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BANCROFT SCHOOL

2017-2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

BANCROFT SCHOOL MISSION

Bancroft, an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school, Pre-K through 12, prepares talented, well-qualified and motivated college-bound students to pursue and realize their academic, personal and social potential. We provide a comprehensive, caring, and creative curricular and extracurricular program that fosters an experience of excellence for each student. Inspired students, a superior faculty, and engaged families thrive in our diverse, safe, and supportive community. We afford students the opportunity to discover their passion in life and to learn to embrace confidently and responsibly the moral and ethical challenges of being life-long learners, teachers of others, and citizens of an increasingly global community.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Ours is a liberal arts education focused on empowering students to learn through self-directed inquiry and experimentation. Employing Bancroft's Learning Lab Method, teachers and students work together, thereby encouraging student choice and collaboration with peers and mentors. Bancroft's Learning Lab Method emphasizes not only process and collaboration, but also student activism and engagement in the global community. Using their inquiry skills to explore ideas, concepts, and cultures both in and out of the classroom, Bancroft students engage with the world to increase their cultural awareness through connections not only in the Worcester community, but also around the globe. As a capstone project, seniors participate in the Co-Op program, in which each student proposes, develops, and completes a meaningful extended project that furthers the mission and objectives of various Worcester-based organizations, while providing students with professional-level work experiences.

OUR UPPER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Bancroft's Upper School program, built around a challenging and stimulating college preparatory curriculum, provides a supportive environment for students to build confidence in their unique identity and talents, enlarge their sense of community, deepen social and moral awareness, explore creativity through the arts, and develop athletic prowess and team spirit. By demanding the same high expectations and accountability from students that we ask of ourselves, Upper School teachers seek to foster a learning community based on respect and mutual caring. The Upper School encourages students to take risks, think independently, make connections across subject areas, and establish habits of discipline and curiosity conducive to a lifetime of learning.

In the Upper School, we care that students develop good habits of living as well as good habits of learning. We expect that all members of the Upper School community exhibit ethical behavior throughout their lives. We ask our students to serve as leaders of Upper School activities and many campus-wide events and programs. Bancroft is committed to diversity of all kinds: 19 percent of Upper School students are students of color, while 39 percent receive some form of financial aid. Bancroft is accredited by the New England Association of Independent Schools and is a member of both the NAIS and the AISNE.

UPPER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate, students must complete a minimum of 20 credits:

- Four years of English
- Three years of history
- Three years of foreign language (sometimes taken in 8th grade); or two years in two languages*
- Three years of mathematics
- Three years of laboratory science
- One year of visual or performing arts
- Four years of physical education
- High school electives

* International students do not take a language in 9th grade so are only required to take two years of a language.

GRADING AND RANK IN CLASS

There are 58 members of the Class of 2018.

Bancroft School does not rank its students and uses a uniform unweighted marking system, which ranges from A to F; A+ is not used.

High Honors requires an overall average of A-, while Honors requires a B+ average. Honor Roll is reported at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

Bancroft School is a member of the national Cum Laude Society, to which a maximum of 10% of the junior and 10% of the senior class is elected every spring.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

In May 2017, 84 students took 172 AP examinations in 16 subjects:

17 were named AP Scholars
10 were named AP Scholars with Honor
14 were named AP Scholars with Distinction

Qualifying score of 3 or better = 87%

Score of 5	28%
Score of 4	30%
Score of 3	28%
Score of 2	12%
Score of 1	1%

For the Class of 2018, 43 students took AP exams.

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

The following are our advanced courses and are indicated in bold on our transcript.

ENGLISH	AP English Language; AP English Literature
HISTORY	Honors US History (AP US History is no longer offered); AP European History; Research and Historical Inquiry
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	AP French Language and Culture; Contemporary French Culture; AP Spanish Language and Culture; Spanish in a Global Context
MATHEMATICS	AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; Advanced Mathematical Inquiry (prerequisite BC Calculus); Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences (prerequisite Advanced Mathematical Inquiry); Multivariable Calculus with MATLAB
SCIENCE	AP Chemistry; AP Biology; AP Physics C; Research and Scientific Inquiry I and II
COMPUTER SCIENCE	AP Computer Science; Algorithms and Data Structures (prerequisite AP Computer Science); Physical Computing (prerequisite Algorithms and Data Structures)
VISUAL ARTS	AP Studio Art

