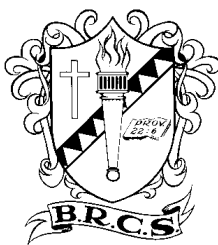


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HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

BACKGROUND & MISSION

Boca Raton Christian School (BRCS) is committed to offering the highest caliber of college preparatory Christian education and academic excellence. Located in downtown Boca Raton, Florida, BRCS is a PreK3-12th grade independent school that was established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church, an independent evangelical church.

The school's mission is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. The school's vision is to develop Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow. BRCS has developed a nurturing, family-oriented environment where each student is educated to his or her utmost potential. With a demanding academic climate and a commitment to serving the community, BRCS has an outstanding record in college placement, athletics, and the arts.

ACCREDITATION

BRCS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), AdvancED/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC).

AWARDS

In 2017, BRCS received a grant from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. to fund the school's project "Sustainability: City Farming and Backyard Quail." BRCS was selected each year between 2013 and 2017 as a Palm Beach County Green School of Quality. In 2016, BRCS was chosen to participate in the ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) Program. The school's literary magazine, *Illuminate*, has received five national awards from the National Council for Teachers of English, including the Superior-Nominated for Highest Award in 2013, 2014, and 2015. BRCS received grants in 2014 from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. and in 2013 from Whole Foods Kids, Slow Foods, and the Green Seed Money Program to plant gardens on campus. In 2013, BRCS received an \$8,000 grant from the American Academy of Dermatology to build a shade structure over a portion of the main playground. In 2010, 28 document cameras and wireless tablets were donated for use in classrooms by Elmo USA Corp. BRCS received a \$17,500 Best Buy Grant as part of a national competition in 2007, enabling the purchase of GPS devices, digital cameras, video projectors, and a document camera to enhance the school's geography instruction. In the past, BRCS was selected as an Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Exemplary School for its use of technology and also received a National Technology Grant. BRCS (K5-8) has twice received the National Blue Ribbon School Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

ADMISSIONS

BRCS seeks to be an extension of the Christian home. Students are considered for admission based on the family's commitment to Christian education and the student's academic/conduct history and performance on standardized achievement tests. Non-Discriminatory Statement: BRCS admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

STUDENT BODY

BRCS provides classes for students in PreK3 through grade 12. The average high school class size is 15 students. Total enrollment for the 2017/2018 school year is 580 students. The school community represents over 100 local churches. The student body ethnic makeup for the 2017/2018 school year is as follows: African American 4%, Asian American 2%, Caucasian 50%, Latino Hispanic 26%, Native American 2%, and other minorities 16%.

FACULTY

BRCS has a caring, energetic, and diverse faculty. Administrators and teachers, PreK4 through high school, must have a bachelor's degree and obtain teacher certification through the State of Florida. BRCS currently has thirty-two administrators and teachers with bachelor's degrees, twenty-three with master's degrees, and two with doctorate degrees; 67% of full-time faculty have worked at Boca Christian for ten or more years; and 79% of full-time faculty have taught in a school for ten or more years. Several faculty members have been included in either Who's Who in American Education or Who's Who Among America's Teachers. In addition, the William Dwyer Excellence in Education Award given by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County has recognized two teachers as semifinalists. Other awards given to teachers include the Christian Schools of Palm Beach County Teacher of the Year, Deaver Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, Target's Teacher Scholarship Award, and the Florida ACSI Secondary Teacher of the Year.

FACILITIES

BRCS' facilities include a gymnasium, computer labs, middle and high school science labs, media center, art room, music room, band room, 500-seat fine arts venue, 360-seat dining room, early childhood and elementary playgrounds, weight room, batting cage, and a 3-in-1 athletic field: football, soccer, and baseball.

GRADING SCALE & CLASS RANK

The high school academic grading scale is as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Grade Point Average Scale		
		HS-STD	HON	AP® or DUAL
A	90 - 100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80 - 89	3.0	3.375	3.75
C	70 - 79	2.0	2.25	2.5
D	60 - 69	1.0	1.125	1.25
F or WF	00 - 59	0.0	0.0	0.0

Weighted Courses - All honors courses are weighted as 1.125; all AP® and dual enrollment courses are weighted as 1.25. BRCS does not provide class rank, as it would not be an accurate predictor of success in college due to the relatively small class sizes; however, the school does select a valedictorian and salutatorian based on the weighted GPA.

TESTING

The College Board® SAT® averages for the students who pursued an advanced diploma in the classes of 2013-2017 are as follows:

The evidence based reading and writing average is 628.

The math average is 633.

The College Board® SAT® averages for the classes of 2013-2017 are as follows:

The evidence based reading and writing average is 535.

The math average is 527.

Note: Averages were compiled using the highest score for each student in the evidence based reading and writing and math tests.

