



Brandon Academy

Quality Education in a Community of Respect

2023 - 2024 School Profile

Mission Statement

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

The School

Established in 1970 as an independent preparatory school for Pre-K through 8th grade students, the High School was initiated in 2015 and graduated its first senior class in 2019. Brandon Academy is a recognized National Blue Ribbon School and formerly an authorized IB Diploma Programme affiliate. To better address the needs of the college preparatory students, the school transitioned from offering the IB Diploma Program and **instituted the College Board Advanced Placement Program in 2021.**

The Student Body

Brandon Academy's nearly 280 students are divided between the Lower School (JK - 5th grade) and the Upper School (6th - 12th grades). **For the 2023-24 academic year, enrollment in the high school totals 60 students, 15 of whom are members of the class of 2024.** With an average student to faculty ratio of 11:1, and an average classroom size of 12 students, the high school environment is highly personalized and effective in addressing the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs of each student. **Proud of our status as a majority-minority school, nearly 45% of high school students receive some form of need-based financial assistance.**

The Honor Code

Brandon Academy embraces the development of personal honor as a lifelong pursuit in the building of character, and the foundation of academic life is our Honor Code. We hold members of our community to an exceptionally high standard, and one of our most significant responsibilities is to help each child in our care attain his or her highest potential. **As a member of NACAC, and in abiding by its "Statements of Principles and Good Practice", Brandon Academy's policy on reporting disciplinary infractions is that a student must honestly report them when required by the college or university to which a student is applying.**

Accreditation & Memberships

Brandon Academy is accredited by National Independent Private School Association (NIPSA) and by Cognia, and is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Honor Society membership is held in the National Honor Society and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (Spanish National Honor Society).

Course Offerings

As a college preparatory school, Brandon Academy's course offerings include Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment through the University of South Florida and Hillsborough Community College, and Dual Credit through Southeastern University. The following AP courses are available in grades 9 - 12th, although not all are available every year (courses denoted by an asterisk are not being offered during the 2023-24 academic year):

AP Art History* | AP Studio Art: 2D Design & 3D Design* | AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition | AP Human Geography | AP Micro* & Macroeconomics
AP Psychology* | AP US Government & Politics | AP US History | AP World History: Modern | AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1* | AP Computer Science* | AP Statistics | AP Spanish Language and Culture

Graduation Requirements & Recommendations

Subject	Required	Additional Details	Recommended
English	4	English in each grade 9-12	4
Math	4	Math in each grade 9-12	4
Science	3	Must include Biology, Chemistry and Physics	4
Social Studies	3	Must include World History, U.S. Government (.5), Economics (.5) and U.S. History	4
World Language	2	Minimum of two successive courses of the same language	3
HOPE	1		1
Fine Arts & Electives	7		4

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	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

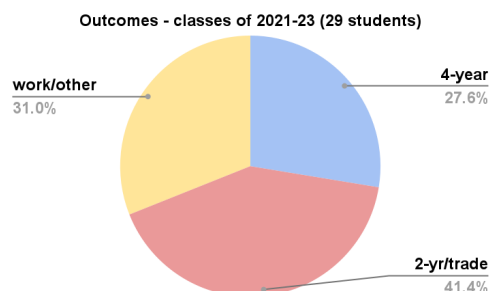
During the 22-23 academic year, the school modified its grading policy from semester grades to one final course grade. Class of 2024 transcripts will likely include both reporting models. A mid-year (1st semester) grade report is available to seniors whose college applications require an update, by the second week of January.

Class Rank - due to the significantly small class size, students are not ranked numerically. Instead, individual weighted grade point averages are reported. The weighted GPA calculation adds 0.5 to each Honors course, and 1.0 to each AP course.

High School course credit earned through Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit and during middle school may count towards the 24 credits required for graduation, but grades earned in these courses are not used in the gpa calculation.

Class of 2023 SAT: Mean & Middle 50% (9 students)		
EBRW	535	490-570
Math	515	430-580
Total	1051	930-1130

AP Exams*	2022	2023
# of students enrolled	30	35
# of exams administered	51	60
# of AP courses offered	10	10
Pass rate (scores 3+)	50%	57.14%



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