



BERKSHIRE SCHOOL

College Profile 2026 - 2027

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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 430 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 50%/50%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 28 states and 30 countries, including 17% international students and 35% students of color. 25% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2027 has 121 seniors including 8 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2026-2027 academic year over 1300 students applied for 150 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ credit and yearlong courses earning 1 credit. Prior to the 2023-2024 school year, Berkshire offered semester courses earning $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 students an authentic independent laboratory experience to design and execute original research across the biological, physical, or social sciences. Working alongside research-trained faculty and professional mentors from leading institutions, students conduct real-world research in Berkshire's state-of-the-art facilities or remotely, producing formal scientific journal-style papers. Since 2010, 50 AMSR students have submitted to the national Regeneron Science Talent Search, yielding 11 Regeneron Semifinalist Scholars, a distinction earned by only 300 students nationwide each year.

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (AESR) is a yearlong, field- and laboratory-based capstone course that extends on AP Environmental Science coursework. Situated within the rich ecological context of the Berkshires and utilizing state-of-the-art campus facilities, students formulate original research questions and pursue them through rigorous scientific inquiry. The course culminates in a formal presentation of findings to the school and local community, integrating an impactful community outreach component.

ADVANCED HUMANITIES RESEARCH (AHR) is a yearlong capstone course designed for students seeking to move beyond the Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum through deep, sustained inquiry across the humanities—languages, literature, history, philosophy, and the arts. Mirroring undergraduate-level research at top liberal arts colleges, students work closely with faculty to compose a thesis-length scholarly paper and present their original findings to the Berkshire community.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES OFFERED

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

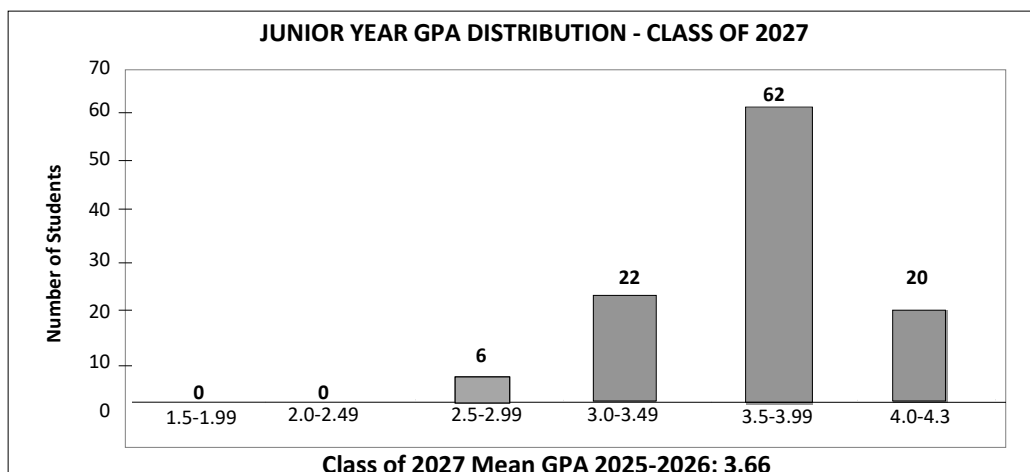
Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. Students who take an AP course are required to take the AP exam.

ADDITIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES OFFERED

A Cappella Ensemble	Ceramics	Economics	Jazz Ensemble	Music Production	Reagan & Modern America
Algebra I	Chamber Orchestra	Engineering	Linear Algebra	Photography	Spanish II, III, IV
Algebra II/Trig	Chemistry	French II, III, IV	Literature & Writing	Physics	Studio Art
Biology	Creative Writing	Geometry	Modern World History	Precalc Accel.	US History
Calculus	Digital Art	Higher Math	Multivariable Calculus	Precalculus	

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 3.5.

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 2027

ENGLISH	A	B	C	D	F
Literature & Writing	49	11	2		
Advanced Literature & Writing	14	10			
AP English Language	22	1			
Creative Writing	14				

HISTORY	A	B	C	D	F
US History	19	17			
Advanced US History	25	13	1		
AP US History	12	7			
History Electives	18	3			

MATHEMATICS	A	B	C	D	F
Algebra II	2	5	2		
Advanced Algebra II/Trig.	2				
Precalculus	9	12	3		
Advanced Precalculus	11	12	1		
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	3				
Calculus	9	7			
AP Calculus AB	5	4			
AP Calculus BC	5	3			
Linear Algebra	7				
AP Computer Science Principles	5				
Discrete Math	1	7			

LANGUAGES	A	B	C	D	F
Chinese III-V	5	2			
French II	2				
French III	3				
French IV	4	1			
Advanced French III	8				
Advanced French IV	4				
Latin III-V	10	1			
Spanish II		3			
Spanish III	9	7	2		
Spanish IV	6				
Advanced Spanish III	8	1			
Advanced Spanish IV	10	2			

SCIENCE	A	B	C	D	F
Biology	2				
AP Biology	2				
Chemistry	1	1			
Advanced Chemistry	3	3			
AP Chemistry	3	3			
Physics	8	24	3		
Advanced Physics	23	2			
AP Physics C	5	1			
AP Environmental Science	9	3			
Science Electives	29	4			
Adv. Math/Science Research	8				

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Class of 2026 Matriculation List

Albertus Magnus College	Purdue University
Amherst College (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Auburn University	Saint Michael's College
Baylor University	Santa Clara University
Berklee College of Music	Shelton State Community College
Boston College (2)	Southern Methodist University (6)
Boston University	St. Lawrence University (2)
Bowdoin College	Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Bucknell University	Syracuse University
Colby College (3)	Texas Christian University
Colgate University (4)	The Citadel
College of Charleston (2)	The Culinary Institute of America
College of the Holy Cross	The George Washington University
Colorado College	The University of Utah
Connecticut College	Trinity College
Cornell University (2)	Tufts University (2)
Dartmouth College (3)	Tulane University
Dickinson College (2)	Union College
Drew University	University of Colorado Boulder
Eastern Arizona College	University of Delaware (2)
Franklin & Marshall College (2)	University of Denver
Georgetown University (2)	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Gettysburg College	University of Mississippi (2)
Hamilton College	University of Nebraska Omaha
Haverford College	University of Pennsylvania
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (3)	University of Rhode Island
Irvine Valley College	University of Richmond (4)
Ithaca College	University of Southern California
Johns Hopkins University	University of St Andrews (2)
Kenyon College (2)	University of Vermont
Marquette University	University of Virginia (4)
Mercy University	Villanova University (2)
Merrimack College	Wake Forest University (6)
Middlebury College (2)	Wellesley College
New York University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Northwestern University	Western Connecticut State University
Providence College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute