composition

History

Advanced History Capstone (weighted as an AP-level course), AP Art History, AP U.S. Government, AP U.S. History, AP World History*

*No longer offered as of 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Multivariable Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Micro-Economics, AP Computer Science-A

World Languages

Advanced Mandarin Chinese, AP French, Honors Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Literature

Sciences

AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, Honors Anatomy and Physiology, Honors Neuroscience, Honors Biotechnology

College Matriculation, Class of 2023

Arizona State University
Babson College (2)
Bates College
Boston College (4)
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Colby College (5)
College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Cornell University (2)
Dartmouth College
Denison University (3)
Dickinson College
Duke University
Elon University
Endicott College
Georgetown University (2)
Hamilton College (2)

Hobart William Smith Colleges
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
McGill University
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
New York University
Nichols College
Northeastern University (3)
Northwestern University (2)
Oberlin College
Pennsylvania State University (2)
Princeton University
Providence College (2)
Sacred Heart University
Smith College
Southern Methodist University (4)
St. John's University
St. Lawrence University
The George Washington University (2)
The Ohio State University (2)

Trinity College (3)
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University (2)
United States Military Academy
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
University of Vermont
University of Virginia (3)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin (3)
Villanova University (2)
Wake Forest University (2)
Wesleyan University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute