

# *Boca Raton Community High*

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## **2013-2014 Profile**

**(College Board CEEB Code: 100131)**

*Excellence is generated at the intersection of talent, passion, and opportunity.*

*Excellence is generated at Boca Raton Community High School.*

### **General Information**

Established in 1963 and rebuilt in 2004, Boca Raton Community High School (BRCHS) is the largest school in Palm Beach County with 3,000 students, born in over 70 different countries. Florida's Department of Education has rated BRCHS as an "A" school for eight consecutive years, the longest streak earned by any of Florida's 350 comprehensive public high schools. In May, 2013, the *Washington Post* ranked BRCHS 23<sup>rd</sup> in the United States.

BRCHS has a diverse and dynamic staff. Over 40% hold advanced degrees and 17 teachers have earned National Board Certification.

### **Profile of Graduates**

Over 88% of graduates continue in post-secondary education, including four-year colleges, military programs, and technical schools. Recent graduates have enrolled in Florida's top universities, in addition to our nation's finest institutions, including Air Force Academy, American, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brown, California Berkeley, Colby, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Georgia, Georgia Tech, George Washington, Georgetown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, MIT, Naval Academy, NYU, North Carolina, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Pepperdine, Princeton, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Virginia, and West Point.

### **General Curriculum**

BRCHS services students in grades 9–12. On-site programs are offered in exceptional student education, regular, honors, gifted, Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College Dual Enrollment classes, as well as the following Advanced Placement (AP) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses:

AP: American History, Art, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics B, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, United States Government, and World History.

AICE: Art/Digital Photography A and AS, Business A and AS, Chemistry, Divinity, English, French, General Paper, History of the Americas, International History, Marine Science, Math, Music, Sociology, Spanish, Thinking Skills A and AS, and Travel and Tourism.



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### Special Programs, Magnet/Choice Offerings

- BRCHS has a nationally renowned Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Academy.
- According to a Cambridge executive, the BRCHS Cambridge AICE program is the largest in the world, with over 4,000 college level AICE classes being taken by students each year.
- The BRCHS Bobcat Battalion has the longest streak of Distinguished Unit ratings, and top sustained performance rankings of any Navy Jr. ROTC in the USA over the past 12 years.
- BRCHS student leaders have won more top honors than any student leaders at the State Student Government Association Convention during each of the past seven years.
- The BRCHS Science Olympiad team has finished first in Florida for the past three years.

### Athletics and Clubs

BRCHS is a Florida High School Athletic Association member and won the Sun Sentinel All Sports Award in 2013, earning the top point total of any public or private high school in Palm Beach County. Students are encouraged to engage in community service, cultivate leadership skills, and develop talents through extracurricular involvement.

The most popular athletic and extra-curricular activities are band (jazz/marching/percussion/symphonic), baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, chess, chorus, color guard, cross-country, dance, debate, drama, football (flag for girls and tackle for boys), golf, lacrosse, leadership (student council), musical theater, Navy JROTC, newspaper/journalism, softball, science Olympiad (reigning state champion), soccer, swimming (reigning state champion in boys swimming), tennis, track and field, volleyball, (reigning state champion in girls volleyball), water polo, weightlifting, wrestling, and yearbook/journalism.

### Grading

Letter Grades	A	B	C	D	F
Grading Scale	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59
Grade Point Value	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0
Advanced Placement/AICE Value	6.0	4.5	3.0	1.5	0
Honors Value	4.5	3.375	2.25	1.125	0

### Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a grade point average of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to meet graduation requirements. Rank is based on the HPA, with 1.125 weight for honors courses and 1.5 weight for AICE and AP courses. There are 18-credit and 24-credit diploma options. Here are the graduation requirements for a 24-credit diploma: English (4 Credits); Algebra/Mathematics (4 Credits); Biology (1 Credit); Physical Science (1 Credit); Science Elective (1 Credit); American History (1 Credit); World History (1 Credit); Economics (½ Credit); American Government (½ Credit); Physical Education (1 Credit); Practical/Performing Arts (1 Credit); Electives (8½ Credits). Earning an AICE Diploma from the University of Cambridge waives graduation requirements with the principal's permission.

### Student Endorsement

BRCHS graduates have been empowered to develop superlative work habits, master challenging material, discover the skills and need to serve, explore passions and talents, and aspire to the highest standard of excellence throughout life.



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