



BERKSHIRE SCHOOL

College Profile 2025 - 2026

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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 425 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 50%/50%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 29 states and 34 countries, including 17% international students and 35% students of color. 25% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2026 has 121 seniors including 3 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2025-2026 academic year over 1400 students applied for 130 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 trimester. Trimester and yearlong courses are offered, with trimester courses earning 1/3 credit and yearlong courses earning 1 credit. Prior to the 2023-2024 school year, Berkshire offered semester courses earning 1/2 credit and yearlong courses earning 1 credit.

Advanced Math/Science Research, Advanced Environmental Science Research, and Advanced Humanities Research 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 (AMSR) offers opportunities for research projects in authentic laboratory settings on and/or off campus. These settings allow students to explore diverse scientific questions and place 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 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (AESR) is a yearlong course designed for students who have 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.

ADVANCED HUMANITIES RESEARCH (AHR) is a yearlong course designed 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 and produce a scholarly paper, which they present to the school.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES OFFERED

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

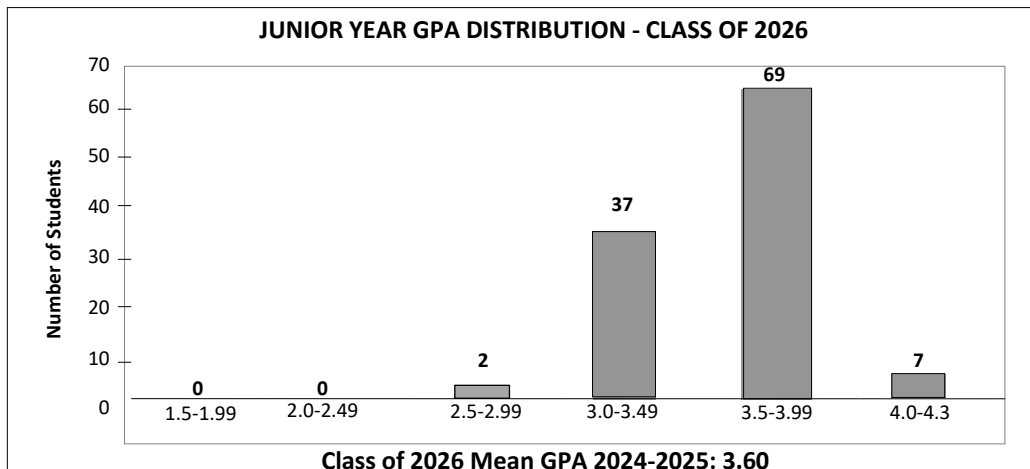
Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. Students who take an AP course are required to take the AP exam.

ADDITIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES OFFERED

A Cappella Ensemble	Chemistry	Engineering	Linear Algebra	Photography	Sculpture
Algebra II/Trig	Creative Writing	French II, III, IV	Literature & Writing	Physics	Spanish II, III, IV
Biology	Digital Art	Geometry	Modern World History	Precalc Accelerated	Studio Art
Ceramics	Digital Music	Jazz Ensemble	Multivariable Calculus	Precalculus	US History
Chamber Music	Economics				

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 2026

ENGLISH	A	B	C	D	F
Literature & Writing	39	18			
Advanced Literature & Writing	21	16			
AP English Language	17	4			
Creative Writing	6				

HISTORY	A	B	C	D	F
US History	31	19			
Advanced US History	22	14			
AP US History	10	5			
History Electives	15	6			

MATHEMATICS	A	B	C	D	F
Algebra II	3	10	4		
Advanced Algebra II/Trig.	1	2			
Precalculus	13	18	2		
Advanced Precalculus	11	14			
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	7				
Calculus	7	4	1		
AP Calculus AB	1	4	1		
AP Calculus BC	2	1			
Multivariable Calculus	2				
Computer Science & AI	2				
Discrete Math	6				

LANGUAGES	A	B	C	D	F
Chinese III-IV	4	2			
French II	4				
French III	4	2			
French IV	3	3			
Advanced French III	6	1			
Advanced French IV	11				
Latin II-III	3	3			
Spanish II	1	2			
Spanish III	5	16	2		
Spanish IV	10	3			
Advanced Spanish III	5	1			
Advanced Spanish IV	7				
AP Spanish Language	2				

SCIENCE	A	B	C	D	F
Biology	3				
AP Biology	2	1			
Chemistry	7	3			
AP Chemistry	3	2			
Physics	20	25			
Advanced Physics	21	7			
Environmental Science	8				
AP Environmental Science	4	2			
Science Electives	17	4			
Adv. Math/Science Research	5				

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Class of 2025 Matriculation List

Alabama State University (2)
American University
Boston College (3)
Bucknell University (7)
Carnegie Mellon University (2)
Chapman University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Colgate University (2)
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross (2)
Colorado College
Connecticut College (2)
Dartmouth College (2)
Dickinson College (2)
Duke University
Endicott College (2)
Florida International University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (5)
Howard University
Indiana University-Bloomington
John Carroll University
Johnson & Wales University-Providence
Lehigh University (2)
Loyola Marymount University*
Middlebury College
Montana State University
New York University (2)
Northeastern University (3)
Northwestern University*
Occidental College (2)
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Providence College (2)
Sewanee: The University of the South
Skidmore College
Southern Methodist University (6)
St. Francis Xavier University
SUNY Cortland
The American University of Paris
UT Austin (Gateway Program)
Trinity College
Tufts University (2)
Tulane University of Louisiana (4)
Union College (NY)
University of California Berkeley (2)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder (4)
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Miami (3)
University of Michigan (2)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Richmond (3)
University of Toronto
University of Vermont (2)
University of Virginia (5)
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University (2)
Wartburg College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wesleyan University (4)
Williams College
Yale University