Out of the forty-one students in the class of 2018, one student was selected as a College Board® National Hispanic Scholar and two students were recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. One National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist was named from each of the classes of 2014, 2011, 2009, 2005, and 2003. In the past ten years, various BRCS students have achieved a perfect score of 800 on the Ecological Biology SAT® subject test, the Math Level 2 SAT® subject test, the critical reading section of the SAT®, and the math section of the SAT®. In 2017, three students received the Advanced Placement® Scholar with Distinction Award, two students received the Advanced Placement® Scholar with Honor Award, and two students received the Advanced Placement® Scholar Award. Sixty-three percent of Advanced Placement® students at BRCS were determined to be proficient in their area of study by earning a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement® tests administered over the past five years. Based on the 2017 Terra Nova 3 standardized testing, the class of 2018 is in the top 15% of the nation's seniors.

TECHNOLOGY

Each student in grades 9-12 is issued a Chromebook, which is connected to a secure wireless network. All high school students take one online computer applications course during their sophomore year.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The high school curriculum offers three diplomas: **standard**, **college preparatory**, and **advanced**. The primary difference in the three diplomas lies in the amount of math, science, social studies, and world language required. (See chart under Graduation Requirements for specific requirements.) Because the **advanced** diploma is designed for students considering a more rigorous college program, required credits include physics or an AP®/DE* science, an AP®/DE* English or an AP®/DE* social science, and an AP®/DE* math. Additionally for the **advanced** diploma, a minimum of six courses at or above the honors level and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 are required. Curriculum offerings for all diplomas may include dual enrollment (DE) with Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU), Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and/or Palm Beach State College (PBSC). One credit is equivalent to 36 weeks of instruction with 47-minute periods daily.

*Advanced Placement® or dual enrollment

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	Advanced Diploma	College Prep Diploma	Standard Diploma
SUBJECT	CREDITS	CREDITS	CREDITS
Bible	4	4	4
English	4	4	4
Math	4	4	4
Science	4	4	3
Social Studies	4	3	3
HOPE (Health Opportunities through Physical Education)	1	1	1
World Language	2	2	0
Performing/Fine Arts	1	1	1
Computer Application	1	1	1
Electives	2	2	5
TOTAL	27	26	26
Community Service	100 hours (25 per year)	100 hours (25 per year)	100 hours (25 per year)

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

BIBLE

Exploring the Bible¹
Intro to Christian Social Ministry¹
Jewish History
Marriage & Family
Marriage & Family Dynamics¹
New Testament Survey
Philosophy/Comparative Worldview
Evangelism & Apologetics¹
Practical Ministry/Discipleship
Principles of Leadership¹

ENGLISH

AP® English Language & Composition
AP® English Literature & Composition
American Literature (Regular & Honors)
British Literature (Regular & Honors)
World Literature I (Regular & Honors)
World Literature II (Regular & Honors)

MATHEMATICS

AP® Calculus AB & BC
Algebra I (Regular & Honors)
Algebra II
Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors
College Algebra Honors¹
Geometry (Regular & Honors)
Introduction to College Algebra
Pre-Calculus Honors²
Statistics Honors¹
Trigonometry & Analytical Geometry¹

SCIENCE

AP® Biology
AP® Chemistry
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
Biology (Regular & Honors)
Chemistry (Regular & Honors)
Earth Science (Regular & Honors)
Environmental Science
Introduction to Engineering
Marine Science²
Physics (Regular & Honors)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP® Microeconomics²
AP® Psychology¹
AP® World History
AP® U.S. Government & Politics²
AP® United States History
American Govt. (Regular & Honors)
American Hist. (Regular & Honors)
Economics (Regular & Honors)
World History (Regular & Honors)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

HOPE (Health Opportunities through Phys. Ed.)
Individual and Dual Sports
Weight Training

LIFE MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Contemporary Living
Health

PERFORMING/FINE ARTS

AP® Music Theory
AP® Studio Art: 2-D Design
AP® Studio Art: Drawing
Art Appreciation
Art History & Criticism Honors²
Art I
Band
Chorus
Creative Photography I²
Debate
Public Speaking

TECHNOLOGY

AP® Computer Science Principles
Applied Computer Technology
Digital Information Technology²
Production Engineering

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II, & III
Latin I, II, & III²
Mandarin Chinese I, II, & III²
Spanish I, II, & III

ELECTIVES

Driver Education/Traffic Safety²
Foundations in Personal Finance²
Principles of Entrepreneurship
Sports & Recreation Marketing
Honors Journalism (Yearbook)

¹Dual enrollment (DE) course offered in cooperation with Palm Beach Atlantic University on the campus of BRCS.

²Florida Virtual School (online) courses

Note: Dual enrollment courses are also available in cooperation with FAU and PBSC upon approval by guidance department; students must travel to FAU and/or PBSC to take these courses.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Activities		Boys' Athletics	Girls' Athletics	Community Service
Chick-Fil-A	Musical Theater	Baseball	Basketball	9 th grade Lake Wales mission trip
Leadership Academy	National Honor Society	Basketball	Beach Volleyball	10 th grade Tennessee mission trip
Crazy Love	Production Engineering	Cross-Country	Cheerleading	11 th grade Arizona mission trip
Fine Arts Night	Robotics/Drones	Football	Cross-Country	12 th grade Costa Rica mission trip
Forensics Club	Rocket Launch	Golf	Golf	Local community service project
Homecoming	Shine (vocal ensemble)	Soccer	Soccer	100 community service hours for graduation
Ignite (worship band)	Student Council	Tennis	Tennis	
International Club	Talent Show	Track & Field	Track & Field	
LLL Reading Club	Thespian Troupe	Volleyball	Volleyball	
Jr./Sr. Banquet	Winterfest			
Marching Band				

