



## Brooklyn Collaborative Studies (BCS)

### 2023-2024 School Profile

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#### High School Data Snapshot 9-12

**Total Enrollment:** 390

**Class of 2023 Graduation Rate:** 90.8%

**Class of 2024 Size:** 93

**Ethnic/Racial Diversity:**

43% Latinx  
36% African American  
16% White  
4% Asian  
1% Multi-racial & other

**Socioeconomic Status:**

69% Economically Disadvantaged

Our students represent every neighborhood in Brooklyn and all socioeconomic backgrounds.

#### Our Core Values

**We are collaborative:** We work together to achieve our goals.

**We are courageous:** We move beyond what is comfortable by taking risks, socially and academically, to build the strength of our community.

**We are persistent:** We realize success isn't automatic and are willing to do the work to grow as learners and community members.

**We are open-minded:** We recognize that our differences make us a stronger community, and learn from one another by openly discussing these differences while assuming best intentions.

**We are responsible:** We are responsible to, and for our own success as well as the success of our community.

**We are kind:** We are empathetic and helpful to our community members. This means we support each other academically and emotionally.

#### Habits of a Graduate

Habits which all members of our school community, students and staff aspire to. They help us prioritize social-emotional learning as equal to academic learning and support students in becoming effective learners and community members, ethical people and contributors to a better world. They are explicitly taught and assessed regularly in class through character learning targets which are separated from academic content and skill targets. Habits of a Graduate are emphasized in crew and academic classes, and drive our school wide norms.



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#### Graduation Passages: Performance-Based Assessment Tasks (PBATs)

Graduation Passage PBATs, or Performance-Based Assessment Tasks, are 10-20-page analytical papers researched, developed and revised under the supervision of a faculty mentor and publicly defended before a panel of faculty, peers and visiting experts.

Graduation Passage PBATs offer students the opportunity to produce the kind of sophisticated, high-level work typically expected in a college course. PBATs are an authentic and powerful indicator of students' readiness for the rigors of college study.

BCS students include a graded PBAT with their college application packages whenever possible.

In order to meet requirements for graduation, BCS students complete a minimum of four Graduation Passage PBATs — in Literary Analysis, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science — during their 11th and 12th grade years.

The New York State Board of Regents has approved our use of PBATs in place of Regents exams, as is the case for all member schools in the NY Performance Standards Consortium. Students at BCS do take the ELA Regents Exam.

#### Sample Graduation Passage PBATs

**Algebra 2 Graduation Passage PBAT** class, students solve non-routine problems and novel problems on demand.

**U.S. History Graduation Passage PBAT** class, students study the intimate relationship between oppressors and resisters, learning the possible costs and rewards of collective action.

**ELA Graduation Passage PBAT** class, students develop and defend a complex, original thesis comparing and contrasting two texts that explore how life's adversities strengthen a person.

#### Transcript Notes

BCS does not offer AP or IB coursework. PBATs are college-level work, and require deep analysis and sophisticated critical thinking skills.

#### Internships

All juniors at BCS participate in a semester-long Internship Program. Students work under the direction of mentors in business, nonprofit and government organizations. In Internship Seminar, students reflect on their specific experiences and connect them to larger questions about the world of work.

#### Crew

Every student at BCS is a member of a Crew. The Crew structure is central to sustaining school culture and to individual student growth. Students learn to be agents of self-change, to take responsibility for their learning, and to develop supportive, mentoring relationships with adults and peers. Students participate together in team-building initiatives, adventure experiences and community service.

#### COVID-19

##### COVID-19 has greatly impacted our school community.

Many students have experienced loss, limited access to technology, insecurity related to finances, food, and housing, the impact of which will be felt for years to come.

**Spring 2020:** BCS went fully remote on March 16, 2020 for the remainder of the school year. Per NYS Regents policy, all scheduled Regents exams were waived in June 2020. Per NYC DOE policy, students could choose to receive numerical grades or credit for the course.

**Fall 2020:** Students had the option of participating in hybrid learning. While classes were largely taught remotely and testing was waived in during the spring, we are confident that the level of rigor was maintained. In addition to an adjustment to academic classes, the pandemic also impacted students' ability to take part in extracurricular activities and seasonal sports were canceled.

