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Bellows Free Academy (BFA) is a four-year comprehensive high school which hosts the Northwest Technical Center. BFA is accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. It provides secondary education for the students from St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, and Fairfield which have a combined population of 9,000. Tuition students also attend from the towns of Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Fletcher, Georgia, Isle Lamotte, Montgomery, North Hero, and Sheldon, Vermont. The enrollment is just under 900 with a faculty of 90 and an average class size of 18. St. Albans is located in Franklin County, an agricultural area in the Champlain Valley, 80 miles south of Montreal, 30 miles north of Burlington. Franklin County is the largest dairy and maple syrup producing county in Vermont. Nearly two thirds (2/3) of BFA students are first generation (neither parent graduated from a 4-year college).

CURRICULUM

A comprehensive curriculum is offered to students in grades 9-12. The school offers accelerated courses in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science; and Advanced Placement courses in English Literature, English Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Statistics, and Studio Art. Ability grouping is used in some required courses in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science (see other side for numerical designation of ability groups). All students at BFA have the opportunity to access college course through Vermont Dual Enrollment and Early College Programs. Approximately 20 percent (20%) of our students participate in courses offered by the adjacent Northwest Technical Center. Beginning with the class of 2020, BFA is a proficiency based school. Curriculum and common assessments are aligned with proficiency criteria. Graduation requirements are met by meeting a credit requirement, and by demonstrating the required proficiencies. For students in the classes of 2017-2019, any proficiency score is converted into a traditional letter grade.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Bellows Free Academy has a two-semester schedule with 18 weeks in each. In the middle of each semester a progress report is issued to students.

Three school days have 7 class periods of 50 minutes per period and a 10-minute Advisory. Two days have class periods of 80 minutes per period and a 25-minute Advisory. Each student has one 80-minute Enrichment period weekly. Students may take 7 courses and Advisory for a total of 7 credits. They earn one-half credit for each semester period they successfully complete.

CLASS RANK

Rank is determined using all grades in all school courses taken in grades 9-12. No summer courses are used for class rank determination. The top 3 student averages are ranked by number, then by top 5%. All others are ranked by decile. The rank is not weighted.

METHOD OF GRADING

A+ = 4.33 (97-100)	B+ = 3.33 (87-89)	C+ = 2.33 (77-79)	D+ = 1.33 (67-69)
A = 4.00 (93-96)	B = 3.00 (83-86)	C = 2.00 (73-76)	D = 1.00 (63-66)
A- = 3.66 (90-92)	B- = 2.66 (80-82)	C- = 1.66 (70-72)	D- = .66 (60-62)
F = Below 60			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To receive a diploma from Bellows Free Academy a student must earn 24 credits.

The following subjects are required for graduation

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical Education/Dance	1.5 credits
Health Education	.5 credit
The Arts	1 credit
Career Exploration	.5 credit
PSA Computer Literacy Standards	
10 Hours Approved Community Service	

FOLLOW-UP: Class of 2017: 61% attending 4-year colleges; 11% attending 2-year colleges or other post-secondary schools. 3.5% joined the military, and 23% entered the workforce.

CEEB: SAT Scores for Class of 2017: Mean Evidence-Based Reading and Writing - 544; Mean Math - 541

ACT Scores for Class of 2017: English – 21.2; Math – 23.0; Reading – 23.3; Science – 23.2; Composite – 22.8

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ABILITY LEVEL COURSES

<u>GRADE 9</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
READING & WRITING WORKSHOP	10118	10117	
GLOBAL STUDIES	10218	10217	
ALGEBRA	10318	10316	10314
GEOMETRY	10328	10326	10324
BIOLOGY	10426	10426	10424
EARTH SCIENCE		10417	
<u>GRADE 10</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
FOUNDATION LITERATURE/WRITING WORKSHOP	10128/10128B	10126/10126B	10122/10122B
ALGEBRA II	10338/10338B	10336/10336B	10334/10334B
CHEMISTRY		10436	
<u>GRADE 11</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
ADVANCED PLACEMENT LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION	10138/10138B		
AMERICAN LITERATURE & COMPOSITION		10136/10136B	
ENGLISH 11 SEMINAR		10171/10171b	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S. HISTORY	10238/10238B		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY	10258/10258B		
U.S. HISTORY		10236/10236B	10234/10234B
PHYSICS		10446/10446B	
PRE-CALCULUS		10345/10345B	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE			10454
<u>GRADE 12</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
ADVANCED PLACEMENT LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	10195Y		
ACCELERATED BRITISH & WORLD LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	10185/10185B		
20 TH CENTURY LITERATURE		10180/10181B	
EXPOSITORY WRITING		10164	
JOURNALISM		10154	
ENGLISH 12 SEMINAR		10172Y	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	10248Y		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY	10258Y		
SENIOR CIVICS		10247	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS	10358Y		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS	10348Y		
DISCRETE MATH		10342	
STATISTICS		10344	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	10458Y		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C	10488Y		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY	10478Y		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CHEMISTRY	10468Y		
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY		10441Y	
FORENSICS		10459	
ECOLOGY		10466Y	