



Brandon Hall School

COEDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL

GRADES 6-12

ATLANTA, GA

Brandon Hall is Atlanta's only college preparatory boarding school. We pursue and celebrate well-rounded student success.





AN INTRODUCTION

Brandon Hall School, founded in 1959, offers students excellent educational opportunities, prepares them for the next stages of their academic lives, college and eventually their career endeavors.

We welcome boarding students, day students and international students, and 100 percent of our graduates are accepted to college.

Our community embraces diversity, celebrates individual strengths, fosters global citizenship, encourages athleticism and the arts, and inspires creativity—where every student's dream to attend college becomes reality.



ACADEMICS

THE 5 INTELLIGENCES

Brandon Hall Academics and Programs are designed to help students grow in 5 Intelligences.



1

STEAM

We focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math education that will prepare students for the rapid pace of innovation in our world.



2

GLOBAL

The world is “flattening,” and co-dependencies among cultures, beliefs and attitudes are increasing. We provide our students with the confidences to thrive in this global world.



3

ENVIRONMENTAL

Caring for our global, collective home will requires our students to gain an increasing understanding of why the environment matters and how to be responsible for its wellbeing.



4

WELLNESS

Exercise and nutritional attentiveness are essential to a healthy mind and learning, and caring for one's own health allows students to care for others. This is why sport and exercise opportunities, along with a healthy diet, are intrinsic at BHS.



5

GIVING

The “why, what, when and how” of giving comes both by learning and by experience. We provide for both during a student's education at BHS.



Our Performance Standards articulate a rigorous progression of academic expectations for our students. In a global environment of quickly evolving knowledge of how students learn and constant technological innovation, our educational community is wholeheartedly committed to maintaining an integrated, coherent, and adaptively current academic curriculum, aligned with the school's mission and the highly valued attributes and skills of our graduates.

We encourage students to develop distinct habits of mind and appreciate learning through a combination of inquiry, experimental design and professionalism, putting a gradual emphasis on student independent work, creative thinking and effective oral and written communication. We motivate our students to ultimately think like scientists, historians, engineers, writers, artists, and mathematicians. We believe that motivation for learning comes from within the student, and it is our purpose to guide our students on a journey to discover who they are as learners in this world.

Brandon Hall also offers an array of academic support services, counseling and college advisement to help students succeed academically and throughout their lives.



ARTS



Brandon Hall School's music and performing and visual arts classes foster student creativity, a vital quality for future artists and innovators alike.

Our performing arts offerings include:

Drama

Dance

Our visual arts offerings include:

Drawing

Mixed Media

Painting

Photography

Printmaking

Videography

Our music offerings include:

Music Theory

Performance



ATHLETICS

Athletics play a prominent role in student life at Brandon Hall. Our diverse athletic offerings teach student athletes life skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, handling adversity, and time management.

We encourage students of all skill levels to participate and embrace the opportunity to be part of a team. Our coaches work hard to grow each athlete in his or her skill level as well as character and to push athletes to places they did not know were possible.



We field teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School levels.

- ▶ **AT THE VARSITY LEVEL**, the goal is to field a competitive team, with all team members participating in each game. However, it is understood that certain goals and objectives in terms of playoffs and conference games may preclude everyone from playing. We attempt to maintain a no-cut policy.
- ▶ **THE JUNIOR VARSITY PROGRAM** focuses on growing individual skills and teaching students to work as a member of the team. In sports offered at both the junior varsity and varsity levels, there will be at least a two-day evaluation period to determine what team the athlete will participate in.
- ▶ **THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM** focuses on growing individual skills and teaching students to work as a member of a team for students between grades 6-8. At the middle school level, all athletes who adhere to the athletic department's standards of expectations should expect to receive some playing time, although the amount of playing time will not be equal.



STUDENT LIFE

**Life is great at Brandon Hall.
You'll learn and live in an enriching,
enlightening atmosphere.**

Few schools in the United States offer a college preparatory academic program with small, friendly classrooms that inspires students to challenge themselves academically, socially, and physically.

Brandon Hall's boarding school program creates consistent, organized and structured days, in which there is a close accountability for both personal and study habits and the completion of homework. We make sure students have the time and focus to do their work.

Students get to enjoy athletics, the arts, and other extracurricular activities in a designated schedule that also upholds an academic emphasis.





A Day in the Life.



6:15 AM

Alarm goes off. I hit the snooze button. Nine minutes later, it's off to the showers.



7:05 AM

Meet friends at Corley Dining Hall. Today's choice: veggie omelet from the build-your-own-omelet bar. Delicious, as always.

7:32 *(Day Students)*

Hang in the student commons for a few, and then find my history teacher to get that last Teapot Dome question answered before class.



7:45 AM

Off to British Lit class. We're halfway through Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and it's getting crazy. Sara and I created a flowchart to make sure we know who's into who, and why. Who knew Shakespeare could be as OMG as *The Vampire Diaries*?



9:30 AM

Head out to the courtyard between classes to check my email. Mom says she sent my care package FTW!



10:00 AM

Time for French class. We're going on 18 straight classes without using English, and I don't want to break the streak. At this rate I'll be ready for just about any conversation that comes my way when we go to Nice this summer.



12:00 NOON (*Day Students*)

Lunchtime. I heard the chef has set up an awesome fajita bar. I'll grab a little herbal tea too to get through my afternoon full plate.



1:30 PM

Hit the library for study hall and score that choice seat near the window overlooking the river. Gotta remember not to talk too loud when I practice along with my French vocab program on my iPad.

