

# BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL



## 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL PROFILE

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**Administration** **Scott Hurwitz, Principal**  
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**Counselors (10 months)**  
**Marcy Sansolo (Grade 12)**  
Kirstin Abrahams (Grade 11)  
Chad Southerland (Grade 9,10)  
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**Dawn Leeds (9 &10) Department Chair**  
**Paola Perez (Grade 12)**  
Grace D'Onofrio (Grade 11)  
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### COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

Brien McMahon High School is a four-year comprehensive high school. Our current student enrollment is **1712** with 396 seniors. We have a **Professional Staff of 169** and we are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Brien McMahon has 73% minority populations and an approximate per pupil spending of \$16,989. We currently field 24 varsity athletics teams and 30 clubs. Brien McMahon was named a US News and World Report Silver medal High School and the #2 most diverse High School in Connecticut by Niche.

The City of Norwalk is situated in the Southwest corner of Fairfield County Connecticut with approximately 86,000 residents. One quarter hold a bachelor's degree or higher. We are fortunate to have an extremely diverse population; Brien McMahon High School is a reflection of this community. There are two comprehensive high schools in the City of Norwalk, as well as CGS High School housed at Brien McMahon and the P-Tech High School at Norwalk High.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**IB World School, Diploma Programme:** The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, aged 16 to 19, for success at university and in life beyond. IBDP candidates must complete 3 HL subjects and 3 SL courses from Groups 1- 5. Group 6 is recommended, but not required. IBDP candidates must complete the independent TOK, CAS, and EE requirements. The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet help to create a better and more peaceful world. IB learners strive to be principled, reflective, open-minded, balanced and reflective.

**Concurrent Enrollment:** We offer 9 UCONN Early College Experience courses approved for college credit through the UCONN Cooperative Program. UConn Early College Experience (ECE) provides academically motivated students the opportunity to take university courses while still in high school. ECE instructors, who are certified as adjunct professors by UConn faculty, create a classroom environment fostering independent learning, creativity and critical thinking. ECE students must successfully complete the course with a grade of "C+ or better in order to receive university credit.

**STEM Education:** BMHS students have the opportunity to take pre-engineering courses as part of their high school program. The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Pathway to Engineering Program and the McMahon Healthcare Academy (MHA) are designed as a flexible four-year sequence and are taught in conjunction with traditional mathematics and science courses.

**Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy:** To attain the Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy, students' *use* of languages must be demonstrated, rather than their knowledge about the language. Students' must demonstrate proficiency in English and another language by meeting specific criteria. The language performance should be demonstrated in both social and academic use of the language, in all modes of communication.

**The EL (English Learners) Program** provides classes in English, Math, Science and History. EL Foundations courses are designed for recent arrivals that have formal gaps in their education.

**\*COVID-19 Response for Students: In March of 2020, BMHS moved to remote learning for the remainder of the school year. We were not able to offer SAT School Day testing to all juniors as we have in the past. AP Exams taken at home and online. We are currently operating in a hybrid synchronys-learning model for the 2020 – 2021 school year.**

### ENROLLMENT STATISTICS 2020

Total Students	1712
Hispanic/ Latino	51%
Black / African American	19%
Asian	5%
White	25%
Special Services	
Free/Reduces Lunch	62%

### IB Year Two Data 2020

Diplomme's Awarded	11
Highest Test Score	35

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT 2020.

Total Scholars: 40	AP Scholar w/ Distinction	AP Scholar w/ Honor	AP Scholars
Scholars	9	4	24
Average Score	3.88	3.84	3.13

**Courses are open to all students.** 355 Advanced Placement Examinations were administered to 217 students in May of 2020. Of those students, 66.0% of students scored 3 or higher

### DISTRIBUTION OF SAT SCORES 2019\*

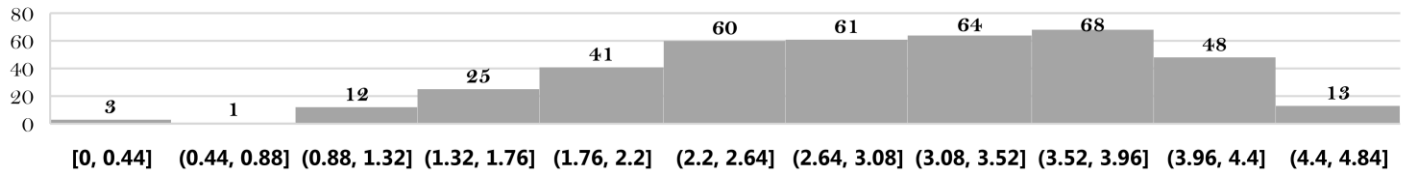
Score Range	Students	Percentage
400 - 790	62	14%
800 - 1190	299	69%
1200 - 1600	76	17%

