

**Class of 2022**  
*Frequently Asked Questions*

**1. Are students separated by grade level in class?**

*Most of your core academic classes (Math, Social Studies, English, and Science) are grade specific while you will find more mixing of grades in elective classes.*

**2. Are lunches separated by grade levels?**

*Lunches are not currently separated by grade levels.*

**3. How many electives are there to choose from?**

*Click [here](#) to access our 2018-2019 Program of Studies, which includes all courses we offer.*

**4. Where do I find all the course descriptions and availabilities?**

*.Click [here](#) to access our 2018-2019 Program of Studies.*

**5. What are the different levels of classes available? And at what grade level can I take them? Are they weighted differently?**

*We offer Academic, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses. There are prerequisites (completing a particular class, earning a certain grade in a class, etc.) for many courses we offer. For the most part, 9th graders will choose from Academic or Honors courses. Each level is weighted differently, in order of highest to lowest, Advanced Placement, Academic, and Honors. This means an "A" in an Honors class earns you more points toward your Grade Point Average (GPA) than an "A" in an Academic class.*

**6. What is the average amount homework per night?**

*The average amount of homework per night usually depends on the course level (Academic, Honors, or AP).*

**7. What are credits and how are they earned?**

*Students earn credit if they complete a course with a passing grade. The amount of credit earned is based on the length of the course (marking period, semester or full year).*

**8. How often and how long are “free periods”, including lunch?**

*Many students will have a study hall on their schedule. Study halls are as long as any other class period, 83 minutes. Lunches are 25 minutes.*

**9. How long are the classes?**

*We have a A/B block schedule. 4 classes one day and 4 different classes the next day. Classes are 83 minutes long.*

**10. When do class periods start and end?**

*Below is the regular school day bell schedule. Your lunch option depends on if you have a 3rd period class on that day.*

<i>Lunch Option 1</i>	<i>Lunch Option 2</i>
1 7:15-8:38 (83)	1 7:15-8:38 (83)
2 8:43-10:06 (83)	2 8:43-10:06 (83)
3 Lunch or Flex 10:11-10:35 (24)	3 10:11-11:34 (83)
4 Lunch or Flex 10:40-11:04 (24)	4 Lunch or Flex 11:39-12:03 (24)
5 11:09-12:32 (83)	5 Lunch or Flex 12:08-12:32 (24)
6 12:37-2:00 (83)	6 12:37-2:00 (83)

**11. Are classes located in wings by grade level?**

*Classrooms are generally grouped by department, with a few exceptions.*

**12. How will I find my classes during the first week of school?**

*The faculty and staff will be in the hallways, happy to help you find your next class. Peer Counselors will also be available to send you in the right direction.*

**13. What are the theater and singing programs like? Can Freshmen join?**

*Our theater and choral programs are very popular and quite successful. Freshmen are always invited to participate in these activities.*

**14. What sports are available and when do they start? What kind of grades are needed in order to play?**

*Click [here](#) to visit our Athletics homepage. We offer more than 20 different sports throughout the year. Click the "Athletic Handbook" link on the Athletics homepage for more information on athletics and academic eligibility.*

**15. Does the high school offer classes based on career paths?**

*Students interested in taking courses aligned to a particular career path should meet with their School Counselor to discuss the best options.*

**16. Is World Language a requirement for graduation? How many languages are offered?**

*Students in the Class of 2022 must pass 2 credits of World Language courses. However, most colleges and universities look more favorably on students who have completed 3 years of high school World Languages. We currently offer French and Spanish.*

**17. How many credits do I need to graduate?**

*Students are required to earn 25 credits in various categories to graduate from Brookfield High School.*

<b>Humanities (9.0 credits)</b>	
English	4.0
Social Studies <i>Required courses: United States History and Civics/American Government</i>	4.0
Fine and Performing Arts	1.0
<b>Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (8.0 credits)</b>	
Math <i>Required courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Statistics</i>	4.0
Science <i>Required credits: One Life Science and one Physical Science</i>	4.0
<b>Career and Life Skills (4.5 credits)</b>	
Physical Education	2.0
Health <i>Note: Class of 2022 students need 1.0 credit of Health. Adjustments to credit requirements in the Career and Life Skills category will be made in 2019-2020 school year</i>	0.5
Career and Life Skills Electives <i>Required courses: Personal Finance and Digital Student</i>	2.0
<b>World Languages</b>	2.0
<b>Senior Demonstration Project</b>	1.0
<b>Community Service</b>	0.5
<b><u>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDITS</u>      <u>25.0</u></b>	