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

One hundred percent of the graduates of the class of 2017 received acceptance to college; 69% attend a four-year college and 28% attend a two-year college. Students of the BRCS graduating classes of 2007-2017 were accepted to the following colleges and universities: Academy of Art Univ., Amherst College, Anderson Univ. (IN), Anderson Univ. (SC), Arizona State Univ., Asbury Univ., Auburn Univ. (including honors program), Aurora Univ., Ave Maria Univ., Aveda Institute, Babson College, Barry Univ., Baylor Univ., Belhaven College, Belmont Univ., Berklee College of Music, Berkley College, Bethel Univ., Boston College, Boston Univ., Briar Cliff Univ., Broward College, Cairn Univ., Campbell Univ., Carson-Newman Univ., Cedarville Univ., Champlain College, Charleston Southern Univ., Chestnut Hill College, The Citadel, Clemson Univ. (including honors program), Coastal Carolina Univ., Colorado Christian Univ., Colorado State Univ., Columbia College, Concordia College, Cornell Univ., Cornerstone Univ., Covenant College, Dartmouth College, Digital Media Arts College, Drexel Univ., Eastern Univ., Fairleigh Dickinson Univ., Flagler Univ., Florida Atlantic Univ. (including Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College), Florida Gulf Coast Univ., Florida Institute of Technology, Florida Southern Univ., Florida State Univ. (including honors program), Fort Lewis College, Franklin College, Full Sail Univ., Gardner-Webb Univ., Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern Univ., Gordon College, Grove City College, Hofstra Univ., Houghton College, Jacksonville Univ., Johns Hopkins Univ., Johnson & Wales Univ., Keiser Univ., Keuka College, Lambuth Univ., Le Cordon Bleu, Lee Univ., Lehigh Univ., LeTourneau Univ., Liberty Univ. (including honors program), Lipscomb Univ., Long Island Univ., Louisiana State Univ. (including honors program), Lynn Univ., Mars Hill Univ., Mercer Univ., Messiah College, Methodist Univ., Mid Atlantic Christian Univ., Midland Univ., Mississippi College, Mississippi State Univ., Missouri State Univ., Montreat College, Moody Bible Institute, New York Film Academy, New York Univ., North Carolina State Univ., Northeastern Univ., North Greenville Univ., Norwich Univ., Nova Southeastern Univ., Oglethorpe Univ., Ohio Christian Univ., Ohio Northern Univ., Ohio State Univ., Oxford College, Pace Univ., Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. (including honors program), Palm Beach State College, Patrick Henry College, Pensacola Christian College, Pepperdine Univ., Purdue Univ., Regent Univ., Rhodes College, Rice Univ., Roanoke College, Rollins College, Samford Univ., Santa Fe College, Savannah College of Art and Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Shorter Univ., South Dakota State Univ., Southeastern Univ., Southern Methodist Univ., Southern Wesleyan Univ., Spring Hill College, St. John's Univ., St. Leo Univ., Stetson Univ., Tabor College, Tallahassee Community College, Tennessee Temple Univ., Trinity College of Florida, Tufts Univ., Tulane Univ., Univ. of Alabama, Univ. of Central Florida, Univ. of Connecticut, Univ. of the Cumberland, Univ. of Florida (including honors program), Univ. of Hartford, Univ. of Kansas, Univ. of Louisville, Univ. of Miami, Univ. of Mississippi, Univ. of Missouri, Univ. of Mobile, Univ. of Montana, Univ. of Mt. Olive, Univ. of Nevada-Reno, Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Univ. of North Florida, Univ. of Northwestern St. Paul, Univ. of South Carolina, Univ. of South Florida (including honors program), Univ. of South Florida-St. Petersburg, Univ. of Tampa, Univ. of Tennessee, Univ. of Valley Forge, Univ. of West Florida, Valencia College, Vanderbilt Univ., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Webber International Univ., West Virginia Wesleyan College, Western State College of Colorado, Wheaton College, Wichita State Univ., Wilbur Wright College, Wilson College, and Xavier Christian Univ.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Virginia Braga, Early Childhood Supervisor; **Eric deWeber, M.A.**, Director of Fine Arts; **Clint Erickson, M.A.**, Elementary Principal and Middle School Supervisor; **William D. Hood II, M.A.**, Director of Development; **Jacqui Mitchell**, Assistant Middle School Supervisor; **Jake Rhodes**, Chaplain; **Eileen Travazos, M.A.**, Admissions Director; **Len Visser, M.A.**, Director of Technology; **Ruth Weil, M.Ed.**, Grades 3-5 Supervisor; **John White, M.S.**, Athletic Director; **Kim Woodford, M.A.**, Grades K-2 Supervisor; **Beverly Zielske**, Student Services Supervisor