ACHIEVEMENT FIRST BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL

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NETWORK OVERVIEW

Achievement First is a network of 37 high-performing, public charter schools serving more than 14,000 students in New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status, or zip code. Achievement First operates three high schools—including AF Brooklyn High—in Brooklyn, New York.

STUDENT POPULATION

Class of 2020 Enrollment	**97**
Total Enrollment for 2019-2020	**326**
Graduation Rate	**96%**
Average Daily Attendance	**96%**
Latinx	**9%**
Black	**90%**
Male	**46%**
Female	**54%**

AF'S NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOLS

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The mission of Achievement First Brooklyn High School, a college-preparatory public charter school in Brooklyn, New York, is to provide students from historically-underserved communities with a top-quality education to prepare them for the rigor of college work and help them flourish on college campuses. AF Brooklyn High's approach includes a rigorous, college-preparatory course of study, tutoring, intensive college counseling, and robust athletic and elective programs.

- AF Brooklyn High serves predominantly Black students from Brooklyn. Approximately 60% of AF Brooklyn High students will be the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university.
- Because of their longer academic day and year, students at AF Brooklyn High receive nearly 400 hours of additional classroom time compared to their peers in traditional New York City district schools.
- AF Brooklyn High's rigorous curriculum emphasizes core academic subjects: literature, composition, history, math, and science. Students are required to take four full years of coursework in each of these subjects.
- All students take at least one Advanced Placement course, and approximately half of the school's students take two or more AP courses.

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Band
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball
- Boys' and Girls' Soccer
- Brothers in Leadership
- Cheerleading
- Circle of Sisters
- The Curly Code: A Natural Hair Club
- Dance Company
- Hip-Hop Dance Team
- Girls' Volleyball
- Step Team
- Track & Field

99% OF THE CLASS OF 2020 IS **ENROLLED IN AP CLASSES.**

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THE CLASS OF 2020 IS AF BROOKLYN HIGH'S EIGHTH GRADUATING CLASS

GRADING POLICY & PHILOSOPHY

- AF Brooklyn High uses a 100-point grading scale, with 70 as the minimum grade to pass a course and 50 as the lowest published grade. Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated as the arithmetic average (total quality points divided by credits) of all weighted courses taken.
- The faculty strives to protect against grade inflation; consequently, "A"s and "B"s are hard-earned. While AF Brooklyn High students may have overall lower GPAs than their peers in traditional district schools, this is not a reflection of their academic tenacity or ultimate mastery. Rather, it is a reflection of the high expectations to which students are held.

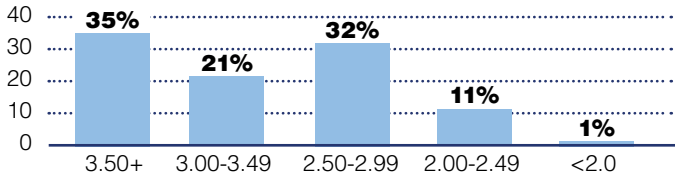
GRADING SCALE

Course Grade	Standard Course Weighting	AP/ College Course Weighting
A+ (97-100)	4.33	5.33
A (93-96)	4.0	5.0
A- (90-92)	3.66	4.66
B+ (87-89)	3.33	4.33
B (83-86)	3.0	4.0
B- (80-82)	2.66	3.66
C+ (77-79)	2.33	3.33
C (73-76)	2.0	3.0
C- (70-72)	1.66	2.66
F (0-69)	0	0

JUNIOR YEAR GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	90-100	80-89	70-79	Below 70
Seminar	**31%**	**31%**	**29%**	**0%**
History	**16%**	**44%**	**39%**	**2%**
Literature	**27%**	**56%**	**17%**	**0%**
Science	**25%**	**41%**	**34%**	**0%**
Mathematics	**17%**	**29%**	**52%**	**2%**

