

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 24–25



BOCA CHRISTIAN

BOCA RATON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (BRCS) *is a nationally recognized, accredited, Christ-centered college preparatory school. BRCS develops Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow, nurtures academic excellence, and inspires Christian character.*

ABOUT THE SCHOOL Boca Christian gives students the highest caliber of college preparatory education in a Christian environment. Located on a spacious 21-acre campus in the heart of Boca Raton, Boca Christian is an independent PreK3–12th grade school established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church. Boca Christian is known for its family-oriented environment, outstanding records in college placement, thriving athletics, and creative arts, as well as a commitment to charitable service by our students and faculty.

EXCEED GLOBAL SAT SCORES BRCS students exceeded national and international averages on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and the Math SAT.

ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE DUAL ENROLLMENT BRCS students attend college classes on the BRCS campus affording them the opportunity to earn college credit and the ability to enter college as a sophomore (combination of college credit, dual enrollment, and advanced placement). 100% high school advanced diploma students will graduate with college or advanced placement credits.

MILLIONS IN COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS *Parents know the value of investing in BRCS.* BRCS students are able to seize opportunities that lead to a higher likelihood of earning collegiate scholarships.

PARENTS' CHOICE *In a 2023 BRCS Net Promoter survey,* parents scored BRCS in the top percentile, they were extremely likely to recommend BRCS to a friend.

***Our Mission** is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. **Our Vision** is to equip all students to live courageous lives of impact as Christian leaders advancing a Biblical worldview.*

Boca Raton Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

KEY FACTS

- 100% College and Trade School Acceptance Rate*
- Two-time Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award Winner
- Ranked one of 2024 Best Christian High Schools in Florida by Niche
- 100% of Students Enrolled in Advanced Diploma Track Graduate with College or AP Credits
- Advanced, College Preparatory, and Standard Diploma Tracks Offered
- Ranked in the Top 20 Best ACSI Private Schools by Private School Review

TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

- ACSI Exemplary School Award for the use of Technology in Education
- Science Labs, Mechanical Engineering Room—engineering design and hands-on projects
- Art, Band, & 500-seat Chapel for performing arts
- Custom, State-of-the-Art Multi Sport Court, Gym & Weight Room, Batting Cage, 3-in-1 Athletic Field
- Broadway Musicals & Live Performances, Award-winning Thespians Troupe

CEEB Code: #100118

LEADERSHIP

Len Visser, M.Ed.
Head of School

Steve Smith, M.A.Ed.
Assistant Head of School
High School Principal

Paula Rossi, M.A.
High School Supervisor

Alba Guadalupe, Ed.S.
High School Counselor

Ty Shiver, Ed.S.
Student Counseling Coordinator

Elizabeth Petrocelli, B.A.
Director of Admissions & Marketing

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

- Deaver Foundation Award of Excellence in Teaching
- 57% of high school faculty and administrators have advanced degrees
- 100% of school's senior administration has served at BRCS for over 20 years
- Palm Beach County Green School of Excellence Award of Excellence in Teaching
- National Council of Teachers for English 8X Award Winner for BRCS Literary Magazine

ACCREDITATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- Cognia
- Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Association of Christian Schools International
- Florida Music Education Association
- Florida Music Association

CLASS INFORMATION

- 786 students at Boca Raton Christian School (54% diversity)
- 9–12 grades = 187
- Average Class Size = 15

WHOLE CHILD EDUCATION *Students grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially.* At BRCS students are taught to stand firm in their faith, excel in their chosen profession, display kindness and discernment, and become Christian leaders of influence in the world. BRCS partners with families to uphold the highest standards and supports parental efforts to raise Christ-centered, well-rounded scholars.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW *Students are encouraged to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.* Biblical principles and traditional values are integrated into the curriculum, exemplified in administration, faculty, and staff, demonstrated through service projects on and off campus, practiced in weekly chapel, and honed during Spiritual Emphasis activities.

MISSION TRIPS Annual high school mission trips for each class equip Boca Christian students with a formidable and well-balanced foundation, preparing them to make a significant impact in their world.

ADMISSIONS Students are considered for admission based on family commitment to Christian education, along with the student's academic history, conduct, and performance on standardized achievement tests. Based on the demographics as reported to Data and Analysis of School Leadership: the background for our students was African American/Black 7%, Asian American 1%, Caucasian 46%, Latino-Hispanic 24%, multiracial 6%, and Other 16%

SECURITY Boca Christian provides full-time security officers with extensive prior law enforcement experience and first responder training. Security also includes controlled visitor access through the Raptor Security national database, cameras, locked classrooms, and exterior doors and gates. Staff, faculty, and parents who volunteer regularly are fingerprinted and background checks are conducted.

BLAZER ATHLETIC PROGRAM The Blazer Athletic program provides student-athletes opportunities to develop and use their God-given abilities for His glory. Coaches challenge athletes to strive for excellence in their sport and personal lives. Many Boca Christian athletes have continued their academic careers as collegiate athletes.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM Our Fine Arts Program empowers high school students to use their talents to honor and serve God with creativity, passion, and excellence. From drama and music to visual arts and production engineering, students refine their skills in a variety of artistic disciplines. The annual Broadway musical is a standout event, uniting students from different arts to create a professional-level production that showcases their collective efforts and artistry.

* College acceptance based on 2023 information.

