

2019 HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE



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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. Their 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. BRCS has an outstanding record in college placement, athletics, and the arts, with a demanding academic climate and a commitment to serving the community.

ACCREDITATION

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



AWARDS

BRCS was selected in 2018 as a Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence and each year between 2013 and 2017 as a Palm Beach County Green School of Quality. 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." 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 seven national awards from the National Council of Teachers of English, including the Superior-Nominated for Highest Award in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2018. BRCS has received grants from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc., Whole Foods Kids, Slow Foods, and the Green Seed Money Program to plant gardens on campus. They also received an \$8,000 grant from the American Academy of Dermatology to build a shade structure over a portion of the main playground. In addition, Elmo USA Corp. donated 28 document cameras and wireless tablets to our school. Furthermore, BRCS 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 the administration or its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Wendy Stapleton, M.Ed., Head of School; **Stephen Smith, M.A.**, High School Principal; **Lori Rifer, M.A.**, High School Guidance; **Eric deWeber, M.A.**, Director of Fine Arts; **William D. Hood II, M.A.**, Director of Development; **Jake Rhodes, B.A.**, Chaplain; **Len Visser, M.Ed.**, Dean of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; **John White, M.S.**, Athletic Director; **Beverly Zielske, B.A.**, Student Services Director.

TECHNOLOGY

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

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The high school curriculum offers three diplomas: **Advanced**, **College Preparatory**, and **Standard**. The primary difference lies in the required amount of math, science, social studies, and world language (see chart below). 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 OFFERINGS

BIBLE

Exploring the Bible¹
Intro to Christian Social Ministry¹
Jewish History
Marriage & Family
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 Algebra¹
Geometry (Regular & Honors)
Introduction to College Algebra
Pre-Calculus Honors
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
Marine Science²
Physics (Regular & Honors)

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP® Microeconomics²
AP® Psychology
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.)

TECHNOLOGY

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

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
Digital Art Imaging
Drama
Music Theory
Public Speaking

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I, II², III², & IV²
Latin I², II², & III²
Mandarin Chinese I², II², & III²
Spanish I, II, III, & IV²

ELECTIVES

Contemporary Living
Driver Education/Traffic Safety²
Foundations in Personal Finance²
Introduction to Engineering
Honors Journalism (Yearbook)
Life Management Skills²
Principles of Entrepreneurship
Sports & Recreation Marketing

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.

FACULTY

All administrators and teachers must have at least a bachelor's degree and teacher certification through the State of Florida. BRCS currently has thirty-one administrators and teachers with bachelor's degrees, twenty-one with master's degrees, and one with a doctorate degree; 58% of full-time faculty have worked at Boca Christian for ten or more years; and 71% of full-time faculty have taught for ten or more years.

STUDENT BODY

- ◆Total enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year is 582 students.
- ◆Typical class size ranges between 16 and 22 students.
- ◆The school community represents over 100 local churches.
- ◆The student body ethnic makeup for the 2018/2019 school year is as follows: African American 5%, Asian American 2%, Brazilian 11%, Caucasian 44%, Latino Hispanic 21%, Native American 2%, Biracial 6%, and other minorities 9%.

GRADING SCALE & CLASS RANK

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. To determine HPA (Honors Point Average), which is occasionally used in awarding scholarships in Palm Beach County, AP® and dual enrollment courses are weighted as 1.50. 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 valedictorian and salutatorian based on the weighted GPA.

TESTING

The College Board® SAT® averages for students who pursued advanced diplomas in the classes of 2014-2018 follow:

The evidence based reading and writing average is 630; The math average is 626.

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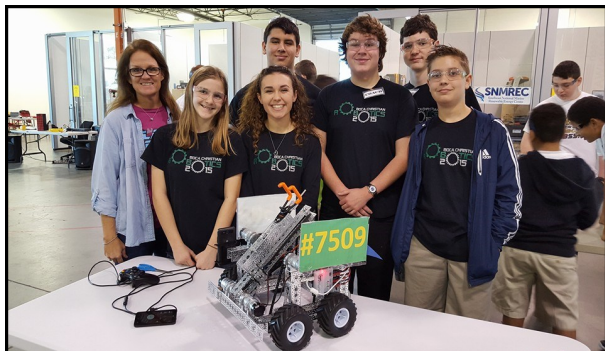
The evidence based reading and writing average is 551 and the math average is 541.

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

In the class of 2019, one student was recognized as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In the class of 2018, one student was selected as 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 2018, four students received the Advanced Placement® Scholar with Distinction Award and one student received the Advanced Placement® Scholar Award. Sixty-two 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 2018 Terra Nova 3 standardized testing, the class of 2019 is in the top 15% of the nation's seniors.