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE Class of 2021 (6/16/20)**

<b>Graduates</b>	394
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<b>Highest overall GPA</b>	4.59
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**Grade Distribution for the Class of 2021**



\*Beginning with the class of 2021 NPS/ BMHS will no longer report class rank\* (BOE Policy 6146d 2/19/19)

**THE MARKING SYSTEM**

The grade point average, computed on a 5.0 scale, includes all academic subjects in which a student has received a letter grade.

Grade	Value	Default	Honors	AP/IB/ECE
A	(93-100)	4.0000	4.5000	5.0000
A-	(90-92)	3.7000	4.2000	4.7000
B+	(87-89)	3.3000	3.8000	4.3000
B	(83-86)	3.0000	3.5000	4.0000
B-	(80-82)	2.7000	3.2000	3.7000
C+	(77-79)	2.3000	2.8000	3.3000

Grade	Value	Default	Honors	AP/IB/ECE
C	(73-76)	2.0000	2.5000	3.0000
C-	(70-72)	1.7000	2.2000	2.7000
D+	(67-69)	1.3000	1.8000	2.3000
D	(63-66)	1.0000	1.5000	2.0000
D-	(60-62)	0.7000	1.2000	1.7000
F	(0-59)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

All students in the class of 2020 are required to complete a minimum of 25 credits for graduation. Graduation requirements include a full year of U.S. History, a semester of Civics and a full year of a lab science.

English	4 credits	Electives	4 credits	Math	4 credits	Physical Education	1 credits
History	3 credits	World Language	2 credits	STEM	2 credits	Health	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Fine Art	1 credits				

**SAMPLE OF COURSE OFFERINGS 2020 – 2021**

Program of Studies with full course catalogue: [https://bmhs.norwalkps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_71770/File/2018-2019/PROGRAM%20OF%20STUDIES%20FINAL%2019%2020.pdf](https://bmhs.norwalkps.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_71770/File/2018-2019/PROGRAM%20OF%20STUDIES%20FINAL%2019%2020.pdf)

**(12) Senior English Courses provide all seniors with an opportunity to choose their two semester courses as core classes**

ENGLISH	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE	WORLD LANGUAGE
AP Lang & Comp AP Literature & Composition Adolescent Literature (12) Crime Studies (12) Greece to Gotham (12) Public Speaking (12) Sports Literature (12) Adv. Creative Writing (12) The Poetry of Music (12) The Immigrant Experience (12) The Arts Through Decades (12) Honors English 9,10,11 English 9, 10 ,11 Transition English Dramatic Experience Creative Writing Critical Approaches to Film Culture and Conflict in Literature Journalism 1,2,3 Honors	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Computer Science A Honors Algebra 1&2 Honors Geometry Honors Precalculus Algebra 1 & 2 Geometry Statistics Precalculus Probability & Statistics Computer Science 1&2 Logic Math for College Success	AP Economics AP Psychology AP US History, ECE US History Honors Constitution Honors Economics Civics Contemporary Issues Freshman Seminar Genocide Latin American Studies Psychology Revolution and Terrorism Sociology Themes in African American History	Biology, UCONN ECE Chemistry, UCONN ECE Physics B, UCONN ECE AP Physics 2 Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors Physics Biology Chemistry Earth and Integrated Physical Science Physics Marine Studies Astronomy Environmental Science Forensics Genetics Marine Biology Meteorology	AP Latin IB Italian IB French IB and ECE IB Spanish IB and ECE French 1-4 , Honors Italian 1-4. Honors Latin 1-4, Honors Spanish 1-5, Honors Native Spanish 2,3,4, Honors  <b>FINE ARTS &amp; MUSIC</b> <b>Advances Music Theory</b> AP Studio Art 2D, 3D and Drawing Principal Orchestra, Honors Wind Symphony, Honors Choral Ensemble, Honors Chamber Singers, Honors

