

# Breck College Profile 2018-19

## The School and Our Mission

Founded in 1886, Breck is a Pk-12 Episcopal independent school in Golden Valley, Minnesota. We live our mission to:

- Prepare each student for a college whose culture is compatible with the individual's needs, interests and abilities
- Help develop each student's unique talents and potential to excel by nurturing independence and self-worth
- Instill in each student a deep sense of social responsibility

**1,130**  
STUDENTS PK-12



**30%** SELF-IDENTIFYING STUDENTS OF COLOR

**30**  
MEDIAN  
**ACT**  
SCORE

**20,000**  
HOURS  
COMMUNITY  
BASED  
PARTNERSHIPS

**116**  
ZIP  
CODES  
REPRESENTED  
BY STUDENT  
BODY

**\$6.1**  
MILLION  
NEED-BASED AID

AWARDED TO



**\$20,418**  
AVERAGE GRANT

## Our Curriculum

Students are required to take a minimum of 44 semester credits during the regular academic year in addition to completing May Program each year. Please note courses do not run every year.

### Top Rigor Courses

- **SCIENCE:** AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics C, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Advanced Science Research I, II and III
- **MATHEMATICS:** AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Statistics, Community-Based Research in Mathematics (Advanced Mathematics Research)
- **HISTORY:** AP United States History, AP European History, AP Art History, Advanced History Research
- **WORLD LANGUAGES:** AP French Language and Culture, French VII, AP Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish VII, Chinese V, VI, and VII
- **ENGLISH:** AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition
- **PERFORMING ARTS:** AP Music Theory, Performance and Social Change, Breck Chamber Players
- **VISUAL ARTS:** AP Studio Art-Drawing, AP Studio Art-3D Design, AP Studio Art 2-D Design
- **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

## Distinctive Programs

### Advanced Research Programs for Science, History and Mathematics

Advanced research programs allow students to pursue their chosen discipline through a professional research experience. All programs require a commitment well beyond the AP-level and include intensive summer research. The ensuing academic-year seminar culminates in a publication-quality research paper and formal seminar presentation. Admission to these programs is selective.

**Innovative Curriculum Initiative:** Varying in structure and utilizing inter-departmental team teaching, these interdisciplinary courses are designed to illuminate the connections between disciplines.

**Melrose Family Center for Servant Leadership:** The Melrose Family Center for Servant Leadership embodies Breck's dedication to cultivating future leaders. It works in conjunction with Breck's commitment to multicultural education, community engagement and religious/spiritual development.

**Community Engagement Program:** Breck fully integrates community engagement into our curriculum with weekly visits to more than 40 organizations throughout the Twin Cities. Breck also requires students to complete 20 service hours to the school. Finally, as part of their junior or senior year May Program, students complete a 66-hour internship with a community-based non-profit.

**Breck Chamber Players:** Led by the Minnesota Youth Symphonies Director, the Breck Chamber Players (BCP) admits to the ensemble by audition. Minnesota Public Radio has featured the BCP, and virtually all BCP musicians play in other youth orchestras.

**May Program:** This Breck tradition gives students the opportunity for specialized study and experience. Freshmen and sophomores take both required and elective courses on campus. Juniors and seniors participate in internships, community engagement and individual major projects.

**Chinese from Preschool through Grade 12:** Designated as a Confucius Classroom, a national network of exemplary Chinese language programs, Breck has offered a distinguished Chinese language education for nearly 40 years.

## Breck Honors and Awards 2017-18

- Sixty Minnesota State Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- Seven students awarded entry into International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)
- Ten Minnesota Scholars of Distinction or Meritorious Performers in the areas of STEM, Mathematics and Science
- One of two Presidential Scholars from the state of Minnesota
- 2nd place award winner at the Annual National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- Twenty-four students awarded Minnesota High School STEM Communicator Award and published in Minnesota Academy of Science Journal
- Outstanding American Indian Male High School Student of the Year award
- 5th Congressional District Art Winner
- Twelve regional semifinalists in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology
- Two-time Academic WorldQuest Team State Champions
- Every Community-Based Research in Mathematics student selected to present at the National Service-Learning Conference

### Accreditation

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

### Organizational Memberships

NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, MACAC, MAIS, NAES, and College Board

Breck complies with colleges' requests for disciplinary disclosures.

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# Breck GPA and Test Scores Breck School does not rank students.

GPA Information*	2019	2018	2017
Class Size	117	109	124
3.75-4.00	34%	26%	32%
3.50-3.74	22%	28%	17%
3.25-3.49	22%	13%	22%
3.00-3.24	10%	14%	11%
2.99 & below	11%	19%	18%

Grade Interpretation	
Semester and May Program grades constitute cumulative GPA.	
A . . . 4.000	C . . . 2.000
A- . . . 3.666	C- . . . 1.666
B+ . . . 3.333	D+ . . . 1.333
B . . . 3.000	D . . . 1.000
B- . . . 2.666	D- . . . 0.666
C+ . . . 2.333	F . . . 0.000

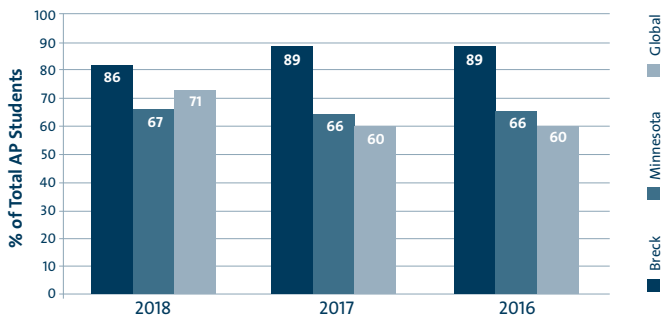
\* Cumulative unweighted GPA through junior year.

Highest GPA (# of students)	2019	2018	2017
	4.0(2)	3.99(1)	3.99 (1)

## AP Exams

In 2018, Breck administered 403 exams to 221 students.

% of Total AP Students with Scores of 3+



ACT Scores (median scores)	2018	2017	2016
Composite	30	30	30
Middle 50% Range	25-33	26-32	27-32

SAT Scores (median scores)	2018	2017	2016
SAT 1600/2400	1330	1380	2010
SAT Middle 50% Range	1260-1460	1260-1480	1810-2090
SAT EBRW/CR	670	690	650
SAT M	660	660	650
SAT WR			660

National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Program Recognized	2018	2017	2016
	17	17	14

SAT Subject Tests (mean scores)*	2018	2017	2016
Chemistry	678	720	732
English Literature	688	672	687
Math II	723	717	730
Physics	715	740	730
U.S. History	713	721	669

\* More than five students took each subject test.

## Class of 2018 College Acceptances \*bold indicates matriculation — [click here to view our 5 year admit and matriculation list](#)

- Adelphi University
- American University
- Arizona State University**
- Auburn University
- Augsburg University**
- Babson College**
- Bard College**
- Barnard College**
- Bates College
- Bennington College**
- Bentley University
- Boston College**
- Boston University
- Brandeis University**
- Brown University**
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- California Lutheran University
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Northridge
- Cardiff University
- Carleton College**
- Carthage College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Chapman University
- Clark University
- Clarkson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Coe College
- Colby College
- Colgate University**
- College of Charleston**
- College of Saint Benedict
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado College**
- Colorado State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Columbia University**
- Connecticut College**
- Cornell University**
- Dartmouth College**
- Denison University
- DePauw University**
- Dickinson College**
- Drake University**
- Duke University**
- Durham University
- Eastern Washington University
- Elon University
- Emerson College
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Franklin University Switzerland
- Furman University**
- Georgetown University
- Gettysburg College
- Grambling State University
- Grinnell College**
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamilton College - NY
- Hamline University
- Hampton University**
- Haverford College**
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College
- Johns Hopkins University**
- Kenyon College
- Knox College
- Lafayette College
- Lake Forest College
- Langston University
- Lehigh University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Loyola Marymount University**
- Loyola University Chicago**
- Luther College
- Marist College
- Marquette University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Miami University, Oxford**
- Michigan Technological University**
- Middlebury College**
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead**
- Mississippi State University**
- Montana State University, Bozeman
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University**
- Norfolk State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- North Dakota State University
- Northeastern University**
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwestern University
- Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
- Occidental College
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Old Dominion University
- Pacific Northwest College of Art
- Pennsylvania State University**
- Pepperdine University**
- Pitzer College
- Point Park University
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac University
- Reed College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rollins College
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Saint John's University (MN)
- Salve Regina University**
- San Diego State University
- Santa Clara University**
- Sarah Lawrence College**
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Scripps College**
- Seattle Pacific University
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- St. Catherine University - St. Paul
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Olaf College**
- Stanford University**
- Stonehill College
- Swansea University
- Temple University
- Tennessee State University**
- The American University of Paris**
- The Art Institute of California - San Francisco
- The College of Wooster
- The New School - Parson's**
- The Ohio State University**
- The University of Alabama
- The University of Arizona
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Iowa
- The University of Tampa
- Trinity College**
- Trinity College Dublin**
- Trinity University
- Tufts University**
- Tulane University
- Union College (New York)**
- United States Military Academy**
- United States Naval Academy
- University College London
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis**
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado at Boulder**
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs**
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver**
- University of Kansas
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan**
- University of Minnesota, Duluth
- University of Minnesota, Morris
- University of Minnesota, Rochester**
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Dakota
- University of Northern Colorado**
- University of Northern Iowa**
- University of Notre Dame**
- University of Oregon**
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Puget Sound**
- University of Richmond**
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California**
- University of St. Andrews**
- University of St. Thomas**
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin, Madison**
- Vanderbilt University**
- Villanova University**
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis**
- Wellesley College
- Wesleyan University**
- Whitman College
- Woodbury University
- Xavier University
- Xavier University of Louisiana
- Yale University