

LOWER SCHOOL PROFILE 2025–2026



BOCA CHRISTIAN

NWEA MAP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCORES

- K–12 exceeds national reading, language, and math averages
- BRCS students scored above the national mean in every grade level

AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION

- ACSI Exemplary School for Use of Technology in Education
- Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine
- Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence
- Rated as an A+ School on Niche (Top 3% of Schools on Niche)
- Two-time Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award Winner

ACCREDITATIONS

- Association of Christian Schools International
- Cognia
- Florida Council of Independent Schools

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (BRCS) *is a nationally recognized, accredited, Christ-centered college preparatory school. BRCS develops Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow, nurtures academic excellence, and inspires Christian character.*

ABOUT THE SCHOOL BRCS gives students the highest caliber of college preparatory education with a Biblical Worldview. Located on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton, BRCS is an independent PreK3–12th grade school established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church. BRCS is known for its family-oriented environment, outstanding records in college placement, thriving athletics and creative arts, as well as a commitment to charitable service by our students and faculty.

WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION *Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially.* At BRCS, students are taught to stand firm in their faith, excel in their chosen profession, display kindness and discernment, and become Christian leaders of influence in the world. BRCS partners with families to uphold the highest standards and supports parental efforts to raise Christ-centered, well-rounded scholars.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW *Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.* Biblical principles and traditional values are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects on and off campus, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities.

SECURITY BRCS provides full-time security officers with extensive prior law enforcement experience and first responder training. Security also includes controlled visitor access through the Raptor Security national database, cameras, a perimeter fence on the East campus, locked classrooms, exterior doors, and gates. Staff, faculty, and parents who volunteer regularly are fingerprinted and background checks are conducted.

ADMISSIONS Our Admissions Committee considers a candidate's previous school record, conduct, teachers' recommendations, and admission test results. We seek applicants who demonstrate strong academic ability, have a family commitment to their church, and desire to become part of the BRCS community.

***Our Mission** is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. **Our Vision** is to equip all students to live courageous lives of impact as Christian leaders advancing a Biblical worldview.*

Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

- 1:1 access to Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education
- Art, Band, Music, Age-specific Playgrounds
- Custom, State-of-the-Art Multi Sport Court, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field
- Multi-media Center, Art, Band, 500-seat Chapel for performing arts

LEADERSHIP

Len Visser, M.Ed.

Head of School

Luiza Goundry, M.Ed.

Lower School Principal

Eve Good, B.S.

Lower School Assistant Principal

Clint Erickson, M.Ed.

Dean of Curriculum and Instruction

Marianna Jane, M.Ed.

Lower School Counselor

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.

Director of Admissions & Marketing

CLASS INFORMATION

- 862 students at BRCS
- 1st–5th Grade = 321
- Average Class Size = 21
- Teacher aides are provided at every grade level
- Extended School Program is available through 8th grade

LOWER SCHOOL ACADEMICS Lower School students build strong foundations in Bible, language arts, spelling, math, science, and social studies. Including mastering math facts and cursive handwriting.

Weekly, students are provided enrichment that broadens their learning and inspires growth. In Spanish, students begin to develop language skills and an appreciation for other cultures. In Physical Education, they build strength, coordination, and teamwork. The Media Center uses a variety of resources to foster a love for reading and teaches students how to research.

COMPETITIONS AND CLUBS Students have the opportunity to showcase their skills through the Science Fair, math and spelling competitions, Bible Drills, and Battle of the Books. Students can further explore their interests through clubs such as Lego/Robotics, Chess, Environmental Club, and Dance. We celebrate student achievements through Student of the Month and Principal's Pal recognitions, and encourage service and leadership with community projects throughout the year

ATHLETICS The school's athletic programs are committed to providing student athletes with experiences that will inspire them to fully develop their God-given gifts for His glory. Competitive interscholastic sports such as basketball, soccer and track begin in 5th grade. The program emphasizes sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork, preparing students to succeed both on and off the field.

FINE ARTS The fine arts program offers a rich and diverse range of opportunities, designed to inspire creativity. In elementary school, students participate in music, art, and beginning in fourth grade students participate in theatre. Through the music program, students in fourth and fifth grade have the opportunity to participate in either band or choir. The Fine Arts department also hosts a talent show, beginning in third grade, giving students the opportunity to showcase their unique skills.

STUDENT LIFE is filled with joy, tradition, and a strong sense of community. From Spiritual Emphasis Day that deepens faith and character, to spirited pep rallies that build school pride, students experience a well-rounded balance of growth and fun. Families love joining in for special events like the Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Game Night, festive dress-up days, and classroom celebrations of holidays that create lasting memories.

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS Parents and family members are encouraged to get involved through Parents in Prayer, All Pro Dads, and a variety of volunteer opportunities on campus, from supporting the annual auction and Boosterthon to athletics and the Science Fair.

COUNSELING SERVICES The counseling staff supports students in navigating academic, social-emotional, career and personal development goals. Utilizing God's Word and the best counseling practices. All school counselors have a master's degree or higher.