



# BERKSHIRE SCHOOL College Profile 2019-2020

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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), the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS). Berkshire abides by NACAC's Code of Ethics and Professional Practices.

## THE SCHOOL

Berkshire School, founded in 1907, is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school located in western Massachusetts enrolling 409 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 55%/45%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 28 states and 35 countries, including 18% international students and 27% students of color. 28% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2020 has 105 seniors including 11 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2019-2020 academic year over 1146 students applied for 146 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 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.

The **Advanced Math/Science Research, Advanced Humanities Research and Advanced Environmental Science Research** programs are unique offerings at Berkshire School that go beyond the traditional AP® curriculum. Selection is merit-based and typically occurs at the end of the sophomore or junior year.

**ADVANCED MATH/SCIENCE RESEARCH:** The Advanced Math/Science Research (AMSR) program provides students research projects in authentic laboratory settings on-campus and/or off-campus. The on-campus 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, eleven 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:** Advanced Humanities Research (AHR) is a yearlong course to analyze and critique key works in the humanities—languages, literature, history, philosophy, and the arts. Students engage in original research consistent with the research experience of undergraduates in top liberal arts schools. With their instructor and advice from outside academic mentors with interest in their field, students produce a scholarly paper, present their work to the school, and submit their papers and various forms of their research for consideration to academic conferences, journals, and competitions.

**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE RESEARCH:** Advanced Environmental Science Research (AESR) is a yearlong course designed for students who have already completed the AP Environmental Science curriculum. Students in the course independently design and execute an ecologically-based research project with a community outreach component, the results of which are presented to the school and the local community. In addition, students collaboratively develop a field guide to the ecology of Berkshire through species identification, plot studies, natural history research, interviews, discussion and personal experience.

**BLACK ROCK SCHOLARS:** The goal of the Black Rock Scholars Program is to encourage students to engage fully in experiences, both curricular and extracurricular, that develop skills and attitudes that prepare them to be exemplary citizens of the global community. Black Rock Scholars engage in five areas central to our mission: Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, Community Service and Philanthropy, Sense of Place, and Global Awareness. The completion of this program is reflected on the transcript.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES OFFERED (17)

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

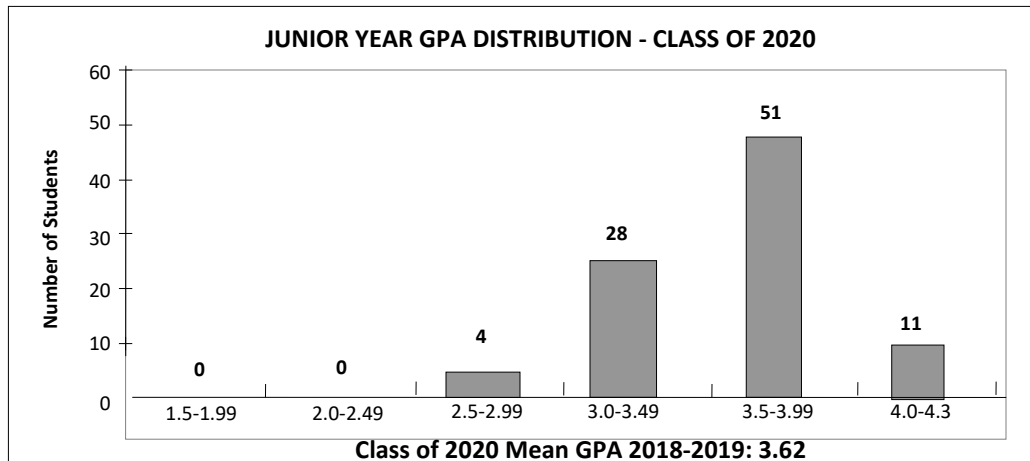
Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. All AP students are required to take the exam in each course.

## ADDITIONAL ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED (30)

Algebra II/Trig	Chorus	English IV, V, VI	Linear Algebra	Photography	Spanish II, III, IV
Ceramics	Digital Art	French II, III, IV	Modern World History	Physics	Studio Art
Chamber Music	Economics	Geometry	Multivariable Calculus	Precalc Accelerated	Topics after Calculus
Chemistry	Engineering	Jazz Ensemble	Music Theory	Precalculus	US History

**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 2020

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
English V	14	28	1		
Advanced English V	18	7			
AP English Language	20	6			
Creative Writing I/II	8				
College Writing I/II	19	1			
Advanced Humanities Research	4				

<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
Chinese IV	2				
Advanced French III	3				
Advanced French IV	2	1			
AP French Language	2				
Latin III-IV	9	1			
Spanish II	1	2	1		
Spanish III	7	1			
Spanish IV	8	4			
Spanish V	3				
Advanced Spanish III	6	1			
Advanced Spanish IV	5	2			
AP Spanish Language	1	1			

<b>HISTORY</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
US History	19	8	1		
Advanced U.S. History	1	13	1		
AP U.S. History	18	11			
AP U.S. Government	4	2			
Advanced Economics	3	1			
History Electives	11	7			
Economics & Philanthropy	2	1	2		

<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
Algebra II	3	6	2		
Advanced Algebra II/Trig.	1	1			
Discrete Mathematics	5	2			
Precalculus	13	6	1		
Advanced Precalculus	8	5	2		
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	1	1			
Calculus	12	4			
AP Calculus AB	13	1			
AP Calculus BC	4	1			

<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
AP Biology	1	1			
Chemistry	2	3	2		
AP Chemistry	11				
Physics	8	10	5		
Advanced Physics	13	9	2		
AP Physics C: Mechanics	3	1			
Environmental Science	7	1			
AP Environmental Science	6	4			
Science Electives	35	6	1		
Adv. Math/Science Research	3				
Adv. Environmental Research	2				

*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 2019 Matriculations

The University of Alabama	Santa Clara University
The American University of Paris (France)	Seton Hall University
Babson College	Sewanee: The University of the South
Bates College	Skidmore College
Boston College	Southern Methodist University
Boston University	St. Francis College
Brown University	St. John's University
Bucknell University	St. Lawrence University
Carnegie Mellon University	Syracuse University
Colby College	Texas Christian University
Colgate University	Trinity College
Columbia University	Tufts University
Cornell University	Universita Bocconi (Italy)
Dartmouth College	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Delaware State University	University of California, Los Angeles
Denison University	University of California, San Diego
Dickinson College	University of California, Santa Barbara
Eckerd College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Elmira College	University of Denver
Elon University	University of Miami
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Michigan
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Johns Hopkins University	University of Pennsylvania
Kenyon College	University of Richmond
Lafayette College	University of Rochester
Lehigh University	University of St Andrews (Scotland)
Lesley University	University of Sydney (Australia)
Lycoming College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Miami University, Oxford	University of Vermont
New York University	Villanova University
Newcastle University (England)	University of Virginia
Northeastern University	Wake Forest University
Northwestern University	Washington and Lee University
Oxford College of Emory University	Wesleyan University
Rollins College	Wheaton College (MA)
Rutgers University	Williams College