##### The NYC Department of Education's grading policy revised June 2020 in response to COVID-19:

- CR** Course was passed and credit was earned but does not have a value in the student's GPA.
- NX** Course is still in progress and the student has additional time to achieve the learning outcomes.
- NC** Incomplete - student received an additional semester to achieve learning outcomes.
- P** Course was passed and credit was earned but does not have a value in the student's GPA.
- MT** Meets standards.
- N** Needs improvement will not have a numeric equivalent for courses taken in 2019-20.
- WA** Exam score indicates Regents exam is waived.
- WG** Exam score indicates Regents exam is waived.



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### College Matriculation *\*Indicates multiple attendees*

#### Private Institutions

Alfred University\*  
 Appalachian State University  
 Bard College\*  
 Barnard College  
 Bates College  
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 Beloit College  
 Brandeis University  
 Boston University  
 Bowie State University  
 Cazenovia College\*  
 Chaminade University  
 Clarkson University  
 Colby College\*  
 Colgate University  
 College of Mount Saint Vincent  
 College of St. Rose\*  
 Cornell University\*  
 Daemen College\*  
 Depauw University  
 Delaware University  
 Delaware Technical CC  
 Dowling College  
 Eugene Lang College  
 Fordham University\*  
 Franklin and Marshall\*  
 Goucher College  
 Green Mountain College  
 Grinnell College  
 Guilford College  
 Hamilton College  
 Hampshire College\*  
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
 Hofstra University  
 Howard University  
 Ithaca College\*  
 Iona College  
 Johnson & Wales University\*  
 Juniata College  
 Kean University  
 Labette CC  
 Lafayette College  
 Lawrence University\*  
 Lincoln University  
 Long Island University, Brooklyn\*

Loyola University Maryland  
 Manhattan College  
 Manhattanville College  
 Marymount Manhattan College\*  
 Mercy College  
 Middlebury College  
 Morgan State University  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Muhlenberg College\*  
 New York Institute of Technology  
 New York University\*  
 Northumbria University  
 Pace University  
 Paul Smith's College\*  
 Pitzer College  
 Pratt Institute  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Russell Sage College\*  
 Sage College of Albany\*  
 Skidmore College\*  
 Smith College  
 Sarah Lawrence College\*  
 Spelman College  
 St. Bonaventure University\*  
 St. Francis College\*  
 St. John Fisher College  
 St. Lawrence University\*  
 St. Joseph's College\*  
 Syracuse University\*  
 Union College\*  
 Utica College\*  
 University of Scranton  
 University of Southern California  
 Virginia State University\*  
 Vassar College  
 Vaughn College  
 Warren Wilson College\*

#### State University of New York

Alfred State\*  
 Binghamton  
 Brockport  
 Broome  
 Buffalo State College\*  
 Canton\*  
 Clinton

Cobleskill\*  
 Delhi\*  
 Dutchess  
 Fashion Institute of Technology\*  
 Fredonia\*  
 Fulton-Montgomery  
 Genesee\*  
 Genesee  
 Institute of Technology  
 Mohawk Valley  
 Morrisville\*  
 New Paltz\*  
 Onondaga  
 Oswego\*  
 Plattsburgh\*  
 Potsdam\*  
 Purchase\*  
 Stony Brook University\*  
 Sullivan County  
 University at Albany\*  
 University at Buffalo\*

#### City University of New York

Baruch College\*  
 Borough of Manhattan CC\*  
 Brooklyn College\*  
 City College of New York\*  
 College of Staten Island\*  
 Stella & Charles Guttman CC  
 Hunter College\*  
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice\*  
 Kingsborough CC\*  
 LaGuardia CC\*  
 Lehman College  
 Medgar Evers College\*  
 New York CityTech\*  
 Queensborough CC  
 York College\*

#### Did You Know?

BCS has had **14 Posse Scholars** in the past 10 years.

**90% of the Class of 2023 was admitted to multiple colleges** with 54% matriculating to 4-year institutions.