GPA AND SAT STATISTICS

	Class of 2018 (after junior year)	**Class of 2017** (after junior year)
Average GPA	3.49	3.41
SAT Statistics—Middle 50%		
Evidenced Based Reading/Writing	625-710 (Mean 660)	560-690 (Mean 645)
Math	590-730 (Mean 640)	570-680 (Mean 640)
ACT Statistics—Middle 50%		
Composite	25-32 (Mean 29.5)	27-32 (Mean 28.9)

DISCLOSURE POLICY

Bancroft School views discipline as part of the educational process and normally an internal matter. However, when colleges ask admissions candidates for information about their high school disciplinary records, students are expected to respond honestly. In such a case, the student should explain in a letter any action that involves a probation, suspension, or dismissal.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Bancroft School does not report waivers or accommodations made for medical reasons or for learning disabilities without the explicit consent of the student and family in question. However, the school believes it is in the best interest of the student to disclose to colleges the conditions under which they learn best, and Bancroft School will advise students to communicate their needs directly to the colleges to which they apply.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION - CLASS of 2018 (end of junior year)

SUBJECT	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
AP English Language	10	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
English III	3	8	9	5	6	2	0	1	0	0
Honors US History	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
US History	3	10	15	7	3	0	0	0	0	0
Current Events	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conflicts in US History	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Global Art History	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Math. Methods/Phys. Sciences	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Calculus BC	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Calculus AB	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Calculus	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Precalculus	11	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Functions, Stats & Trigonometry	1	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
Algebra II	5	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
AP Biology	7	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
AP Chemistry	2	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Research & Scientific Inquiry	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biology	3	6	3	8	4	1	1	0	0	0
Chemistry	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Marine Science/Adv. Marine Sci.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Galapagos Field Research	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tech. in Biomedical Research	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics of Engineering	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychology	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
AP Latin	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin II-IV	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
AP Spanish Literature	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Spanish Language	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish in a Global Context	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish III-IV	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish III–Accelerated	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish I-II	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP French Language	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contemporary French Culture	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French I-IV	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
French III—Accelerated	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mandarin IV	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mandarin I-III	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Computing	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Algorithms & Data Structures	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Computer Science	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programming Web Apps	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Science Principles	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Studio Art	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intro.-Advanced Studio Art	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intro. to Digital Photo/Adv. Photo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intro. to Ceramics	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advanced Acting II	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tech. Theater	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Music Theory	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chorus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY (2013-2017)

***Bolded colleges indicate where students have matriculated**

Acadia University
University of Alabama
Albright College
Alfred University
Allegheny College
American University
Anna Maria College
School/ Art Inst. of Chicago
Assumption College
Auburn University
Babson College
Bard College
Becker College
Bennington College
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UCLA
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University
Cazenovia College
Champlain College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
Chatham University
University of Chicago
Clark University
Clarkson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
U. Colorado Boulder
U. Colorado Denver
Colorado College
Columbia University
Columbus College of Art and Design
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
Creighton University
Curry College
Davidson College
Dean College
University of Delaware
University of Denver
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Design/Merchandising
University of Findlay
Fisher College
Fitchburg State University
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franciscan University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
George Mason University
The George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Hampshire College
University of Hartford
Hartwick College
Harvard University
Haverford College
High Point University
Hobart/William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
University of Illinois
Indiana University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
The Juilliard School
University of Kansas
Kenyon College
La Salle University
Lafayette College
Lasell College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Lab Institute of Merchandising
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Macalester College
University of Maine
Manhattan College
Manhattan School of Music
Marquette University
University of Maryland, College Park
Marymount Manhattan College
Mass College of Art and Design
Mass College of Liberal Arts
Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
UMASS Amherst
UMASS Boston
UMASS Dartmouth
UMASS Lowell
McGill University
McPherson College
Merrimack College
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
University of Missouri
University of Montana
Mount Allison University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Ida College
Muhlenberg College
The New School
New England College
New England Conservatory of Music
New England Institute of Technology
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
New York University
Newbury College
Nichols College
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Occidental College
The Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Old Dominion University
University of Oregon
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University
The Peabody Institute
Penn State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsbirgh
Principia College
Providence College
University of Puget Sound
Purchase College (SUNY)
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Regis College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael's College
Salem State University
Salve Regina University
University of San Francisco
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
University of Scranton
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Simmons College
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Springfield College
University of St. Andrews
St. Lawrence University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Maritime College
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
Temple University
University of Texas, Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
The University of Edinburgh
Ursinus College
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University
Western New England University
Westfield State University
Wheaton College
Whittier College
College of William and Mary
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State University