MHA (Medical Health Care Academy)	PLTW Engineering	IB	IB	ELEVTIVES
Honors Healthcare Readiness Honors Biomedical Science Honors Human Body Systems Honors Medical Interventions UCONN Medical Terminology  <b>PLTW Computer Science</b> Honors Computer Science Essentials Honors Computer Science Principal Honors Cybersecurity	Honors Intro to Engineering Design Honors Principals of Engineering Honors Digital Electronics Honors Aerospace Engineering Honors Biotechnical Engineering	IB Language English HL, SL IB Arabic HL, SL ,i IB Chinese i IB French SL i IB Italian i IB Japanese SL IB Spanish HL, SL, i IB Business Management HL IB Environmental Systems SL IB Global Politics SL IB History HL,SL IB Psychology SL IB Sports, Exercise & Health Science SL IB Physics SL, HL	IB Analysis and Approach HL, SL IB Applications and Interpretations SL IB Film HL,SL IB Visual Arts HL, SL  <b>IB CORE</b> Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay CAS  <b>IBCP</b> Personal Professional Skills 1	Comp TIA (ITF+) Honors Entrepreneurship, ECE Honors Accounting, ECE Peer Assisted Art, PE, HE NJROTC  <b>EL</b> EL 1 – 3, Foundations EL Algebra EL Geometry EL Biology EL Chemistry ESL Civics EL US History ESL World History

## CORE VALUES

Brien McMahon High School will prepare all students for the challenges of the 21st century by fostering intellectual curiosity and inspiring our students to become responsible, ethical, and innovative members of a global society. We believe that students learn best when they are engaged in their own learning, when there are clear and consistent expectations and when there is a safe, supportive, respectful and collaborative learning environment.

**NOTE:** Brien McMahon High School does not share disciplinary records with secondary institutions. We counsel students to answer honestly any questions regarding their disciplinary history.

### PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

44% attending 4-Year Colleges    43.3% attending 2-Year    10% employment    1% joined the Armed Forces    1.6% other

Recent Graduates have been accepted at the following colleges and universities.

