

High School Academic Profile 2024-2025

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The School

Founded in 1986 to serve American, Spanish, and international students in Barcelona, The Benjamin Franklin International School (BFIS) is a non-profit, independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school with an enrollment of 702 students, nursery school through 12th grade, representing 64 different nationalities and cultural heritages.

BFIS offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Curriculum, including both the Middle Years Program (MYP) and the IB Diploma Program (IBDP), the American High School Curriculum and the Spanish Curriculum. Most students pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP) and the American High School Diploma; Spanish students co validate studies to the Spanish equivalent (ESO) and may choose to co validate 11th and 12th grade to the Spanish equivalent (Bachillerato Español).

High School at a Glance

The BFIS High School student body is composed of 256 students:

- 58 seniors
- 68 juniors
- 64 sophomores
- 66 freshmen
- 50% Third-country nationals
- 24% Spanish nationals
- 26% US citizens

High School Faculty

BFIS employs **59** High School teachers and administrators. Our international faculty is comprised of certified, highly qualified, and experienced teachers. Our faculty represents **17** different nationalities, many who have studied in US universities. **65%** hold additional post-grad qualifications.

- 33% Third-country nationals
- 30% Spanish nationals
- 37% US citizens

Mission

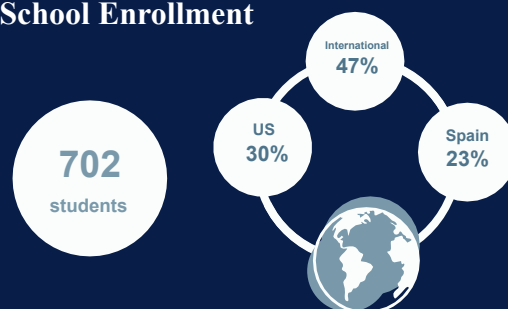
The purpose of our school is to engage our diverse school community in the pursuit of educational excellence and success for all students

Accreditations

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Spanish Education Department
- Catalan Education Department
- International Baccalaureate Organization

BFIS is affiliated with the Mediterranean Association of International Schools and the European Council of International Schools and is recognized by the Office of Overseas Schools of the U.S. State Department

School Enrollment



64 nationalities

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| 1. United States | 5. France |
| 2. Spain | 6. Netherlands |
| 3. China | 7. Italy |
| 4. United Kingdom | 8. Ukraine |

Due to the mobility of our students, Benjamin Franklin International School does not rank or calculate GPAs.

International Baccalaureate Program (Grades 11 and 12)

The IB Diploma Program emphasizes rigorous college preparatory classes over a two-year period and requires external testing in 6 academic subject areas. Students also complete the Extended Essay, a research paper, of approximately 4,000 words, a Theory of Knowledge course, and 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) activities. Students also complete Internal Assessment research papers of 1,500-2,500 words.

We allow all Grade 11 students to study the IB Diploma Program. There is no pre-selection process.

Currently, 98% of our 11th and 12th-grade students are enrolled as IB Diploma candidates. IBDP courses offered at BFIS are:

Group 1 Studies in Language & Literature	English A Language & Literature SL/HL Spanish A Language & Literature SL/HL Language A Literature Self Taught SL/HL
Group 2 Language Acquisition	Spanish B SL/HL Spanish Ab Initio SL English B HL
Group 3 Individuals and Societies	Economics SL/HL Psychology SL/HL Global Politics SL/HL
Group 4 Sciences	Biology SL/HL Chemistry SL/HL Physics SL/HL Computer Science SL/HL Design Technology SL/HL Environmental Systems & Societies SL/HL
Group 5 Mathematics	Analysis and approaches SL/HL Applications and interpretation SL/HL
Group 6 Arts & Electives	Visual Arts SL/HL Theatre Studies SL/HL or an additional course from Group 3 or 4
3 Part CORE	Extended Essay
	Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
	CAS – Creativity, Activity, Service

The American High School Diploma

The American High School Diploma is awarded to all students, who complete the 22 credit high school curriculum at BFIS. To fulfill BFIS graduation requirements, a student must have 4 credits in English, 2-4 credits in Science, 4 credits in Foreign Language (Spanish or French), 4 credits in Mathematics, 2-4 credits in Social Studies, 2 credits in Physical Education, and 4 Elective credits.

Spanish Diploma Requirements

In addition to the IB Diploma and the American Diploma, all students have the option of completing the Titulo de Bachillerato, the Spanish Secondary School Diploma, as defined by the Enseñanza Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO). In grades 7-10. students must pass all the courses offered in the American curriculum as well as all required Spanish subjects. At the end of grade 10, the Spanish Technical Director at BFIS applies for the validation of the ESO. In grades 11-12, the same procedure as above is followed to gain validation for 1º and 2º of Bachillerato.

