



# BERKSHIRE SCHOOL College Profile 2018-2019

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Berkshire School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). It is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Berkshire abides by NACAC's *Statement of Principles of Good Practice*.

## THE SCHOOL

Berkshire School, founded in 1907, is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school located in western Massachusetts enrolling 408 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 55%/45%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 35 states and 31 countries, including 17% international students and 25% students of color. 28% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2019 has 127 seniors including 11 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2018-2019 academic year over 1125 students applied for 139 available openings.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students must complete eighteen credits of academic work for graduation, including: English (4), Mathematics (3), Language (3), History (2), Science (2), and Fine Arts (1). Standard enrollment is five courses per semester. Semester and yearlong courses are offered, with semester courses earning ½ credit and yearlong courses earning 1 credit. **NOTE:** *Advanced Economics, Advanced Environmental Science Research, Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus* are top-level courses in their respective disciplines.

The **Advanced Math/Science Research** and **Advanced Humanities Research** programs are unique offerings at Berkshire School that go beyond the traditional AP® curriculum. Applications consist of written statements of interest, grades, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations and are considered by the Director of the research program and Dean of Academics. Applicants for the AHR program must also interview with the Director. Selection is merit-based and typically occurs at the end of the sophomore or junior year.

## ADVANCED MATH/SCIENCE RESEARCH (AMSR)

The Advanced Math/Science Research (AMSR) program provides students research projects in authentic laboratory settings on-campus and/or off-campus. The on and off-campus component provides opportunities to explore diverse scientific questions and places AMSR on the cutting edge of scientific research. Students work intensively with a mentor who is a professional research scientist and write a research paper in scientific journal format. **Since 2010, nine AMSR students have been named Regeneron (formerly Intel) Science Talent Search semifinalists, a distinction earned by only 300 students in the country each year.**

## ADVANCED HUMANITIES RESEARCH (AHR)

Advanced Humanities Research (AHR) is a yearlong course offered to students with a deep interest in the humanities—languages, literature, history, philosophy and the arts—who wish to build on knowledge acquired in our curriculum, consistent with research experience of undergraduates in top liberal arts schools. With their instructor and a college professor who specializes in their field, students produce a scholarly paper that they present to the school and, when applicable, submit to national contests and academic journals.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES OFFERED (17)

Biology	English Language	French Language	Studio Art: 2-D, 3-D Design
Calculus AB	English Literature	Physics C: Mechanics	Studio Art: Drawing
Calculus BC	Environmental Science	Spanish Language	U.S. Government & Politics
Chemistry	Comparative Government	Statistics	U.S. History

Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. All AP students are required to take the exam in each course.

## ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED (28)

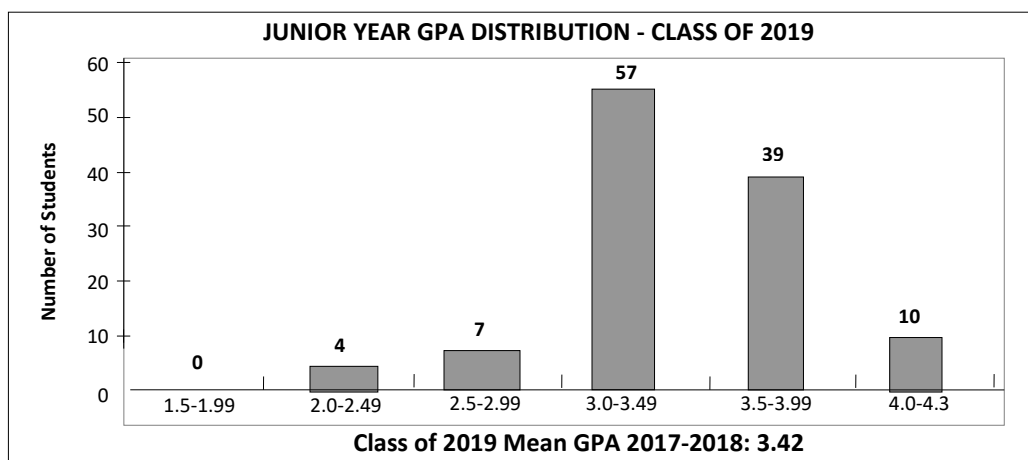
English IV, V, VI	Geometry	Physics	Digital Music
French II, III, IV	Algebra II/Trigonometry	Engineering	Jazz Ensemble
Spanish II, III, IV	Precalculus	Ceramics	Music Theory
Modern World	Precalculus Accelerated	Chamber Music	Photography
History	Biology	Chorus	Studio Art
US History	Chemistry	Digital Art	

## GRADING SCALE

Berkshire uses a four-point system. High Honor Roll requires a minimum GPA of 3.7 and Honor Roll requires a minimum GPA of 3.3.