GRADING SCALE & GPA

Grade	Percent	Standard	Honors	AP®/Dual	AP®/DualHPA
A	90–100	4.00	4.50	5.00	6.00
B	80–89	3.00	3.375	3.75	4.50
C	70–79	2.00	2.25	2.50	3.00
D	60–69	1.00	1.125	1.25	1.50

Honors courses receive 1.125 weight. **AP®/Dual Enrollment** courses receive 1.25 weight. **HPA (Honors Point Average)** is for Palm Beach County scholarships, and **AP®/DE** courses receive 1.50 weight. BRCS does not provide class rank, but does select a valedictorian and salutatorian based on weighted GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE

	ADVANCED	COLLEGE PREP	STANDARD
SUBJECT	CREDITS	CREDITS	CREDITS
Christian Studies	4	4	4
English	4	4	4
Math	4	4	4
Science	4	4	3
Social Studies	4	3	3
Performing Arts	1	1	1
Physical Ed. (HOPE)	1	1	1
World Language	2	2	0
Electives	3	3	6
TOTAL	27	26	26
Community Service	100 hrs (25/yr)	100 hrs (25/yr)	100 hrs (25/yr)

BRCS is on a semester schedule with one credit equal to 36 weeks of instruction delivered in 45-minute daily periods.

The high school offers three diplomas: Standard, College Preparatory, and Advanced.

The Advanced Diploma requires credits in a minimum of six honors level courses, Physics or AP®/Dual Enrollment Science, AP®/Dual Enrollment Math, and AP®/Dual Enrollment English or AP®/Dual Enrollment Social Science, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

55% of the junior class and 66% of the senior class are enrolled in at least one Dual Enrollment course this academic year.

HONORS, AP®, AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

- 3 out of every 4 juniors and seniors take at least one college-level class
- Nearly 90% of students in grades 9-12 take at least one honors class or above
- 23 Advanced Placement (AP®) and Dual Enrollment Courses are offered.
- Students complete Dual Enrollment college courses on BRCS campus

ACADEMIC HONORS

- National Merit Finalist
- Top 2.5% National African American Scholar Awards
- Top 2.5% National Hispanic Scholar Awards
- AP® Scholar with Distinction
- AP® Scholar with Honor & AP® Scholar Awards

COUNSELING SERVICES

The counseling staff supports students in navigating academic, social-emotional, career, and personal development goals, utilizing God's Word and the best counseling practices. All school counselors have a master's degree or higher.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Christian Studies

DE Exploring the Bible ¹
Jewish History (Reg./Hon.)
Marriage & Family (Reg./Hon.)
New Testament Survey (Reg./Hon.)
Philosophy/Comparative
Worldview (Reg./Hon.)
DE Evangelism & Apologetics ¹
Practical Ministry/Discipleship
DE Principles of Leadership ¹

English

AP® English Language
& Composition
AP® English Literature
& Composition
American Literature (Reg./Hon.)
British Literature (Reg./Hon.)
World Literature I (Reg./Hon.)
World Literature II (Reg./Hon.)

Mathematics

AP® Pre-Calculus
AP® Calculus AB & BC
Intro to College Algebra
Algebra I (Reg./Hon.)
Algebra II

Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors
College Algebra
DE College Algebra ¹
Geometry (Reg./Hon.)
DE Statistics ¹
Statistic Honors
DE Trigonometry & Analytical
Geometry ¹

Science

AP® Biology
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
Biology (Reg./Hon.)
Chemistry (Reg./Hon.)
Environmental Science
Marine Science
Physics Honors
Earth Science (Reg./Hon.)
AP® Environmental Science

Social Studies

DE Psychology
AP® European History
AP® US History
American Govt.
American History (Reg./Hon.)
Hon. Comprehensive Law Studies
Economics (Reg./Hon.)

World History (Reg./Hon.)
DE American Federal Govt.
DE Lifespan Development
DE Criminal Law

Physical Education

Health Opportunities through PE
Interscholastic Sport Season (PE
Waiver)
Weight Training

Technology

AP® Computer
Science Principles
Exploring Computer Science

Performing/Fine Arts

AP® Studio Art: 2D Design
AP® Studio Art: Drawing
Art I
Band
Chorus
Creative Photography I-FLVS
Debate
DE Music Appreciation
Digital Art Imaging
Drama/Dance

Tech Theatre: Design &
Production for
Theatre and Live Events
Public Speaking

World Language

French I, II, III-FLVS, IV-FLVS
Spanish I, II, III, IV-FLVS
Latin I, II, III-all FLVS
Mandarin Chinese I, II, III-all FLVS
*Levels III & IV Honors, all
languages

Electives

Driver Education/
Traffic Safety-FLVS
Financial Literacy
Introduction to Engineering
Principles of Entrepreneurship
Marketing Management

¹ **Dual enrollment** courses in cooperation with Palm Beach Atlantic University on Boca Christian campus. **Other dual enrollment** courses available through FAU and PBSC upon approval by Guidance Department. Students must be able to travel to FAU/PBSC.

***Step Up for Students Scholarship recipients are required to pay for FLVS courses, per SUFS.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CHRISTIAN/CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Baylor University
Biola University
Charleston Southern University
Covenant College

Houghton University
LeTourneau University
Liberty University
Limestone University
Messiah College
Nyack College

Palm Beach Atlantic University, Honors
Regent University
Southeastern University
The King's College
Wheaton College

PUBLIC/PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

The American Musical &
Dramatic Academy
Amherst College
Auburn University
Babson College
Boston College
Boston University
Case Western Reserve University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University, Honors

Georgia Institute of Technology
Hofstra
Johns Hopkins University
Loyola University, Chicago
Michigan State
New York Film Academy
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Savannah College of Art & Design

Smith College
Southern Methodist University
The Citadel
The University of Alabama
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Florida
University of Central Florida
University of Miami
University of North Carolina
University of Southern Florida
University of Tampa

*This is not a complete list of Boca Raton Christian School's College Acceptances. **Italics** indicates universities and colleges that are ranked in the top 50 nationally.*