IBDP Exams Results 2024

Total Graduates 2024	63
IBDP Diploma Candidates	59
BFIS IBDP Diploma Pass Rate	88%
World Pass Rate – IBDP Diploma	80%
BFIS Average Score	35
BFIS Highest score	44
IBDP Bilingual Diploma	50%
BFIS students scoring 40+	21%

BFIS Student Clubs

Biomedical and Health
Computer Science
Creative Writing
De Paul Mission School
Debate
Engineering
Esperança Walk
Feminist
Gender and Sexual Alliance
Going Green
Homeless Entrepreneur
Investment
Math Club
Model United Nations
National Honors Society
News
Newspaper
Photography
Residencia St. Gervasi
Robotics (HS and MS)
Spanish Books
STEM
Student Ambassador
Student Council
Up-Cycling Design
Newspaper
Yearbook

Extracurricular

Basketball Team
Cheer Team
High School Musical
First Robotics Competition
Fitness Training
Music Lessons
Music Instruments
Modern Band
MS Lego League
Soccer Team
Start-up Academy
Theater Production
Volleyball Team

University Acceptances and Matriculation 2023 and 2024

BFIS graduates have been admitted to the following institutions for the last two years. Matriculations for last year are in bold (If there are two numbers, the first indicates total acceptances and the second indicates total enrollments)

United States

American University (2) (1)
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Case Western Reserve
Columbia University
Columbia University Chicago
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Florida International University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
Loyola University of Maryland
Manhattanville College
Michigan State University (2) (1)
Northeastern University (3) (2)
Northwestern University (2) (1)
Pennsylvania State University
Rice University
Rollins College
Rider University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art & Design (3)
Smith College
Suffolk University
Temple University (2)
The George Washington University
The New School
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of California San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder (2)
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina Greensboro
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of San Diego
University of Southern California (USC) (2) (1)
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin Madison
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wellesley College
Yale University

United Kingdom

Birmingham City University
Bristol, Univ. of West England (Foundation Year)
Cardiff University
City, University of London (2)
Durham University (6)
ESCP Business School
Goldsmiths, University of London
Istituto Marangoni London
Imperial College London (4) (4)
King's College London (19) (6)
Kingston University
Lancaster University
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics (4) (1)
London South Bank University
Loughborough University (2) (1)
Northeastern University London
Queen Mary, University of London (3)
Regent's University London (3)
Royal Holloway, University of London (2)
St. George's, University of London
Sheffield Hallam University
UCL (University College London) (8) (4)
University of Arts London
University of Bath (13) (3)
University of Birmingham (2)
University of Brighton
University of Bristol (6) (1)
University of Dundee
University of Edinburgh (2)
University of Exeter (7) (2)
University of Glasgow
University of Kent (2)
University of Leeds
University of Manchester (8)
University of Nottingham (2)
University of Sheffield
Univ. of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Surrey
University of Sussex (3) (2)
University of St. Andrews (6) (4)
University of Warwick (13) (2)
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of York (2)

Canada

McGill University
University of British Columbia - Okanagan
University of British Columbia - Vancouver
University of Toronto

Spain

Basque Culinary Center
Blanquerna University
ESADE (11) (6)
ESCAC
ESCP
European University (UE)
IE - Insituto de Empresa (6) (4)
IAB (Institute of the Arts Barcelona)
International University of Catalunya (UIC)
IQS-Instituto Químico de Sarrià (2)
La Salle University (6) (5)
LCI Barcelona
Leinn, Liderazgo Emprendedor e Innovación
Les Roches
Polytechnic University of Catalunya (UPC) (2)
University Alfonso X (UAX)
University of Barcelona (UB)
University of Navarra (3)
University Pompeu Fabra (UPF)
University Rovira i Virgili

Netherlands

Amsterdam University College (3) (2)
Breda University of Applied Science
Erasmus University Rotterdam (2)
Fontys University of Applied Sciences
HAN University of Applied Sciences
HotelSchool The Hague
Leiden University (5) (1)
Rotterdam Business School in Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
TU Delft (2) (1)
TU Eindhoven
University of Amsterdam (5) (2)
University College Maastricht
University College Roosevelt (3)
University College Tilburg
University College Utrecht (4)
Utrecht University (7) (3)
Vrije University (4)

Rest of the World

Aarhu University, Denmark
Bocconi University/HEC Italy (2) (1)
EDHEC, France
Istituto Marangoni, Italy
John Cabot University, Italy
Les Roches, Switzerland
LISSA, France
Luiss University, Italy
Sciences Po, France (4) (2)
Stockholm School of Economics
Università Católica del Sacro Cuore, Italy
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
University College Dublin, Ireland
University of Hong Kong (2)
University of Hong Kong Science and Technology
University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Temple University Rome, Italy
Tsinghua University, China