## GPA AND CLASS RANK

GPA is determined at the end of each year; it is not cumulative. Advanced and AP courses are **not weighted**. Only courses completed at Berkshire are included when calculating GPA. **Berkshire does not numerically rank students.**



## DISTRIBUTION OF JUNIOR YEAR GRADES BY COURSE – CLASS of 2019

ENGLISH	A	B	C	D	F
English V	10	51	2		
Advanced English V	21	7	1		
AP English Language	15	9			
Creative Writing I/II	10	4			
College Writing I/II	4	2			

HISTORY	A	B	C	D	F
US History	24	24	2		
Advanced U.S. History	2	24	1		
AP U.S. History	18	4			
AP U.S. Government	4	1			
Advanced Economics	5	2			
History Electives	10	14	2		
Economics & Philanthropy	4	1			

MATHEMATICS	A	B	C	D	F
Algebra II	2	10	6	1	
Advanced Algebra II/Trig.		4			
Discrete Mathematics	4	1			
Precalculus	22	16	6		
Advanced Precalculus	7	11			
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	3	2			
Calculus	4	3	1		
AP Calculus AB	2	2			
AP Calculus BC	5	1			

LANGUAGE	A	B	C	D	F
Advanced French III	5	3			
Advanced French IV	5	1			
French III	2	7			
French IV	2	3			
Chinese III	2	1			
Latin III-IV	7	3	1		
Spanish II		2			
Spanish III	4	8	3		
Spanish IV	3	5			
Spanish V	3				
Advanced Spanish III	4	4			
Advanced Spanish IV	10	3			
Global Leadership Studies	6	1			

SCIENCE	A	B	C	D	F
AP Biology	1	5			
Chemistry	1	2	2		
Advanced Chemistry	1	2			
AP Chemistry	2	2			
Physics	9	18	4		
Advanced Physics	7	14	1		
Environmental Science	6	4			
AP Environmental Science	9	8			
Science Electives	47	13	1		
Adv. Math/Science Research	10				

*Upon direct request from the colleges for information pertaining to a student's discipline record, college counselors will honestly and fully disclose if a student has been subject to a disciplinary response including, but not limited to, probation, suspension, dismissal or withdrawal from Berkshire School.*



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## CLASS of 2018 MATRICULATIONS

Babson College  
Bates College (3)  
Bentley University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Bucknell University  
Butler University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston (2)  
College of the Holy Cross  
College of Marin  
Colgate University (2)  
Columbia University (2)  
Cuesta College  
Dartmouth College (2)  
Davidson College  
Dickinson College (2)  
Drew University  
Elon University (3)  
Emerson College  
Fordham University  
Hanken School of Economics (Finland)  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Iona College  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lafayette College  
Lake Forest College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Middlebury College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Monterrey Institute of Technology (Mexico)  
NYU Gallatin  
NYU Stern  
NYU Tisch  
Northeastern University (2)  
Pitzer College

Plymouth University (United Kingdom)  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Quinnipiac University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Anselm College  
Santa Clara University  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Skidmore College (2)  
Southern Methodist University (3)  
St. Lawrence University (7)  
Trinity College (3)  
Tufts University (2)  
Union College (NY) (2)  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado at Boulder (2)  
University of Connecticut  
University of Connecticut, Waterbury  
University of Denver (4)  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan (3)  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Richmond  
University of San Francisco  
University of St Andrews (Scotland)  
University of Southern California  
University of Virginia  
Ursinus College  
Villanova University  
Wake Forest University (3)  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wheaton College (MA)  
Williams College  
Yale University