

Breck College Profile 2025–26

BRECK SCHOOL is an Episcopal, independent, college-preparatory day school enrolling students of diverse backgrounds in grades preschool through twelve.

MISSION STATEMENT We create confident learners who lead lives of intellectual curiosity, self-knowledge, and social responsibility.

Key points for admissions readers

BRECK CURRICULAR DISTINCTIONS

- Breck's **Community Engagement Program**: All students undertake high-impact, mutually beneficial, and collaborative community partnerships during their four years. Through weekly visits built into our regular school schedule, students develop habits of civic engagement as they strengthen interpersonal skills and cultivate social awareness. As Juniors and Seniors, students deepen individual passions by connecting their interests to their partnerships and their contribution to the greater community.
- Each year, **May Program** allows for a myriad of experiences for Breck students including seminar-style courses, travel, internships, service, and research.
- Advanced Research Programs in English, History, Math, and Science.** Breck's four premier programs cultivate college-level, discipline-specific research opportunities, prioritizing collaborative skill-building alongside independent, original scholarship. Students may only take one per year.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Breck operates on a semester schedule with May Program as a third term. Semester courses receive 1.0 credit unit. All students are required to take at least 44 semester credits and complete May Program each year, along with 20 service hours beyond weekly Community Partnerships.
- A typical course load is 6 classes per semester including at least 5 in core subject areas. Students are able to take up to 7 classes per semester.
- Placement in top rigor courses requires approval of the department. Previous course performance, teacher recommendation, and interview may be considered.
- Breck's standard level classes are taught at a challenging level meant to prepare students for the rigors of university coursework. Beyond standard level classes, Breck offers **Honors, AP, post-AP, and Advanced level courses.**
 - Honors classes are more rigorous than standard level classes and provide a strong foundation for AP and/or Advanced coursework.
 - Advanced courses involve a level of rigor that is equivalent to or higher than AP coursework.
 - AP Physics C covers both Mechanics and Electricity & Magnetism in one yearlong class and prepares students for both AP exams.
 - Chinese VI is considered an Advanced course.
- All attempted and repeated Breck courses are listed on the Breck transcript and calculated into the cumulative GPA. Any courses taken at another institution are neither included on the Breck transcript nor calculated in the Breck GPA.
- Courses that are dropped will be indicated on the transcript with a 'W.' The grade of 'W' is not factored into the GPA.
- Waivers are indicated on the transcript in the Notes section with the year the waiver was granted.

Breck School Leadership

NATALIA R. HERNÁNDEZ, ED.D., Head of School

THOMAS "SPREE" MACDONALD, PHD, Upper School Director

ACCREDITATION

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, MACAC, MAIS, NAES, and College Board

1,250
STUDENTS P-12



SELF-IDENTIFYING
STUDENTS OF COLOR

\$9.2
MILLION
NEED-BASED AID



\$24,634
AVERAGE GRANT

20

NATIONAL MERIT
RECOGNITIONS
CLASS OF 2026

9

NATIONAL MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS
CLASS OF 2026

CLASS OF 2025:

106
GRADUATES

APPLIED TO

233
COLLEGES

ATTENDING

73
COLLEGES

FOUR
AVERAGE APPS
PER COLLEGE

Breck GPA and test scores

GPA	2026	2025	2024
Class size	117	106	98
Middle 50%	3.27–3.83	3.41–3.88	3.38–3.88

* Cumulative unweighted GPA through junior year. Breck does not rank.

HONORS LIST

3.333 semester average in no fewer than 6 credit units. No grade below B.

HEAD OF SCHOOL LIST

3.666 semester average in a minimum of 6 credit units. No grade below A-.

GRADE INTERPRETATION

A	4.000	C	2.000
A-	3.666	C-	1.666
B+	3.333	D+	1.333
B	3.000	D	1.000
B-	2.666	D-	.666
C+	2.333	F	0.000

JUNIOR AP EXAMS	2026	2025	2024
% of students with scores of 3+	95%	90%	89%
# of exams administered	210	225	149

* In 2025, Breck administered 515 exams to 244 students.

