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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) and the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Berkshire abides by NACAC's *Statement of Principles of Good Practice*.

THE SCHOOL

Berkshire School, founded in 1907, is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school located in western Massachusetts enrolling 408 students in grades 9-12 and the postgraduate year. The male/female gender balance is 55%/45%. Berkshire serves a diverse student body representing 35 states and 31 countries, including 17% international students and 25% students of color. 28% of the student body receives financial aid. The Class of 2019 has 127 seniors including 11 postgraduates. Admission to Berkshire is highly selective; for the 2018-2019 academic year over 1125 students applied for 139 available openings.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students must complete eighteen credits of academic work for graduation, including: English (4), Mathematics (3), Language (3), History (2), Science (2), and Fine Arts (1). Standard enrollment is five courses per semester. Semester and yearlong courses are offered, with semester courses earning ½ credit and yearlong courses earning 1 credit. **NOTE:** *Advanced Economics, Advanced Environmental Science Research, Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus* are top-level courses in their respective disciplines.

The **Advanced Math/Science Research** and **Advanced Humanities Research** programs are unique offerings at Berkshire School that go beyond the traditional AP® curriculum. Applications consist of written statements of interest, grades, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendations and are considered by the Director of the research program and Dean of Academics. Applicants for the AHR program must also interview with the Director. Selection is merit-based and typically occurs at the end of the sophomore or junior year.

ADVANCED MATH/SCIENCE RESEARCH (AMSR)

The Advanced Math/Science Research (AMSR) program provides students research projects in authentic laboratory settings on-campus and/or off-campus. The on and off-campus component provides opportunities to explore diverse scientific questions and places 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, nine 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 HUMANITIES RESEARCH (AHR)

Advanced Humanities Research (AHR) is a yearlong course offered to students with a deep interest in the humanities—languages, literature, history, philosophy and the arts—who wish to build on knowledge acquired in our curriculum, consistent with research experience of undergraduates in top liberal arts schools. With their instructor and a college professor who specializes in their field, students produce a scholarly paper that they present to the school and, when applicable, submit to national contests and academic journals.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT® COURSES OFFERED (17)

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

Enrollment in AP courses is determined by the department and is reserved primarily for juniors and seniors. All AP students are required to take the exam in each course.

ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED (28)

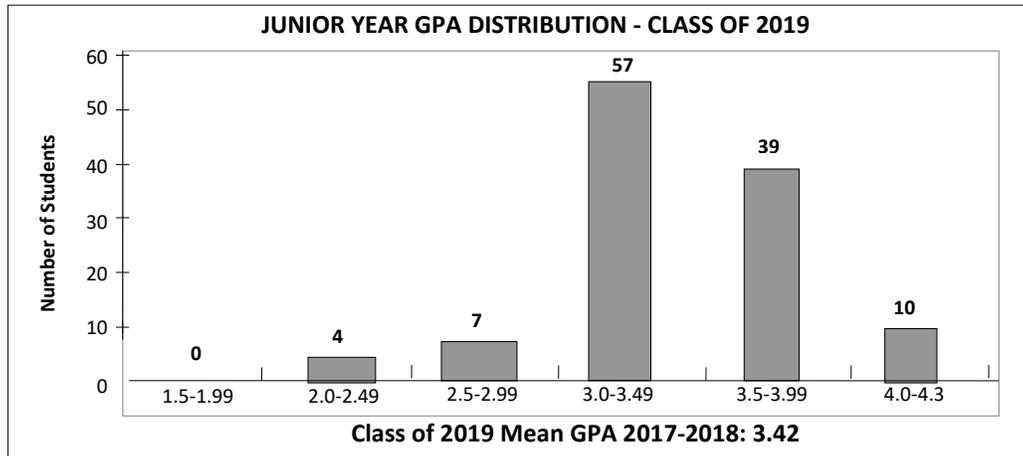
English IV, V, VI	Geometry	Physics	Digital Music
French II, III, IV	Algebra II/Trigonometry	Engineering	Jazz Ensemble
Spanish II, III, IV	Precalculus	Ceramics	Music Theory
Modern World	Precalculus Accelerated	Chamber Music	Photography
History	Biology	Chorus	Studio Art
US History	Chemistry	Digital Art	

