



# BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017



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### Community

**Burlington High School** is located in Burlington, Vermont. With a population of approximately 40,000, Burlington is the **largest and most diverse city** in Vermont. It sits in a unique picturesque location on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain, between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks.

The University of Vermont, St. Michael's College, Champlain College, and the Community College of Vermont are among the **institutions of higher education** located in the area. A **wide variety of cultural and artistic opportunities**, from the Vermont Symphony to the Flynn Center for Performing Arts, are all found in Burlington. A major refugee resettlement program has made Burlington **the home of immigrants and refugees speaking 34 languages**, giving both the high school and the community a cross-cultural, international flavor.

### High School

BHS offers a **comprehensive and challenging college preparatory program** with an emphasis on academic excellence and intellectual curiosity. The **school mission** encourages students to **achieve at the highest levels** and be *critical thinkers; effective communicators; cross-culturally minded, engaged citizens; and personally responsible, creative and curious learners.*

Due to Burlington's designation as a refugee resettlement center, **students from all over the world** interact with native Vermont students who themselves come from a **broad range of socio-economic backgrounds**. The result is a high school population of 976 **that is uniquely and interestingly diverse**, an **urban school** in the midst of one of the country's **smallest and most rural states**. *37% are students of color; 29.7% have a home language other than English; 15% take English Language Learner classes.*

All Burlington High School students are required to complete **10 hours of community service each year**. Students also engage in a **broad range of co-curricular activities** including a recognized drama program, competitive sports teams, and literary, recreational and arts clubs and programs.

### Faculty and Accreditation

Burlington High School is **accredited** by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and the Vermont Department of Education. About 80% of the 103 professional faculty and staff **hold a Master's Degree or higher**.

### Curriculum

Over **160 course offerings**, primarily college preparatory or honors classes, are available.

- **Honors level courses** in each discipline are designated by an **asterisk (\*)** on student transcripts. Grades are **unweighted**.
- **Advanced Placement courses** are offered in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language/Literature, Environmental Science, Latin, Music Theory, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. Government, U.S. History.
- Qualified students may enroll concurrently in **college and university courses**.
- Support classes for the more than 135 students learning **English Language Learners** and for students with learning challenges are also available.
- Students may earn credit through **community learning, workplace internship, and peer tutor programs** as well as through **remedial skills and individual service program** such as the Student Support Center.
- The Burlington Technical Center, located on the BHS campus, and the nearby Center for Technology in Essex, **offer rigorous career pathway classes** resulting in dual enrollment with high school and college credit and industry certifications. 22% of Burlington High School juniors and seniors attend technical center classes.
- The **Year End Studies (YES)** program offers two-week, student-centered, intensive community and project based learning opportunities for students.

### Post-Secondary Plans

	Class of	2013	2014	2015	2016
Four-Year Colleges		63%	66%	60%	64%
Two-Year Colleges		17%	10%	18%	12%
Military		1%	2%	2%	1%
Employment		13%	12%	16%	18%
Other		6%	10%	4%	5%

**BHS Requires 24 Credits to Graduate**

**English** (4.0 Credits Required)  
English 9 Humanities(\*); English 10 Lit/Wr/Sp, Genre\*; English 11 American Lit Traditions, Seminar\*; Adv Comp, Broad World, Cinema Studies, Creative Writing, Contemporary Lit, Poetry, Speech, World Lit, Chaucer/ Shakespeare\*, **AP Literature and Composition\***

**Science/Tech.** (3.0 Credits Req.)  
Biology 1, Honors Bio\*; Intro Chemistry, Chemistry 1, Honors Chemistry\*; Physics, Physics 1, Honors Physics\*, Physics 2\*; Anatomy; Genetics; Marine Bio; Food Science; Science Seminar; Tech Ed I, II; **AP Biology\***, **AP Chemistry\*****AP Envir Science\***

