

# 1ST-8TH GRADE PROFILE

2022

## 2021 TERRA NOVA 3 SCORES\*

Grades 1-4 = Perform above grade level

Grade 5 = Performs almost two grade levels higher

Grades 6 & 7 = Perform over two grade levels higher

Grade 8 = Performs over 2.5 grades higher

\* Compared to the national average

## AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

- Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- 41% of faculty and administrators have advanced degrees
- 100% of school administration has served at BRCS for over 20 years

## ACCREDITATIONS

- Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence Award of Excellence in Teaching
- ACSI Exemplary School for use of Technology in Education
- National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine
- Cognia
- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Association of Christian Schools International



**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.

**PARENTS' CHOICE\*** 95% of alumni parents recommend BRCS and 97% will recommend BRCS in the future. Top five reasons: 1) Leader in faith-based education. 2) Good reputation for a balanced educational experience. 3) Known for whole child education. 4) Students graduate with good character. 5) Boca Raton Christian School education is worth the cost.

**THREE GRADE LEVELS HIGHER\*** Students perform as much as three grades higher than the national average. Eighth grade students perform beyond 11th grade level, first grade students perform one grade level higher, grades 2-4 perform over their grade levels, fifth grade students perform almost two grades higher, and by seventh grade students perform almost three grades higher.

**WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION** Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially at BRCS. Regardless of pandemics, world disorder, politics or societal opposition to Biblical Truths, BRCS persists in delivering a superior, secure, challenging, and well-rounded experience to prepare students for high school, college, and career.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW** Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. Biblical principles are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities. Traditional values, particularly around topics that defy Biblical principles are protected, upheld, and enforced through steadfast guidelines and actions. Families move their children from other private schools to BRCS for this reason.

**SECURITY** BRCS employs full-time security staff with prior law enforcement experience and first responder training. Doors, gates, windows, and classrooms are locked and security cameras installed. Badges or driver's license screening are required. BRCS faculty, staff, and parents who volunteer regularly are fingerprinted.

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**Our Mission** is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. **Our Vision** is to develop Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow. Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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## TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

1:1 access to Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education

STEAM Makerspace—Hands-on, interactive, high-tech space with 3D Digital Printers, Robots, Coding and Gaming programs, Green Screen, and iPads

Science Labs

Art, Band, Music, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field (Baseball, Football, Soccer), Age-specific Playgrounds

Media Resource Access, 500-seat Performing Arts Venue, 360-seat Dining Room

Free access to Tutor.com (2nd-12th grade) Individualized tutoring with a live teacher

RightNow Media—Free online Biblical studies and resources for students and families

## LEADERSHIP

Wendy Stapleton, M.Ed.  
Head of School

Len Visser, M.Ed.  
Assistant Head of School for Academics

Robin Smith, M.Ed.  
Lower School Principal

Clint Erickson, M.Ed.  
Middle School Principal

Ty Shiver, M.Ed.  
Coordinator of School Counseling

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.  
Director of Admissions & Marketing

Joe Linton, M.Ed.  
Diversity Coordinator

## CLASS INFORMATION

- 732 students at Boca Raton Christian School (52% diversity)
- K3–8th Grade = 559
- Average Class Size = 23
- Extended School Program is available through 8th grade

**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.*

**PARENTS ARE PARTNERS** Parents and family members are encouraged to volunteer and connect with other families through opportunities such as Parents in Prayer and volunteering opportunities in homerooms, for the annual auction, in athletics, for the Science Fair, and Serve-a-thon.

**ELEMENTARY** Students master core academic concepts and enrichment activities such as music, art, physical education, Spanish, STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Math). Students compete in the Science Fair, math and spelling competitions, Bible Drills, and enjoy competitive athletics (Grades 4 & 5 only). Academically Talented in grades 2-5 explore STEAM concepts.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** 6-8 grade students are challenged through core curriculum and STEAM, world languages, technology, physical education, music, art, drama, chapel, etiquette, and competitive interscholastic athletics. Eighth grade students participate in career exploration and etiquette. Middle school students compete in the Science Fair and academic competitions. English Honors courses and eighth grade students can enroll in high school-level math classes.

**STEAM MAKERSPACE** Students collaborate, explore, and engage in STEAM using their creativity, inventiveness, and innovation in a hands-on, interactive, high-tech experience through 3D digital printers, robots, coding, gaming, and photography/videography.

**ADMISSIONS** Family commitment to Christian education along with the student's academic history, conduct, and performance on standardized achievement tests is considered for admission.

**SCHOOL BACKGROUND** For 50 years, BRCS has offered a superior education on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton. BRCS is an independent PreK3–12th grade school and is a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church.

\*Based on the highest grade level difference and highest percentage difference in grade level from the 2021 Terra Nova 3® Scores for Boca Raton Christian School compared national schools.

## 2021 TERRA NOVA 3® SCORES

GRADE	BRCS Difference Above National Average
K	0.7
1	1.0
2	0.7
3	0.5
4	0.7
5	1.7
6	2.3
7	2.9
8	2.6

