

Brooklyn Prospect High School – At a Glance

OUR SCHOOL

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School is a high performing public school preparing an academically and ethnically diverse group of students in grades K-12 with the intellectual, personal and social skills necessary for success in college and the global workforce.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Brooklyn Prospect Charter high school pairs students with excellent teachers in the International Baccalaureate (“IB”) Diploma Program, a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

To achieve a full IB Diploma, students in 11th and 12th grade enroll in courses offered in six discipline groups:

- Language A (English)
- Language B (Spanish or Mandarin)
- Individuals and Society (Social Science/Humanities)
- Experimental Sciences
- Mathematics
- Arts

Students are guided through their course selection, throughout high school, by an academic advisor and HS guidance counselor who will also work closely with them to support their academic and personal growth.

In order to graduate, all students complete a Regents Diploma. In addition, based on the individual preparation and interest, students may achieve one or more IB certificates or a full IB Diploma. All Brooklyn Prospect students complete an IB Personal Project in 10th grade, as well as the IB “CAS” requirement (Creativity, Action, Service) and Extended Essay (a 4000 word collegiate level essay).

Special education students will be supported through collaboratively taught classrooms and additional resource room supports as necessary.

SPECIAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 10th Grade Personal Project:
On their way to becoming independent, lifelong learners, students apply their academic skills and knowledge to an individualized issue they find important in a student-centered, age-appropriate inquiry project that helps them construct their own conceptual understandings.
- Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Project:
The CAS component of the IB program challenges students to participate in creative, active and intensive community service activities that extend individual learning and self-discovery beyond the classroom. This program begins in 9th and 10th grades with an introduction to the CAS program and the development of a CAS portfolio, where students are guided to participate in, and reflect upon, CAS-related activities of their choosing. Students complete, minimally, one CAS reflection every 6 weeks. During their 11th and

12th grade year, all Brooklyn Prospect high school students are required to participate in approximately 150 hours of independent CAS activities.

- **Extended Essay:**
Students conduct a research project and produce a paper of no more than 4,000 words on a topic of personal interest, intended to foster intellectual discovery and creativity and teach students the research and writing requirements of university work.

COURSES AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- International Baccalaureate Coursework Offered
- Languages- Mandarin and Spanish
- Sports Programming
- Clubs and Intramurals

COLLEGE and POST-SECONDARY GUIDANCE

Graduates of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program have the highest acceptance rate by the most selective colleges and universities.

Brooklyn Prospect's college guidance program begins in the 9th grade where students work with their academic advisor to build an individual, four-year education plan that is focused on their personal interests and strengths. This individualized plan is revised yearly in anticipation of college under the guidance of the BPCS College Access Counselor.

STUDENT LIFE

The goal for all Brooklyn Prospect students is that they take on increasing levels of independence in their own learning. Students move from a highly structured, skill-based learning environment to one that values student responsibility, opportunities for individual support and increasing curricular choice. Brooklyn Prospect is a small intimate environment that integrates a wide range of learners in a single college preparatory school community.

Students can expect to have approximately 30 minutes homework per subject per evening. All students have opportunities to get additional support from teachers during office hours at the beginning and conclusion of the school day and, when appropriate, through more structured opportunities during the school day.

Academic classes will begin at 9:00 am. High school students are permitted to earn lunch out of the school building. High school students are not required to wear a school uniform.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The Brooklyn Prospect student body is highly diverse. This unique opportunity transforms students by providing them with a broad range of interpersonal and intellectual experiences.

ADMISSIONS

Brooklyn Prospect admission is by lottery only. Brooklyn Prospect 8th grade students are automatically enrolled in our 9th grade; they do not need to reapply. To be eligible for admission to our 9th grade, non-Brooklyn Prospect 8th students must complete and submit an application.

This can be done online, through our website admissions tab, or in person at our school. During the first week of April we will hold our annual admissions lottery. At that time, all applicants will be assigned a number based on our random lottery drawing. Seats will be offered to students based on the lottery number assigned to the application.

Admission Preferences

- Brooklyn Prospect 8th students are automatically enrolled in our high school
- Siblings of current Brooklyn Prospect students
- Students who reside in school district 15

A TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING EXCELLENCE

- Excellent New York City School report cards
- New York State Test scores outranked district schools by 20%
- Top faculty (see website biographies)
- IB Candidacy awarded in 2010
- Wide array of extracurricular opportunities – our school currently has over 20 extracurricular, faculty run clubs and activities.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Total Students = 750 (approximately 100 students per grade)

Grades Served = K,1, 6, 7, 8, 9,10,11 (12th grade will be added in 2015-16)

Class Size = approx. 25

Student : teacher ratio = 11:1

Special Education Program Offerings: CTT/ICT, SETSS

PARTNERSHIPS

- Brooklyn Academy of Music: BAM is a long-standing cultural anchor of Brooklyn. BAM understands that institution building goes hand in hand with community development.

ATHLETICS

Brooklyn Prospect Athletics' mission is to offer all high school athletes a positive, character-building, youth sports experience. BPCS participates in the Charter School Athletic League. In 2014-15 the department fields and coaches teams in the following sports: Volleyball (Girls), Soccer (Girls), Flag Football (Boys), Basketball (Boys/Girls), Softball (Girls), Lacrosse (Boys), Baseball (Boys), Cheerleading (Co-ed)

CLUBS AND INTRAMURALS (2014-15 sampling)

Anime, Art, Chess, Cross Country, Current Events, Fashion & Design, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Guitar, International Social Justice Club, Lego, Library, Maker, Music Production/Music Composition, the Moth, Model United Nations, Newspaper, Outdoor Wilderness, Peer Buddies/Big Siblings, Peer Tutoring, Photography, Rhythm Nation (Step), Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Track, Urban Culture, Women's Cinematography Club, Yearbook

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (2013-14 sampling)

Student Council, High School Leadership Team, Peer Buddy/Big Siblings, Peer Tutoring

SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULES

- **Advanced/Pre-IB Diploma**

Start Time	End Time	Course
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	English 9 Honors
9:55 AM	10:45 AM	Mandarin Level III
10:50 AM	11:40 AM	Global Studies I
11:45 AM	12:35 PM	Advisory/Study Hall
12:35 PM	1:25 PM	Lunch
1:25 PM	2:15 PM	Geometry
2:15 PM	3:05 PM	Dance/Technology
3:10 PM	4:00 PM	Living Environment

SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE

- **Standard**

Start Time	End Time	Course
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	English 9
9:55 AM	10:45 AM	Spanish Level II
10:50 AM	11:40 AM	Global Studies I
11:45 AM	12:35 PM	Advisory/Study Hall
12:35 PM	1:25 PM	Lunch
1:25 PM	2:15 PM	Integrated Algebra
2:15 PM	3:05 PM	Technology/ PE
3:10 PM	4:00 PM	Living Environment