FACILITIES

BRCS' high school facilities include a gymnasium, computer lab, science labs, media center, art room, music room, band room, 450-seat performing arts venue, 336-seat dining room, weight room, batting cage, and a 3-in-1 athletic field for football, soccer, and baseball.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Activities		Boys' Athletics	Girls' Athletics	Community Service
Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy	Musical Theatre	Baseball	Basketball	100 hours required for graduation
Crazy Love	National Honor Society	Basketball	Cheerleading	Mission Trips:
Fine Arts Night	Production Engineering	Cross-Country	Cross-Country	9th grade: Lake Wales
Forensics Club	Robotics/Drones	Football	Golf	10th grade: Tennessee
Homecoming	Rocket Launch	Golf	Soccer	11th Grade: Arizona
Ignite (Worship Band)	Shine (Vocal Ensemble)	Soccer	Tennis	12th Grade: Costa Rica
International Club	Student Council	Tennis	Track & Field	Local Mission Trip
Junior/Senior Banquet	Talent Show	Track & Field	Volleyball	
LLL Reading Club	Thespian Troupe	Volleyball		
Marching Band	Winterfest			

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

One hundred percent of the graduates of the class of 2018 attend college; 85% attend a four-year college and 15% attend a two-year college. Students of the BRCS graduating classes of 2011-2018 were accepted to the following colleges and universities.

Academy of Art University
 Amherst College
 Anderson University - IN
 Anderson University - SC
 Arizona State University
 Asbury University
 Auburn University - including honors program
 Ave Maria University
 Barry University
 Baylor University
 Berklee College of Music
 Berkley College
 Bethel University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Briar Cliff University
 Broward College
 Cairn University
 Campbell University
 Carson-Newman University
 Cedarville University
 Champlain College
 Charleston Southern University,
 The Citadel
 Clemson University - including honors program
 Coastal Carolina University
 Coker College
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado State University
 Columbia College - IL
 Columbia University - NY
 Concordia College
 Cornell University
 Cornerstone University
 Covenant College
 Dartmouth College
 Digital Media Arts College
 Drexel University
 Eastern University
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Flagler College

Florida Atlantic University - including Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Florida International University
 Florida Southern University
 Florida State University - including honors program
 Franklin College
 Full Sail University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia Southern University
 Gordon College
 Grove City College
 Hofstra University
 Houghton College
 Jacksonville University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Keiser University
 Keuka College
 Le Cordon Bleu
 Lee University
 Lehigh University
 LeTourneau University
 Liberty University - including honors program
 Lipscomb University
 Long Island University
 Louisiana State University - including honors program
 Loyola University
 Lynn University
 Mars Hill University
 Messiah College
 Methodist University
 Mid Atlantic Christian University
 Midland University
 Mississippi College
 Mississippi State University
 Missouri State University
 Montreat College
 New York Film Academy
 New York University

North Carolina State University
 North Greenville University
 North Park University
 Northeastern University
 Nova Southeastern University
 Nyack College
 Oglethorpe University
 Ohio Christian University
 Ohio Northern University
 Ohio State University
 Ohio University
 Oral Roberts University
 Pace University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University - including honors program
 Palm Beach State College
 Patrick Henry College
 Pensacola Christian College
 Pepperdine University
 Regent University
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 Roanoke College
 Rollins College
 Samford University
 Santa Fe College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 Seton Hall University
 Shorter University
 South Dakota State University
 Southeastern University - including honors program
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern Wesleyan University
 St. John's University
 St. Leo University
 Stetson University
 Tabor College
 Tennessee Temple University
 Texas Tech University
 Trinity College of Florida

Tufts University
 Tulane University
 University of Alabama
 University of Central Florida
 University of Colorado
 University of Connecticut
 University of the Cumberlands
 University of Florida - including honors program
 University of Idaho
 University of Kansas
 University of Miami
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri
 University of Mobile
 University of Montana
 University of Mount Olive
 University of Nevada - Reno
 University of New Haven
 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
 University of North Florida
 University of Northwestern - Saint Paul
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida - including honors program
 University of South Florida - St. Petersburg
 University of Tampa
 University of Tennessee
 University of Valley Forge
 University of West Florida
 Valencia College
 Vanderbilt University
 Virginia Military Institute
 Washington State University
 Wheaton College - IL
 Wilbur Wright College
 Wilson College
 Xavier Christian University