



BERKSHIRE SCHOOL

College Profile 2021-2022

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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 *Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission*.

THE SCHOOL

Berkshire School, founded in 1907, is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school located in western Massachusetts enrolling 427 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 54%/46%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 27 states and 31 countries, including 16% international students and 33% of students who identify as BIPOC, Asian or non-white. 25% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2022 has 116 seniors including 10 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2021-2022 academic year over 1452 students applied for 145 available openings.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students must complete eighteen credits of academic work for graduation, including: English (4), Mathematics (3), Languages (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.

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

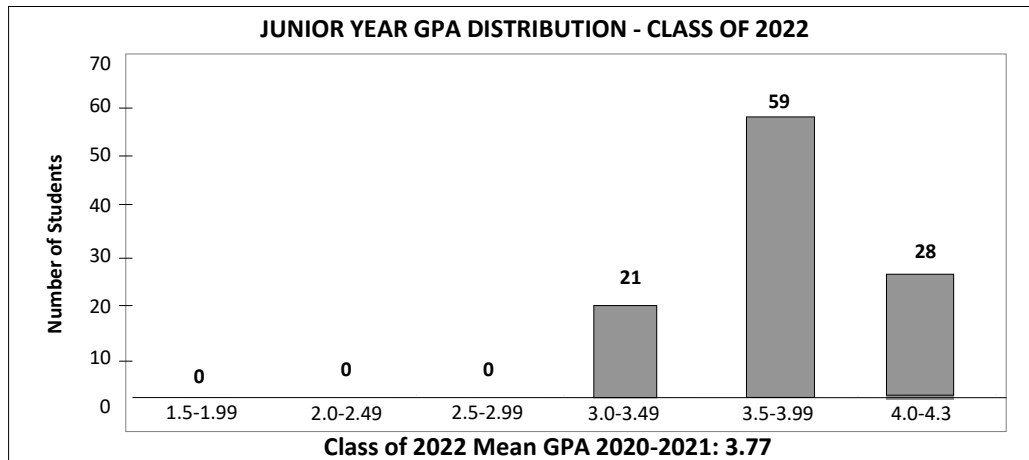
Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. Students who take an AP course are encouraged to take the AP exam.

ADDITIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES OFFERED

Algebra II/Trig	Chorus	English IV, V, VI	Linear Algebra	Music Theory	Precalculus
Ceramics	Digital Art	French II, III, IV	Modern Standard Arabic	Photography	Spanish II, III, IV
Chamber Music	Economics	Geometry	Modern World History	Physics	Studio Art
Chemistry	Engineering	Jazz Ensemble	Multivariable Calculus	Precalc Accelerated	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 2022

ENGLISH	A	B	C	D	F
English V	41	16			
Advanced English V	19	6			
AP English Language	24				
Creative Writing I/II	7	2			
Writing the World	4	5			

HISTORY	A	B	C	D	F
US History	18	20			
Advanced U.S. History	14	6			
AP U.S. History	33				
Advanced Economics	3				
Economics & Philanthropy	3	2			
Advanced Humanities Research	5				
History Electives	24	20			

MATHEMATICS	A	B	C	D	F
Algebra II	10	4			
Statistics	2	2			
Precalculus	25	4			
Advanced Precalculus	13	9			
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	8				
Calculus	11	2			
AP Calculus AB	4	2			
AP Calculus BC	3				
Multivariable Calculus	6				
Computer Science & AI	3				

LANGUAGES	A	B	C	D	F
Chinese IV	2				
French III	6				
Advanced French III	5				
Advanced French IV	7				
Latin III-IV	4	1			
Spanish II	1	1			
Spanish III	16	4			
Spanish IV	15	2			
Advanced Spanish III	5	1			
Advanced Spanish IV	12	1			
AP Spanish Language	3				

SCIENCE	A	B	C	D	F
AP Biology	5	1			
Chemistry	1	1			
AP Chemistry	8	1			
Physics	9	21			
Advanced Physics	11	12	1		
Environmental Science	6	1			
AP Environmental Science	19	4			
Science Electives	34	11			
Adv. Math/Science Research	9				

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.

2019-2020: Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, which dramatically impacted the second semester, final grades for yearlong courses were calculated using 2/3 of the Semester 1 grade and 1/3 of the Quarter 3 grade. Classes taken during the fourth quarter distance-learning period were assessed as pass/fail. Please contact the School with any questions.

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Class of 2021 Matriculations

American University	Ohio Wesleyan University
Amherst College (2)	Pitzer College
Babson College	Purdue University
Barnard College	Rochester Institute of Technology
Belmont University	Santa Clara University
Bennington College	Sewanee-The University of the South
Boston College	Skidmore College
Boston University (2)	Southern Methodist University (3)
Bowdoin College	St John's University
Bucknell University (3)	St Lawrence University
Castleton University	Syracuse University (3)
Catholic University of America	Texas Christian University
Chapman University	The American University of Paris
Colby College (3)	The New School
Colgate University (4)	The University of Texas at Austin
College of Charleston	Trinity College
Colorado College	Tufts University (2)
Connecticut College (2)	University of California-Los Angeles (2)
Cornell University (2)	University of California-San Diego (2)
Dartmouth College	University at Albany, SUNY
Davidson College	University of Colorado Boulder (2)
Denison University	University of Denver (4)
Duke University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Eastern Connecticut State University	University of Maryland
Elmira College	University of Miami
Elon University	University of Michigan (2)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (2)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Georgetown University	University of Richmond (2)
Gettysburg College	University of Rochester
Hamilton College (2)	University of Vermont
High Point University	University of Virginia (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Waterloo
College of the Holy Cross	University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
Indiana University-Bloomington	Villanova University
Lafayette College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Lehigh University	Wake Forest University (2)
Liverpool John Moores University	Wesleyan University (2)
Montana State University	Western New England University
New York University	Wheaton College
Northeastern University (5)	Williams College (2)
Occidental College	Yale University