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OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Bellows Free Academy (BFA) is a four-year comprehensive high school which hosts the Northwest Career & Technical Center as well as the surrounding tuition students of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. St. Albans is in Franklin County, an agricultural area in the Champlain Valley. Franklin County is the largest dairy and maple syrup producing county in Vermont. More than half of BFA students are first generation.

CURRICULUM

BFA offers accelerated courses in English, Social Studies, and Mathematics; and Advanced Placement courses in English Literature, English Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Calculus, Statistics, and Studio Art. *Courses ending with a 6&7 are college prep and an 8 are accelerated or AP.*

Graduation requirements - 24 credits

English – 4 credits
Mathematics – 3 credits
Social Studies – 3 credits
Science – 3 credits
Physical Education (PE) – 1.50 credits

Art (Art, Music, Drama, or Dance) – 1 credit
Health Education - .50 credit
Career Exploration - .50 credit
Computer App/Personal Finance - .50 credit
Electives - remainder

Grade Scale

Alt Classes	BFA Classes		College Classes GPA	Letter Grade
Numeric	Letter Grade	PPA/GPA	4.33	A+
97-100	A+	3.9 - 4.0	4	A
93-96	A	3.7 - 3.89	3.67	A-
90-92	A-	3.5 - 3.69	3.33	B+
87-89	B+	3.3 - 3.49	3	B
83-86	B	3.1 - 3.29	3	B
80-82	B-	2.9 - 3.09	2.67	B-
77-79	C+	2.7 - 2.89	2.33	C+
73-76	C	2.5 - 2.69	2	C
Alt. school determines credit	Credit Denied	Points Earned	1.67	C-
70-72	C-	2.0 - 2.49	1.33	D+
67-69	D+	1.5 - 1.99	1	D
65-66	D	1.0 - 1.49	0.67	D-
60-64	D-	0.5 - 0.99	0	F
0-59	F	0		

Decile Distribution

Class Size ~186	
Class Ranking	Decile Scale
Top 10%	3.793 - 4.000
Top 20%	3.716 - 3.792
Top 30%	3.619 - 3.715
Top 40%	3.487 - 3.618
Top 50%	3.354 - 3.486
Top 60%	3.262 - 3.353
Top 70%	3.161 - 3.261
Top 80%	3.069 - 3.160
Top 90%	2.935 - 3.068
Top 100%	0.00 - 2.934

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Guidance Office
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PROFICIENCY-BASED EDUCATION

BFA is a proficiency-based school. Courses are aligned with core academic standards/proficiencies. In the spring of 2020 the passing score became 2.5, for semester 2 and year long courses going forward. Prior to that date credit was awarded a 3 or better was earned in a course.

BFA's Proficiency scale (please note: Northwest Career & Technical Center has a different scale as noted in their profile. NCTC courses can be identified by a course number starting with 7).

4.0	Expanding
3.5	Proficiency Plus
3.0	Proficient until 1/19/20
2.5	Proficient from 1/20/20
2.0	Developing
1.0	Emerging
0.0	Insufficient or No Evidence of Learning

COVID SCHEDULE CHANGES

Traditionally, BFA has been on a yearlong class schedule. In the fall 2020, many schools throughout Vermont began the year in a hybrid schedule. Bellows Free Academy created a 4x4 schedule, where students met for enrichment/proficiency recovery and had three new classes which met everyday for 80 minutes. Semester classes became quarter long and year long became semester. Students now meet with their teachers and 50% less students two days a week face-to-face and three days virtually.

FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS 2019-2020 Enrollment

Early College 7

Dual Enrollment: 75

CHANGES DUE TO COVID

On March 15th, 2020, Vermont's Governor in partnership with the Agency of Education & Department of Health directed schools to provide remote learning, which continued through June 2020. Many schools adjusted their grading and reporting system. At Bellows Free Academy students who were not meeting proficiency by the close of the year were given incompletes. They have the remainder of this school year to prove proficiency with a content teacher.

FOLLOW-UP:

Class of 2020: 53% attending 4-year colleges,; 10%attending 2-year colleges or other post-secondary schools.
SAT Scores for Class of 2019: Mean Score – 1050; English Reading and Writing - 534; Mean Math – 516. ACT composite 23.8.