The University of Alabama	D'Youville College	Johnson & Wales University	Northwestern University in Qatar	St. Thomas Aquinas College
University of Alaska Anchorage	Daemen College	Juniata College	Norwalk Community College	St. Thomas University
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	University of Dallas	University of Kansas	Norwich University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Albertus Magnus College	Dartmouth College	Kean University	University of Notre Dame	Stockton University
Alfred University	Dean College	Keene State College	Nova Southeastern University	Stonehill College
Allegheny College	Delaware State University	Keiser University of Kentucky	Nyack College	Stony Brook University
American University	University of Delaware	Kenyon College	Ohio University	Suffolk University
The American University of Paris	Denison University	La Salle University	Ohio Wesleyan University	SUNY Albany
Amherst College	University of Denver	Lackawanna College	Old Dominion University	SUNY Buffalo State College
Anna Maria College	Dickinson College	Lafayette College	University of Oregon	SUNY College at Cobleskill
Arcadia University	Dominican College	Lasell College	Pace University	SUNY Morrisville State College
Arizona State University	Drexel University	Lawrence University	Paul Smith's College	Swarthmore College
The University of Arizona	Duke University	Le Moyne College	Pennsylvania State University	Syracuse University
ArtEZ Hogeschool voor de Kunsten	Duquesne University	Lehigh University	University of Pennsylvania	The University of Tampa
Assumption College	East Carolina University	Lesley University	Pepperdine University	Temple University
College of the Atlantic	Eastern Connecticut State University	Liberty University	University of Pittsburgh	Tennessee State University
Auburn University	Eastern University	Lincoln College of New England	Pitzer College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Babson College	Elizabethtown College	Lincoln Technical Institute	Plymouth State University	Texas State University
Bard College	Elon University	Lincoln University	Point Park University	The University of Texas, Arlington
Barnard College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Long Island University, Brooklyn	Pomona College	The University of Texas, Dallas
Barry University	Emmanuel College	Loyola Marymount University	Porter and Chester Institute (Stratford)	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Barton College	Emory University	Loyola University Maryland	Post University	The Cooper Union
Baruch College of the CUNY	Endicott College	Lynn University	Pratt Institute	The Culinary Institute of America- NY (Main Campus)
Bates College	Fairfield University	Macalester College	Presbyterian College	The New School - All Divisions
Bay Path University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Maine College of Art	Prescott College	The Ohio State University
Baylor University	Flagler College	University of Maine	Providence College	Thomas College
Becker College	Florida Institute of Technology	Manhattan College	Purchase College, SUNY	Towson University
Belmont University	Florida International University	Manhattanville College	Purdue University	Trinity College
Berkeley College	University of Florida	Marist College	Queens College of the CUNY	Tufts University
Berklee College of Music	Fordham University	Marquette University	Quinnipiac University	Tulane University
Binghamton University	Franklin & Marshall College	Marshall University	Radford University	Union College (New York)
Boston College	Franklin Pierce University	University of Maryland	Ramapo College of New Jersey	University at Buffalo The State University of New York
Boston Conservatory	Full Sail University	Marymount Manhattan College	Regent University	University of Cincinnati Blue Ash/Clermont College
Boston University	Furman University	Marymount University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Lynchburg
Bowdoin College	Gateway Community College	University of Massachusetts	Rhode Island College	The University of Northwestern Ohio
Brandeis University	George Mason University	Mercy College	University of Rhode Island	University of St Andrews
Brevard College	The George Washington University	Mercyhurst University	Rhodes College	University of Utah
University of Bridgeport	University of Georgia	Meredith College	Rice University	Utica College
Brigham Young University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Merrimack College	University of Richmond	Vassar College
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Georgia Southern University	Messiah College	Rider University	Vermont Technical College
Brown University	Georgia State University	Miami University, Oxford	Rivier University	University of Vermont
Bryn Mawr College	Georgia State University	University of Miami	Roanoke College	Villanova University
Bucknell University	Gettysburg College	Miami-Dade College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Virginia Military Institute
Cabrini University	Gordon College	Michigan State University	University of Rochester	Virginia Tech
California Lutheran University	Goucher College	Michigan Technological University	Roger Williams University	Virginia State University
California State University	Green Mountain College	University of Michigan	Rollins College	Virginia Union University
University of California, Berkeley	Universidad Aut�noma de Guadalajara	Middlebury College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Virginia Wesleyan University
University of California, Los Angeles	Hamilton College - NY	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Sacred Heart University	University of Virginia
Canisius College	Hampden-Sydney College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Saint Anselm College	Wake Forest University
Carnegie Mellon University	Hampton University	Mitchell College	College of Saint Elizabeth	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Case Western Reserve University	University of Hartford	Monmouth University	Saint Joseph's University	Wesleyan University
The Catholic University of America	Hartwick College	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Saint Joseph	West Virginia University
CCC, Harold Washington College	Harvard University	Montserrat College of Art	Salem State University	Westchester Community College
Central Connecticut State University	High Point University	Moravian College	Salve Regina University	Western Carolina University
Champlain College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Morgan State University	University of San Diego	Western Connecticut State University
College of Charleston	Hofstra University	Mount Saint Mary College	Sarah Lawrence College	Western New England University
City College of New York CUNY	College of the Holy Cross	College of Mount Saint Vincent	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	Westminster Choir College
City University of London	Howard University	Muhlenberg College	The University of Scranton	Westminster College
Clark Atlanta University	Hult International Business School - London	Naval Submarine School	Nazareth College	Wheaton College MA
Clark University	Hunter College of the CUNY	Nazareth College	Seattle University	Whitman College
Clarkson University	Husson University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Seton Hall University	Willamette University
Clayton State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	New England College	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	William Peace University
Clemson University	Instituto Tecnol6gico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Campus Guadalajara	New England Institute of Technology	Siena College	Williams College
Coastal Carolina University	University of Illinois at Urbana	University of New Hampshire at Durham	Sierra Nevada College	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Colby College	Iona College	University of New Haven	Simmons University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colby-Sawyer College	Ithaca College	New Jersey City University	Skidmore College	Xavier University
Colgate University	Jacksonville University	The College of New Jersey	Smith College	Yale University
University of Colorado at Boulder	James Madison University	New York Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina	
Colorado College	Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University)	New York University	University of Southern California	
Colorado State University	John Cabot University	North Carolina A&T State University	Southern Connecticut State University	
Columbia University	John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Southern Methodist University	
Concordia College - New York	Johns Hopkins University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Southern New Hampshire University	
Concordia University - Montreal		Newbury College	Spelman College	
Connecticut College		Nichols College	Springfield College	
Curry College		North Carolina State University	St. John's University	
		Northeastern University	St. Lawrence University	
		Northern Vermont University		