CLASS OF 2020 CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION



**As a result of our evolving course of study, Composition and Seminar have been used interchangeably on transcripts.*

COURSE OF STUDY

SUBJECT	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
Literature	Literature I	World Literature	AP Language and Composition	American Literature, AP Literature
Seminar	Composition I	Pre-AP Seminar	AP Seminar	AP Research
Math	Common Core Algebra	Common Core Geometry	Algebra II w/Pre-Calculus	AP Statistics, AP Calculus, College Algebra
History	World History I	AP World History	AP US History	Government and Politics, AP Government and Politics
Science	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	AP Biology, AP Psychology
World Language	n/a	n/a	Spanish I	Spanish II
Foundations of Leadership	Foundations of Leadership I	Foundations of Leadership II	Foundations of Leadership III	Foundations of Leadership IV
Physical Education	Dance, Fitness, Physical Education			
Elective and Health	Art, Dance, Music, Speech & Debate, Theater			

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: NEW YORK VS. AF BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL

Subject	English	Math	History	Science	World Language	PE	Arts	Electives	Total Credits
State of NY Requirements	4	3	4	3	1	2	1	3	21
AF Brooklyn High Requirements	8	4	4	4	1	2	1	3	24

89% OF THE AF BROOKLYN HIGH **CLASS OF 2018** AND

96% OF THE AF BROOKLYN HIGH **CLASS OF 2019** ARE ENROLLED IN TWO AND FOUR YEAR **COLLEGES**

COLLEGE MATRICULATION & PERSISTENCE

Achievement First seeks to disrupt the "norm," in a country where enduring inequities mean just 9% of students from low-income families earn a college degree by age 24. Our graduates' projected college completion rate is 55% —six times the national average—and we're working hard to ensure that rate grows until it equals, then surpasses, the graduation rate for our country's most affluent students.

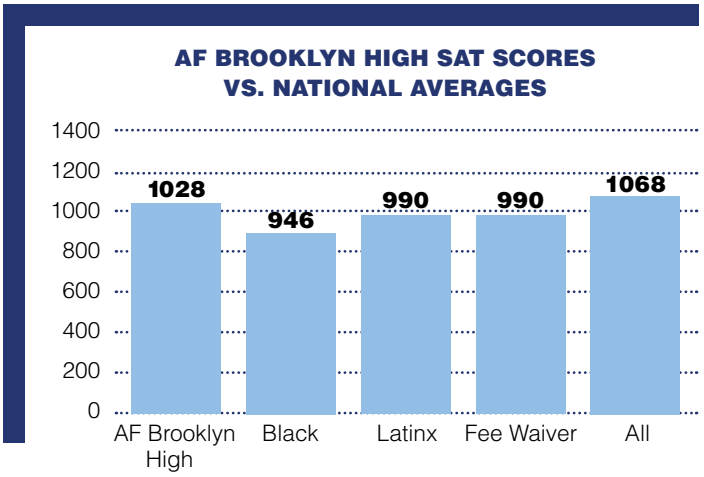
AF Brooklyn High supports graduates beyond high school by:

- Matching all students with a college success counselor who provides individualized outreach and support.
- Building cohorts of AF graduates at schools with high expected college completion rates for students of color.

BEYOND ACADEMICS

All students take elective courses that are embedded in the school day. In addition, 75% of AF Brooklyn High students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.

During their high school careers, members of the Class of 2020 will participate in at least three summer programs, allowing them to augment their rigorous academic experience with exploratory learning experiences beyond the classroom. Sixty percent of students participated in a pre-college summer program and 75% of students participated in a summer internship.



SELECTED AF BROOKLYN HIGH COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Adelphi University
Albright College
Allegheny College
Agnes Scott College
American University
Amherst College
Barnard College
Baruch College
Bates College
Binghamton University
Bowdoin College
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College
Brown University
Buffalo State College
City College
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Staten Island
College of Technology at Delhi
College of the Holy Cross
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Dickinson College
Emory University
Farmingdale State College
Franklin & Marshall College
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hampton University
Howard University
Hunter College
Ithaca College
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lehman College
McDaniel College
Morehouse College
Morrisville State College
New York City College of Technology
Pace University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Queens College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Scripps College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Spelman College
Stanford University
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Potsdam
Stony Brook University
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
The New School
Trinity College
Union College
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
University of Rochester
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
York College

60% OF AF BROOKLYN HIGH STUDENTS WILL BE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND **COLLEGE.**