**History** (3.0 Credits Required)  
Civics/ World Soc Humanities(\*); 10<sup>th</sup> World/US I, Honors World/US\*; 20<sup>th</sup> Century, I, Honors\*, **AP US History\***, Psychology, Public Issues, **AP US Government\***

**Mathematics** (3.0 Credits Req.)  
Elements/Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry(\*) Algebra II, Algebra II Honors\*, Pre-Calculus, Honors Pre-Cal\*, Mathematics of Money; **AP Statistics\***, **Calculus\***, **AP Calculus\***

**World Lang.** (2.0 Credits Req.)  
French I-V,  
Spanish I-V, **AP Spanish\***  
Chinese I-V\*; German I-IV\*  
Latin I-IV, **AP Vergil\***

**Art/Music** (1.0 Credit Required)  
Art 1, Art 2\*, 3\*; Metals in Art, Clay, Graphic Design, Photogr; Band, Chorus, Strings, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Guitar, Music Technology, Piano. **AP Harmony\***, **Advanced Harmony\***

**P. Ed/Health** (2.0 Credits Req.)  
Phys Ed 9-10, Team Sports, Capstone PE, Health, Int Foods

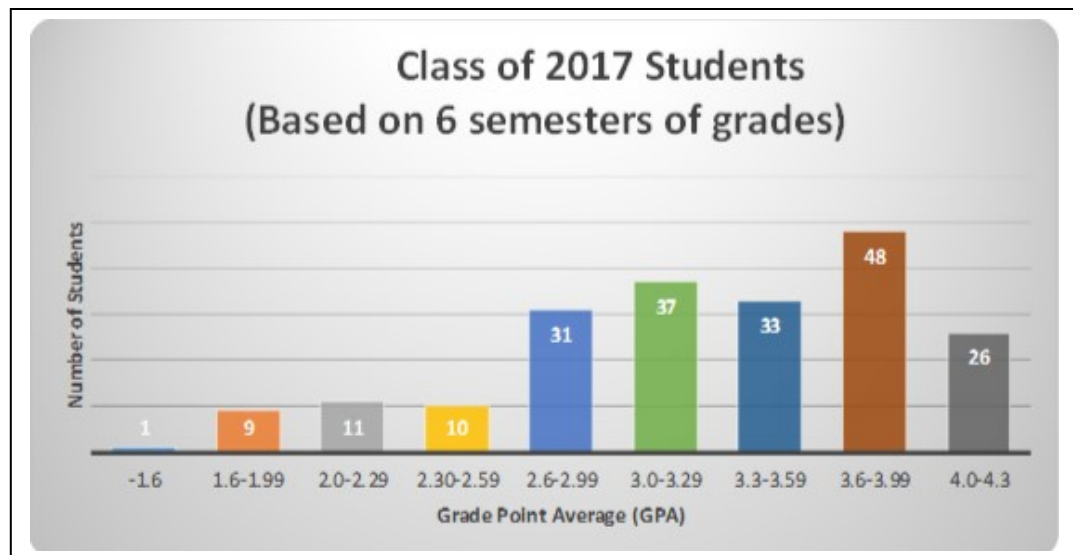
**Business/Tech.** (1.0 Credit Req.)  
Senior Seminar, Computer Programming, School Pubs

**Specialized Courses** (1-4 Credits)  
ELL: Reading, English, Science, Social Studies, Math; Teachers Aide, Peer Tutor.; Internships; School Innovations Seminar

**Burlington Technical Center**  
(6 Credit, 2 Year Courses)  
Aviation, Computers, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Engin./Arch, Design Illus./**AP Studio Art\***, Sports Medicine, Human Services, Auto Body, Auto Tech, Welding, Electronic Recording Arts