**18. Is there extra help available?**

*Extra help is available from teachers upon request. Other high school students provide tutoring through National Honor Society and the Writing and Math Center.*

**19. What is GPA? How is calculated and why is it important?**

*GPA stands for Grade Point Average and it is calculated at the end of each school year. Points are awarded based on the grade earned in a particular level. See the chart below. Many colleges and universities use GPA as one of many descriptors of academic success.*

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Academic	Honors	AP/ECE*
A+	97-100	4.33	4.67	5.33
A	93-96	4.0	4.34	5.0
A-	90-92	3.67	4.01	4.67
B+	87-89	3.33	3.67	4.33
B	83-86	3.0	3.34	4.0
B-	80-82	2.67	3.01	3.67
C+	77-79	2.33	2.67	3.33
C	73-76	2.0	2.34	3.00
C-	70-72	1.67	2.01	2.67
D+	67-69	1.33	1.67	2.33
D	65-66	1.00	1.34	2.00
F	0-64	0.00	0.00	0.00

**20. Do we have lockers? Can we carry backpacks?**

*All 9th graders have lockers and those assignments and combinations will be distributed at our New Student Orientation in August. Students are allowed to carry backpacks.*

**21. Do I have to bring school supplies the first day of school?**

*Come with the essentials (pens, pencils, and something to write on) and your teachers will let you know what you need to get for their class.*

**22. What about physicals?**

*All incoming 9th graders need to have a full physical completed on the State of Connecticut form, along with copies of their immunizations. All students who plan on playing a sport will need a physical that has been completed in the past year.*

**23. What about medications I need?**

*Students are not allowed to carry medications on their person, unless it is an inhaler or epipen and the nurses have a doctor's order on file in their office.*

**24. If I have a 504 or IEP, will there be a meeting before school starts?**

*504 and IEP meetings, in preparation for next school year, will start in May.*

**25. How do I pick my classes?**

*You will work with your 8th grade School Counselor and teachers who will walk you through the selection process and advise you on courses and the level of challenge that would be the most appropriate for you. You will also work with your parents to review your choices.*

**26. Who will my School Counselor be?**

*School Counselors are assigned based on the student's last name (see chart below). We also have a College and Career Counselor (Mrs. Lungariello) who is available to meet with students in all grades.*

Student Last Name	Counselor
A-Di	Mrs. Gioglio
Do-K	Mrs. Vanak
L-Q	Mrs. Burch
R-Z	Ms. McCabe

**27. How do I get involved in after school clubs and activities?**

*There will be a Club and Activity Day in the first few weeks of school. You will have the opportunity to talk to students involved in these clubs and activities and figure out if you want to get involved.*

**28. Are the rules different at Brookfield High School?**

*We have a Student & Parent Handbook ([click here to view the 2017-18 edition](#)) that contains valuable information about Brookfield High School as well as a Code of Conduct that we expect students to follow.*

**29. What do I do if I have a personal issue or if I have an issue with another student?**

*It depends on the issue but the first step would be to tell an adult. You may know that certain people in the building (school counselors, social workers, teachers, case managers, administrators, etc.) who would be best suited to help you solve your problem. If you aren't sure who to go to, go to the Main Office or School Counseling Office, let them know what is going on, and they will send you in the right direction to get help.*

**30. Will I be prepared to take the SAT?**

*You will be! The test is aligned to the Connecticut Common Core Standards, the document we use to design our curriculum. You will take the practice SAT (PSAT) three times before you take the SAT your Junior year. In your classes, teachers integrate SAT style questions in their instruction and assessment.*

**31. When I get my schedule, will I be able to tour the building to find my classes before the first day of school?**

*Yes. We host a New Student Orientation program in August, before school starts, and you will work with Peer Counselors to navigate your schedule, test out your locker, and ask any last minute questions you might have.*

**32. Will I get a Chromebook to use for school?**

*Chromebooks will be distributed the first week of school to those students who wish to take advantage of the 1:1 program. The rental fee is \$50 per year and payable by check. Students can choose to opt out of the program and bring their own device to use in school.*

**33. What do college admissions officers use to determine if I am accepted?**

