



# Brandon Academy

*A Community of Respect*

**SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018**

**CEEB Code: 102656**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Brandon Academy is to educate young people in an environment of respect coupled with commitment to quality education in a challenging program to prepare students to be leaders in the global community.

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Accredited by Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC), Florida High School Athletic Association Inc (FHSA).

Member of Bay Area Association of Independent Schools (BAAIS), Florida League of IB Schools (FLIBS), National Honors Society (NHS), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Mu Alpha Theta (MAT).

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## **The School**

Brandon Academy, established in 1970 as an independent preparatory school in Brandon, Florida. Brandon Academy is a recognized National Blue Ribbon School and an authorized International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme affiliate. These distinctions identify BA in the category of "high performing schools." Brandon Academy attracts a diverse population, including children from every religion, culture, and ethnicity living in our region.

Currently serving three-year-olds through high school graduation. The school has a faculty-student ratio of 11:1. This makes it possible to best address the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs of students. Grades PreK - 10 maintain a preparatory focus using accelerated curriculum based on a full grade level above. The high school curriculum for Brandon Academy follows the guidelines established by the prestigious International Baccalaureate Organization (grades 11-12). Both curriculums apply the strengths and flexibility of our community to meet the individual needs of all students.



Brandon Academy is a community driven by innovation, engagement, and going beyond where community service is paramount in the education of our students. Accordingly BA emphasizes academic performance and the development of high character students. Focusing on the strengths of proven traditional models with the rigor and creative thinking programs to produce life long learners.

## High School Division 2017 - 2018 Program of Studies

### Grades 9 - 12

#### Studies in Language and Literature

Pre-IB English 9  
Pre-IB English 10  
IB DP English 11  
IB DP English 12

#### Language Acquisition

Spanish I  
Spanish II  
\*IB Spanish

#### Mathematics

Algebra I  
Algebra II  
Geometry  
\*IB Math Studies

#### Experimental Sciences

Biology Grade 9  
Chemistry Grade 10  
\*IB Biology

#### Social Studies

World History  
History and Government  
\*IB History

#### Electives:

History of Film  
Coding  
Creative Writing  
Public Speaking  
Robotics  
Stock market

#### Health and PE

HOPE  
Physical Education I  
Physical Education II

#### The Arts

Drama I  
Drama II  
Introduction to IB  
Visual Art  
Show Course  
\*IB Visual Art

#### DP Required Course

\*IB DP Theory of Knowledge 11  
\*IB DP Theory of Knowledge 12  
\*Extended Essay  
\*CAS

#### (Additional courses to begin in 2018)

Design Thinking – Grade 9  
Business Law – Grade 9  
Marketing, Sales and Communication – Grade 10  
Business, Finance, and Budgeting – Grade 10  
Internship – Grade 11 (one semester)  
Business Start Up – Grade 12 Shark Tank (one semester)  
Coding  
Web Development for Business

### Notes:

- [\*] Two year course
- [IB] - International Baccalaureate | [DP] - Diploma Program
- The CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service) requirement illuminates the importance of life outside the world of scholarship, providing a valuable counterbalance to academic studies.
- The standard core curriculum is taught at an honors college preparatory level.
- Beginning in the junior year, all students at BA are enrolled in the full Diploma Programme of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

### Grading Scale

Honors weighted : 0.5

IB DP placement courses : 1.0 point

Letter	Percent	Grade point
A+	97 - 100	4.3
A	93 - 96	4.0
A-	90 - 92	3.7
B+	87 - 89	3.3
B	83 - 86	3.0
B-	80 - 82	2.7
C+	77 - 79	2.3
C	73 - 76	2.0
C-	70 - 72	1.7
D+	67 - 69	1.3
D	63 - 66	1.0
D-	60 - 62	0.7
F	>59	0.0

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

Subject	Hours
English	4.0
Foreign Language	2.0
Social Studies	3.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Presentation Arts	1.0
Physical Education	0.5
Health	0.5
Electives	4.0
CAS	100 Hours