



BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

School Community

Established in 1960, Bradenton Christian School (BCS) maintains high academic standards integrated with our belief in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. An interdenominational, coeducational, parentally governed school, BCS employs 60 faculty members, many holding advanced degrees, as well as a number of professional staff and FHSA member athletic coaches. BCS currently enrolls over 800 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12. It is located on the central west coast of Florida, serving Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Mission

The mission of Bradenton Christian School is to provide an excellent, Christ-centered education based on God's Word, and to prepare the hearts and minds of God's covenantal children, in partnership with the home and church, for service in God's world.

Accreditation/Membership

National Honor Society
National Junior Honor Society
Christian Schools of Florida (CSF)
Christian Schools International (CSI)
Florida High School Athletic Association
Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools
National Association of College Admissions Counselors
National Council for Private School Accreditation
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

Testing

12th Grade	SAT, ACT, CLT, AP
11th Grade	PSAT/NMSQT, SAT ACT, CLT, AP
10th Grade	PSAT/NMSQT, AP
9th Grade	PSAT/NMSQT, AP

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Mean SAT Scores 2024-2025

	BCS	FL	National
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	583	502	521
Math	534	468	508
Total	1117	970	1029

Mean ACT Scores 2024-2025

	BCS	FL	National
English	23.5	18.9	19
Math	22.6	18.9	19.4
Reading	24.1	20.7	20.5
Science	23.2	19.5	20
Composite	23.5	19.6	19.9

Academic Honors

National Merit Program

2025 National Merit Finalist: 1
2023 Commended Student: 1
2022 Commended Student: 1
2017 National Merit Semifinalist: 1
2015 Commended Student: 1
2013 Commended Student: 2
2012 Commended Student: 2
2009 Commended Student: 1
2006 Finalist: 1
2005 National Achievement Finalist: 1
2005 Commended Student: 3
2004 National Achievement Finalist: 1
2004 Commended Student: 3
2004 Finalist: 1

Advanced Placement Scholars

2025 AP Scholars: 16
2025 AP Scholars with Honor: 12
2025 AP Scholars with Distinction: 21
2024 AP Scholars: 24
2024 AP Scholars with Honor: 9
2024 AP Scholars with Distinction: 22
2023 AP Scholars: 23
2023 AP Scholars with Honor: 6
2023 AP Scholars with Distinction: 18
2022 AP Scholars: 27
2022 AP Scholars with Honor: 3
2022 AP Scholars with Distinction: 7
2021 AP Scholars: 16
2021 AP Scholars with Honor: 10
2021 AP Scholars with Distinction: 10

Opportunities

Athletics

Varsity Sports

- Baseball
Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Lacrosse
- Soccer
Softball
Swim & Dive
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Weightlifting
Wrestling

2025	State Runner-Up: Football
2025	State Qualifier: Swimming, Weightlifting and Wrestling
2025	District Champions: Girls Basketball
2024	District Champions: Singles and Doubles Tennis
2024	District Champions: Volleyball and Boys Soccer
2023	State Qualifier: Beach Volleyball
2023	State Qualifier: Track & Field: High Jump
2022	All State Selections: Football; Soccer; Basketball
2022	State Runner-Up: Track & Field; Triple Jump; Discus; 300 hurdles
2022	Regional Finals: Volleyball
2022	Regional Finals: Boys Basketball
2022	District Champions: Softball

AP Capstone

Our school proudly offers the AP Capstone Diploma, a rigorous and innovative program developed by the College Board to prepare students for college-level academic challenges and real-world problem solving. The program centers on two foundational courses including AP Seminar and AP Research which build students' skills in critical thinking, academic writing, public speaking, and collaborative inquiry.

In AP Seminar, students explore real-world issues from multiple perspectives, evaluate the credibility of sources, and craft evidence-based arguments. In AP Research, students design, conduct, and present an independent research project on a topic of their choosing, demonstrating scholarly integrity and advanced research methodology. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research, along with four additional AP exams of their choice, are awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by the College Board. This diploma also qualifies students for the Florida Academic Scholarship through the Bright Futures program.

At our Christian high school, the AP Capstone experience is grounded in a biblical worldview. Students are encouraged to pursue truth, engage thoughtfully with complex issues, and develop their God-given gifts in ways that honor Christ and serve others. The skills gained through this program prepare students for leadership, academic excellence, and meaningful impact in college and beyond.

Fine Arts

Music and art classes are important threads in the educational fabric of BCS and are conducted in a new, state-of-the-art Center for Fine Arts and Media Technology. In addition to Art 2-D & Art 3-D, multilevel courses are offered in Drawing, Painting, Ceramics/Pottery and Art History. A variety of vocal and instrumental music electives are also available. BCS has a fine Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Ensemble, Pep Band, and Drum Corps. These award winning groups perform and minister at a variety of venues, both within and out of the state.