4:45 PM

Chilling out at the dorm for a few—until I remembered that the auditions for the spring musical happen next week. Time to see how much of that solo I remember.



5:30 PM

Time for dinner. Turns out my English teacher has a spot at his table, along with a couple of younger students. I tell everyone about our flowchart—the teacher asks me to share it at class in the morning.



7:35 PM (*Day Students*)

Jump on Skype to work on a tricky trig problem with my classmate. It's great that tech lets us connect with boarding students even after school is through.

8:45 PM

Head to the dorm lounge for popcorn. Glee is primed on the DVR, and all us Gleeks are ready.



10:30 PM

Lights out. Hit the bed after another great day in the life at Brandon Hall School.



RESIDENTIAL LIFE



DORM



WAKE UP

Boarding students wake up, make their beds, dress in uniform, and prepare for the day.



BREAKFAST

All boarders check in and then head to Corley Hall. After enjoying some nutritious food, they visit other students in the gym or courtyard, or find a teacher for assistance before class.



SCHOOL HOURS

Boarders don't return to their dorm rooms during the day. They will enjoy lunch alongside day students, faculty and staff.



AFTER SCHOOL

Students return to the dorm to change for sports or other activities. They can then return to the dorm to relax before dinner.



DINNER

Students enjoy eating during a community time with resident faculty and Resident Life staff.



EVENING

SUPERVISED STUDY

Sunday through Thursday nights, Students have designated study time to complete homework assignments. Resident faculty are available for guidance and assistance if necessary.



FOOD



Brandon Hall is known for its well-balanced, nutritional, and delicious food service. We take pride in serving our students cage-free eggs, organic vegetables, and only meats that are steroid and antibiotic free. We serve all fresh foods, and never serve frozen meals or processed foods.

Each meal provides a nutritionally balanced variety of foods. Students can choose a hot entrée and sides, or make a sandwich from cold-cut meats and fresh tuna or egg salad, and select from fresh fruits and vegetables. A regular array of desserts is offered, as well as a variety of beverages. Lunch is included in the tuition for all students, while breakfast and dinner is included for boarders.





We encourage boarding students to take advantage of the cultural, educational, historical, and recreational activities afforded in the metropolitan Atlanta area. The resident life faculty plans weekend outings to various venues.

We annually plan a wide variety of activities, such as Six Flags Over Georgia, the Atlanta Zoo, the Georgia Renaissance Fair, sporting events, paintball and whitewater rafting. We view these activities as part of a well-rounded residential experience for our boarding students.

WEEKENDS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES *at* BRANDON HALL

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Brandon Hall requires that each student participate in at least one co-curricular/extra-curricular organization or team sport during the year. The school provides a wide variety of clubs and organizations students can join and also encourages students to participate in the creation of new organizations.



Some of our clubs include:

- Drama & Tech Theatre Club
- Key Club
- Math Team
- Music Club
- Photography and Videography Club
- Robotics Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Leadership Council
- Wellness Club
- Yearbook Club

STUDY *abroad*

Brandon Hall School leads several study abroad international tours and activities each year. Our 2015 trips will visit India, France and Switzerland. We also offer a Chinese dual diploma summer program in Shanghai and Suzhou.



COLLEGE SUCCESS *at* BRANDON HALL



100%

of students are accepted into college.



Brandon Hall's College Advisement Department supports students and families during the college admission process in their sophomore through senior years. The goal is to help students understand how the academic, social and extracurricular aspects of their education affect their prospects for College Admission.



YOUR JOURNEY *to* BRANDON HALL



1

Get to Know Brandon Hall School

As you've seen, Brandon Hall isn't any old school. We take a unique approach to learning, extra-curricular activities, and student life to help our students.

2

Let's Talk

Our admissions team loves to talk with students and families interested in Brandon Hall School. We're ready to answer your questions and help you discover whether Brandon Hall is a great fit for you.

▪ 770.394.8177

▪ admissions@brandonhall.org

3

See for Yourself

Brandon Hall School is a special place—and we want to help you experience what sets us apart. From the moment you step on campus, you'll begin to discover how Brandon Hall can help you succeed. So schedule a visit and see for yourself!

A visit is recommended but not required.

4

Schedule Your Tests

All applicants, both domestic and international, must take the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). International students must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Your scores are one part of your complete application to our school; while they are important, they are not the only criteria for admission.

Brandon Hall's code for the SSAT is 1790.

Brandon Hall's code for the TOEFL is 7474.

5

Start Your Application

After a great conversation and a fascinating visit, many students are sold on Brandon Hall. Start the online application and begin collecting supporting documents.

We offer rolling admissions, so there's no need to be anxious about an approaching deadline.

We receive applications continuously and are thus able to spend more time on each application individually. Still, keep in mind that we use a first-come, first-served method to grant housing and aid to students.

6

Request Financial Aid

Brandon Hall School offers need-based financial aid each year. You can apply for aid online via School and Student Services (SSS) by NAIS. Brandon Hall School students are also eligible for GOAL scholarships (Georgia residents only), sibling discounts and education loans. Our admissions team is happy to help with any financial aid questions.

Brandon Hall's code for the SSS is 1791.

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See You at School!

Once you finish your application and financial responsibilities, we'll let you know if you're accepted. Our goal is to give you an admissions decision within a week of completing all steps of the admission process. Once accepted, you'll submit an Enrollment Agreement and pay your deposit. Then we'll see you on the first day of school.

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