

1ST-8TH GRADE PROFILE

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ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

AdvancedED/Southern
Association of Colleges & Schools

Florida Council of Independent
Schools

Association of Christian Schools
International

Florida Music Education
Association

Florida School Music Association

QUICK FACTS

Lower School Enrollment: 351

Average Class Size: 21

VISION

The school's vision is to develop Christian leaders of influence for today and tomorrow by nurturing academic excellence and inspiring Christian character.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Boca Christian is a special place for your child. Located on a spacious 22-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton, Boca Christian is an independent PreK3–12th grade school established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church. The students enrolled at Boca Christian represent many local churches.

STUDENTS

Students are considered for admission based on family commitment to Christian education along with the student's academic/conduct history and performance on standardized achievement tests. Grades 1–8 attend full-day. An Extended School program is available through grade 8. The background for the 633 students in the 2019–2020 school year is: African American 5%, Asian American 2%, Brazilian 11%, Caucasian 44%, Latino-Hispanic 21%, Native American 2%, multiracial 6%, and other minorities 9%.

INVOLVEMENT

Parents and family members are encouraged to volunteer and connect with other families through opportunities such as Parents in Prayer, library volunteers, homeroom moms, annual auction committee, Booster Club, and Serve-A-Thon. Parents stay informed through weekly online news and events updates, text alerts, ParentsWeb email, and parent teacher conferences.

FACULTY

All faculty and administrators at Boca Christian have a bachelor's degree or higher. In the lower school, 36% of faculty and administration have advanced degrees. Faculty have received national, state, and county recognition for excellence in teaching. Faculty retention rate is very high. Yearly Professional Development helps keep our faculty at the forefront of teaching methods and technology.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

For students of all ages, one of the most valuable outcomes of a Boca Christian education is the development of a Christian worldview. Spiritual teaching reaches beyond the classroom, enabling students to learn firsthand how they can make a difference. Service projects take place on and off campus. Students attend weekly chapel.

The mission of Boca Raton Christian School is to encourage students to **know, love, and serve Jesus Christ** and to provide for **academic excellence**.

FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY

Art Room

Band Room

Makerspace

Media Center

Music Room

Science Labs

Age Appropriate Playgrounds

Gymnasium

Weight Room & Lockers

3-in-1 Athletic Field (Baseball, Football & Soccer)

Batting Cage

500-seat Performing Arts Venue

360-seat Dining Room

Chromebooks & iPads

Google Suite School

SECURITY

Full-time security staff with prior law enforcement experience and first responder training

Security cameras

Locked classroom & exterior doors & gates

Controlled visitor access

ELEMENTARY

Mastery and application of academic concepts are emphasized in grades 1–5, along with enrichment subjects and activities such as music, art, physical education, science fair, technology, library skills, and Bible Drill. Students may also participate in geography, math, reading, and spelling competitions. The Academically Talented program allows high achieving students in grades 2–5 to explore STEAM concepts through problem solving, mathematical application, and use of technology. Elementary students can also participate in Blazerbots Jr., the introductory level robotics program, or the more advanced FIRST Lego League, where students learn to write code and program motorized vehicles.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

High achievement is encouraged in grades 6–8 in a challenging, disciplined, and caring climate. Our comprehensive program includes STEAM, world languages, technology, physical education classes, music, art, drama, chapel, etiquette, and competitive interscholastic athletics. Every middle school student completes a science fair project. Bible, geography, math, and spelling competitions are part of the school year. Eighth grade students begin high school level math classes.

MAKERSPACE

The Makerspace is where students are able to collaborate, explore, and engage in STEAM using their creativity, inventiveness, and innovation. The goal of the Makerspace is to foster curiosity and empower students to think critically while developing a wide range of skills.

ATHLETICS

All students in grades 1–5 participate in physical education twice a week. In grades 4–5, students may join competitive teams in soccer, basketball, and track/field.

Competitive middle school teams include football, volleyball, cheer, soccer, basketball, tennis, softball, baseball, and track/field.

2018 TERRA NOVA 3 SCORES

Over 70% of students in grades K5–8 score at or above grade level on the Terra Nova standardized test.

GRADE	Percent of BRCS Students at or above Grade Level	BRCS Percentile by Grade	BRCS Grade Equivalent	National Average Grade Equivalent	BRCS Difference Above National Average
K	100	96	2.0	K.8	1.2
1	86	89	2.8	1.8	1.0
2	95	83	4.0	2.8	1.2
3	74	72	4.8	3.8	1.0
4	79	83	6.7	4.8	1.9
5	84	74	8.0	5.8	2.2
6	82	74	9.0	6.8	2.2
7	82	81	10.9	7.8	3.1
8	89	88	12.4	8.8	3.6

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