Interim

BCS Upper School Interim is designed to give students and faculty the opportunity to learn and teach in settings outside the classroom. Held every other year for approximately one week, course offerings are designed to broaden our student's perspective, as well as strengthen their spiritual foundations. Interim classes are mandatory for senior high students. Interim instructors include BCS teachers, parents, community leaders, and alumni. Classes are held

Clubs

- Student Council
Tri-M Honor Society
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Domestic/International Missions
Marine Science Club
- National Honor Society
Hispanic Honor Society
Art Honor Society
Runners Club
National Beta Club
- Drama Program
Yearbook
Key Club
Worship Team
Technology Student Association

Class of 2025

Cumulative Weighted GPA

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.0+	63	67%
3.5-3.99	12	19%
3.0-3.49	6	10%
2.5-2.99	3	4%
2.0-2.49	0	0%
Below 2.0	0	0%

Class Rank

Due to the competitive nature of our students and small class size, Bradenton Christian School does not rank.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Requirements: 75 Community Service hours. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and complete a 26.5 credit program which includes the following diploma options:

	College Prep	Honors		College Prep	Honors
English	4	4	World Languages	2	2
Bible	4	4	PE Hope	1	1
Math	4	4	Computer	1	1
Science	3	4	Fine Arts	1	1
Social Studies	3	3	Electives	3.5	3.5
			Total	26.5	27.5

The Class of 2025 had a total of 13,054 service hours, which averaged 207 per student.

Honors Diploma

The requirements for our Honors Diploma exceed the Florida Academic Honors Scholarship with the exclusion of the minimal SAT or ACT score. Honors diploma students must take Physics and Pre-Calculus Honors. (Math for College Liberal Arts is not recognized as a requirement for math in the Honors track.) A minimum GPA of 3.5 must be achieved and no final grade below a "C" is accepted on the transcript. 100 Community Service hours are required.

Grading Scale

Only semester grades from the Bradenton Christian School transcript are used in the calculation of a student's GPA. In addition, the grades that appear on the Bradenton Christian transcript are based on both a weighted and unweighted scale.

		College Prep	Honors
95-100	A	4.0	5.0
90-94	A-	3.7	4.7
87-89	B+	3.3	4.3
83-86	B	3.0	4.0
80-82	B-	2.7	3.7
77-79	C+	2.3	3.3
73-76	C	2.0	3.0
70-72	C-	1.7	2.7
67-69	D+	1.3	2.3
63-66	D	1.0	2.0
60-62	D-	0.7	1.7
59-Below	F	0	0

Honors & Advanced Placement Classes

English

Honors English I
Honors British Literature
Honors American Literature
Honors Modern World Literature
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition

World Languages

AP Spanish Language & Culture
Honors Spanish III
Honors Spanish IV

History

AP World History: Modern
AP American History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP European History
AP Human Geography

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
Honors Algebra I
Honors Algebra II
Honors Geometry
Honors Pre-Calculus

Science

AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Anatomy & Physiology

Electives

AP Psychology
AP Seminar
AP Research
Ceramics III Honors

College Acceptances 2021-2025

American University of Paris	Hofstra University	Temple University
Anderson University	Hope College	Texas A&M University
Appalachian State University	Indiana University	Toccoa Falls College
Arizona State University	Ithaca College	Trinity Christian College
Asbury University	Johnson & Wales University	Tulane University
Auburn University	Judson University	Truett McConnell University
Baylor University	Kansas State University	University of Alabama
Bellarmino University	Keiser University	University of Arkansas
Belmont University	Kent State University	University of California-Santa Barbara
Berry College	Lafayette University	University of Central Florida
Boston College	Lee University	University of Connecticut
Bowling Green State University	Lehigh University	University of Delaware
Boyce College	Liberty University	University of Florida
Brewton-Parker College	Lipscomb University	University of Georgia
California Polytechnic State University	Louisiana State University	University of Hawaii
Calvin University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Illinois - Chicago
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Kansas
Cedarville University	Loyola University Maryland	University of Kentucky
Centre College	Loyola University New Orleans	University Maine
Charleston Southern University	Maine Maritime Academy	University of Massachusetts - Boston
Chestnut Hill College	Millsaps College	University of Miami
Clemson University	New College of Florida	University of Mississippi
Coastal Carolina University	New York Institute of Technology	University of Missouri-Kansas City
College of Charleston	New York University	University of Nevada - Reno
College of William & Mary	Northeastern University	University of New Hampshire
Colorado Christian University	Quachita Baptist University	University of North Carolina - Asheville
Cornell University	Ohio Valley University	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Covenant College	Olivet Nazarene University	University of North Carolina - Charlotte
Creighton University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of North Florida
Culinary Institute of America	Penn State University	University of North Georgia
Dallas Baptist University	Pepperdine University	University of Pittsburgh
Dickinson College	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Rhode Island
Dordt University	Purdue University	University of San Francisco
Drexel University	Queens University	University of South Carolina
Duke University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Florida
Elon University	Ringling School of Art & Design	University of Tampa
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee
Emory University	Rollins College	University of Vermont
Fashion Inst. of Design & Merchandising	Rutgers University	University of Washington
Flagler College	Saint Anselm College	University of West Florida
Florida A & M University	Saint Leo University	University of Wisconsin
Florida Atlantic University	Saint Louis University	University of Wyoming
Florida Gulf Coast University	Saint Thomas University	Valdosta State University
Florida Institute of Technology	Samford University	Villanova University
Florida International University	San Diego State University	Wake Forest University
Florida Polytechnic University	Santa Fe College	Warner University
Florida Southern College	Savannah College of Arts & Design	Washington State University
Florida State University	Seattle University	Webber International University
Furman University	Seattle Pacific University	West Virginia University
Geneva College	Seton Hill University	Western Carolina University
George Washington University	Southeastern University	Wheaton College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Wesleyan University	Wilkes University
Georgia State University	Stetson University	Wingate University
Hawaii Pacific University	Sweet Briar College	Wittenberg University
High Point University	Taylor University	Wofford College