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# **Brandon Academy**

A Community of Respect

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2018-2019 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.

#### 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.

## <u>High School Division 2018 - 2019 Program of Studies</u> Grades 9 - 12

	9th	10th	11th/12th		
Studies in Language and Literature	Pre-IB English 9	Pre-IB English 10	*IB Language A [HL/SL]		
Language Acquisition	Spanish I	Spanish II	*IB Spanish (DP Only) [SL]		
Mathematics	Algebra I Algebra II	Algebra II Geometry	*IB Math Studies [SL]		
Experimental Sciences	Biology	Chemistry	*IB Biology [SL]		
Social Studies	World History	History and Government	*IB History [HL]		
DP Required Courses	CAS	CAS	*IB Theory of Knowledge *Extended Essay (DP Only) CAS		
Additional Required Courses	HOPE	Public Speaking & Presentions			
Electives over the 4 years					
Health and PE Team Sports Fitness I Fitness II	The Arts Drama I Drama II Pre-IB Visual Arts *IB Visual Arts Music Theory	Technology Coding Theatre Technology	Other Creative Writing Stock Market Design Thinking		

#### **Notes:**

- [\*] Two year course
- [IB] International Baccalaureate | [DP] Diploma Program | [SL] Standard Level IB | [HL] Higher Level IB
- 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.
- Upon completion of sophomore year, students will have the option of partaking in the Full IBDP Candidate Track (DP) or the Brandon Academy College Preparatory Track (CP)

### **Grading Scale**

Honors weighted: 0.5

IB placement courses: 1.0 point

Letter	Percent	Grade point
Α	90- 100	4.0
В	80 - 89	3.0
С	70 - 79	2.0
D	60 - 69	1.0
F	< 59	0.0

Minimum Graduation Requirements 24 credits				
Subject	СР	DP		
English	4.0	4.0		
Foreign Language	2.0	4.0		
Social Studies	3.0	3.0		
Mathematics	4.0	4.0		
Science	3.0	3.0		
Presentation Arts	2.0	1.0		
Physical Education	0.5	0.5		
Health	0.5	0.5		
Electives	5.0	4.0		
CAS	100 F	Hours		