ACT SCORES	2025	2024	2023
Middle 50%	27–32	25–32	27–32

SAT SCORES	2025	2024	2023
Middle 50%	1300–1460	1290–1430	1300–1450

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Breck Curriculum

	YEAR-LONG COURSES	SEMESTER COURSES	ADVANCED/HONORS/AP COURSES
ENGLISH 4 years required (including English 9, English 10)	English 9 English 10 English 11	Creative Writing The Self in the World English 12	Honors Creative Writing Honors English 12 Honors The Self in the World AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition Adv. English Scholarship & Research
MATH 3 years required (through Algebra II)	Algebra IB Geometry Algebra II Functions, Statistics and Trigonometry Precalculus Calculus	Computer Science I, II Probability and Statistics	Honors Advanced Algebra Honors Algebra 2 Honors Precalculus Honors Trigonometry, Statistics, Precalculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science A AP Statistics Adv. Math Seminar Adv. Math Research Adv. Topics in Computer Science Linear Algebra and Differential Equations Adv. Topics in Mathematics I, II
SCIENCE 3 years required (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)	Physics Chemistry Biology	Anatomy and Physiology Engineering Robotics	Honors Science Research AP Chemistry AP Biology AP Physics C: Mechanics; Electricity and Magnetism Adv. Molecular Biology Adv. Physics / Honors Physics Adv. Science Research I, II
HISTORY 3 years required (including Modern World History, United States History)	Modern World History United States History	The Ancient World African American History American Elections Caribbean History Economics I, II History of Terrorism Labor Studies Modern Chinese History Politics, Equity, Power Sociology I, II Sports in America World War II and the Holocaust	Honors Research: Current History Honors Research: Heritage Studies Honors Research: Race in Place AP Art History AP Comparative Government and Politics AP European History AP United States Government and Politics AP United States History Adv. History Research
WORLD LANGUAGES 3 years required (in the same language)	Chinese I-V French I-V Spanish I-V		Chinese VI AP French Language and Culture AP Spanish Language and Culture Adv. Chinese for Immersion and Heritage I, II Adv. Chinese Seminar I, II Adv. French Literature and Culture Adv. French for Immersion and Heritage I, II Adv. Spanish Literature and Culture Adv. Spanish for Immersion and Heritage I, II
RELIGION 2.5 semesters required (including World Religions I, World Religions II)		World Religions I World Religions II Ethics Bioethics Moral Philosophy Philosophy of Religion Religious Imagery in Film Theologies of Liberation	
PERFORMING ARTS 2 semesters required of Performing and/or Visual Arts	Winds and Jazz Ensemble String Ensemble String Orchestra	Upper School Voices Music Theory I Dance Music and Film Music Psychology Theatrical Production I, II Actor's Workshop	Breck Singers AP Music Theory Adv. Chamber Players Adv. Concert Chorale Adv. Studio Theater Adv. Dance Repertory
VISUAL ARTS 2 semesters required of Performing and/or Visual Arts	Advanced Ceramics I, II Advanced Paint I, II Advanced Photography I, II	Creative Design Ceramics I-IV Drawing & Painting I-IV Photography I-IV Videography I, II	Ceramics Studio I, II Drawing & Painting Studio I, II Photo Studio I, II AP 2-D Art and Design AP 3-D Art and Design AP Drawing
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2 semesters required or equivalent sports participation (including Health, Performance Physiology)		Health Performance Physiology Body Management Breck Outdoor Leadership Development FAST! – Fitness, Adventure, and Sport Techniques Leadership Development Through Adventure Education Personal Fitness Yoga	

* not all courses run every year

The class of 2025 matriculated to the following colleges and universities:

Amherst College
 ArtCenter College of Design
 Barnard College
 Beloit College
 Boston College (3)
 Boston University
 Brigham Young University
 Carleton College (3)
 Case Western Reserve University
 Chapman University (2)
 Claremont McKenna College (2)
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 College of Saint Benedict
 Colorado College (2)
 Columbus State University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 Denison University
 Duke University
 Durham University
 Emory University (2)
 Fordham University
 Georgetown University
 Grinnell College (2)
 Hamilton College
 Hamline University
 Lake Forest College
 Lehigh University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Manhattan College
 Marquette University
 Miami University (2)
 Montana State University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Occidental College
 Penn State University
 Pitzer College (2)
 Rice University
 Santa Clara University (4)
 Scripps College (2)
 St. Olaf College
 SUNY at Purchase College
 Texas Christian University
 The University of Tampa
 Tulane University
 University of California, Davis (2)
 University of California, Santa
 Barbara (2)
 University of Chicago (2)
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Denver (2)
 University of Maryland, College
 Park (2)
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan (3)
 University of Minnesota
 Twin Cities (2)
 University of Notre Dame (2)
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Richmond
 University of Rhode Island
 University of St. Thomas
 University of Washington (3)
 University of Wisconsin–Madison
 University of Wisconsin–River Falls
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College (2)
 Villanova University
 Wake Forest University (3)
 Washington University in St. Louis (3)
 Whitman College
 Whittier College
 Williams College
 Yale University