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 2019

ENGLISH	A	B	C	D	F	LANGUAGE	A	B	C	D	F
English V	10	51	2			Advanced French III	5	3			
Advanced English V	21	7	1			Advanced French IV	5	1			
AP English Language	15	9				French III	2	7			
Creative Writing I/II	10	4				French IV	2	3			
College Writing I/II	4	2				Chinese III	2	1			
						Latin III-IV	7	3	1		
						Spanish II		2			
HISTORY	A	B	C	D	F	Spanish III	4	8	3		
US History	24	24	2			Spanish IV	3	5			
Advanced U.S. History	2	24	1			Spanish V	3				
AP U.S. History	18	4				Advanced Spanish III	4	4			
AP U.S. Government	4	1				Advanced Spanish IV	10	3			
Advanced Economics	5	2				Global Leadership Studies	6	1			
History Electives	10	14	2								
Economics & Philanthropy	4	1									
						SCIENCE	A	B	C	D	F
MATHEMATICS	A	B	C	D	F	AP Biology	1	5			
Algebra II	2	10	6	1		Chemistry	1	2	2		
Advanced Algebra II/Trig.		4				Advanced Chemistry	1	2			
Discrete Mathematics	4	1				AP Chemistry	2	2			
Precalculus	22	16	6			Physics	9	18	4		
Advanced Precalculus	7	11				Advanced Physics	7	14	1		
Advanced Precalculus Accel.	3	2				Environmental Science	6	4			
Calculus	4	3	1			AP Environmental Science	9	8			
AP Calculus AB	2	2				Science Electives	47	13	1		
AP Calculus BC	5	1				Adv. Math/Science Research	10				

Upon direct request from the colleges for information pertaining to a student's discipline record, college counselors will honestly and fully disclose if a student has been subject to a disciplinary response including, but not limited to, probation, suspension, dismissal or withdrawal from Berkshire School.



BERKSHIRE SCHOOL

CLASS of 2018 MATRICULATIONS

Babson College	Plymouth University (United Kingdom)
Bates College (3)	Princeton University
Bentley University	Providence College
Bowdoin College	Quinnipiac University
Brandeis University	Sacred Heart University
Bucknell University	Saint Anselm College
Butler University	Santa Clara University
Carleton College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Carnegie Mellon University	Sewanee: The University of the South
Coastal Carolina University	Skidmore College (2)
College of Charleston (2)	Southern Methodist University (3)
College of the Holy Cross	St. Lawrence University (7)
College of Marin	Trinity College (3)
Colgate University (2)	Tufts University (2)
Columbia University (2)	Union College (NY) (2)
Cuesta College	University of California, Los Angeles
Dartmouth College (2)	University of California, Santa Barbara
Davidson College	University of Colorado at Boulder (2)
Dickinson College (2)	University of Connecticut
Drew University	University of Connecticut, Waterbury
Elon University (3)	University of Denver (4)
Emerson College	University of Maryland, College Park
Fordham University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Hanken School of Economics (Finland)	University of Miami
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Michigan (3)
Iona College	University of Mississippi
Johns Hopkins University	University of New Hampshire
Lafayette College	University of Notre Dame
Lake Forest College	University of Richmond
Loyola Marymount University	University of San Francisco
Marist College	University of St Andrews (Scotland)
Marquette University	University of Southern California
Middlebury College	University of Virginia
Mount Holyoke College	Ursinus College
Monterrey Institute of Technology (Mexico)	Villanova University
NYU Gallatin	Wake Forest University (3)
NYU Stern	Wentworth Institute of Technology
NYU Tisch	Wheaton College (MA)
Northeastern University (2)	Williams College
Pitzer College	Yale University