\*Honors Courses

Grading System/Points UNWEIGHTED	Percentile Distribution Class 2017 # St. GPA	Honors Distinctions Class 2017 # St. GPA	ACT/SAT/AP Results 2015-16
A+ 97-100 4.333	Top 10% 21 4.000+	<i>Summa cum laude</i> 10 4.1-4.33	ACT Composite Score 112 Students 23.0
A 93-96 4.000	Top 20% 43 3.806+	<i>Magna cum laude</i> 36 3.8-4.09	
A- 90-92 3.666	Top 30% 63 3.602+	<i>Cum laude</i> 40 3.5-3.79	SAT Mean Scores Reading 528 Mathematics 520 Writing 516 135 Students
B+ 87-89 3.333	Top 40% 85 3.422+	<i>National Merit Program</i> # Finalists/Commended	
B 83-86 3.000	Top 50% 103 3.233+	2016 6 2	AP – 16 Tests 77% scores 3 or higher 145 Students/238 Tests <i>AP Tests Required</i>
B- 80-82 2.666	Top 60% 126 3.047+	2015 1 5	
C+ 77-79 2.333	Top 70% 147 2.866+	2014 3 10	
C 73-76 2.000	Top 80% 169 2.605+	2013 3 11	
C- 70-72 1.666	Top 90% 192 2.309+		
D+ 67-69 1.333	Mean GPA = 3.273		
D 63-66 1.000	# Students Ranked 201		
D- 60-62 0.666	# Alt. Ed. Students 11		
F 0-59 0.000			



**2016 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES**

Aberdeen U	Dartmouth College	Loyola Maryland	Salve Regina Coll	U of Denver
Adelphi U	Denver University	Lyndon State Coll	Savannah Art Des	U of Edinburgh
American Univ	Eckerd College	Marlboro College	Skidmore College	U of Hartford
Antioch College	Emerson College	Mass C. Pharm	Southern NH U	U of Maine
Arizona St. College	Emmanuel College	McGill University	Smith College	U of Mass Amh
Arts Inst Chicago	Emory College	Miami University	Southern VT Coll	U of Michigan
Bates College	Endicott College	Michigan State U	St. Lawrence U	U of Mississippi
Beloit College	Eugene Long Coll	Middlebury Coll	St. Michael's Coll	U of New Engl
Bentley University	Fairleigh Dickinson	Montana St U	St. Olaf's College	U of New Hamp
Berklee Coll Music	Flager College	Mt. Holyoke Coll	Stonehill College	U of Oregon
Boston College	Fordham Univ	The New School	Suffolk University	U of Rhode Is
Boston University	Franklin Pierce	New York Univ	SUNY Albany	U of Tampa
Bowdoin University	Full Sail University	Northeastern Univ	SUNY Binghamton	U of Toronto
Brandeis University	Furman University	North. Michigan	SUNY Plattsburgh	UVM
Bryant University	George Mason U	Norwich Univ	SUNY Purchase	U of Wales
Burlington College	George Wash Univ	Oberlin College	SUNY Stony Br.	U of Wisconsin
Carlow University	Georgia State	Oswego St Coll	Syracuse U	Utica College
Castleton State Coll	Gettysburg College	Pace University	Temple University	Vassar College
Champlain College	Harvard University	Paul Smiths Coll	Trinity College	Vermont Tech
City College CUNY	High Point	Penn State U	Tufts College	Villanova Univ
Clark University	Ithaca College	Plymouth State	Union College	Virginia Tech
Clemson University	James Madison U	Pratt Institute	U of Arizona	Wellesley College
Colby College	Johnson State Coll.	Providence Coll	U of Bloomsburg	Wells College
Colby-Sawyer Coll	Johnson & Wales	Purdue University	U of Bridgeport	Wentworth Inst.
Colgate University	Keene State Coll	Queens Univ	U of Calif Berk.	Wesleyan College
Columbia College	Kenyon College	Rensselaer Poly	U of Calif Davis	W. New England
CCV	Lafayette College	Ringling College	U of Calif SB	Wheelock College
Concordia Univ	Lasell College	Rivier College	U of Col. Boulder	Williams College
Cornell University	Leicester Univ	Roanoke College	U of Col. Denver	York College
Curry College	Lesley College	Roger Williams U	U of Connecticut	
Dalhousie College	Liverpool P.Arts	Salem State Univ	U of Chicago	