

Brunswick High School International Student Program



Brunswick believes in student success, professional excellence, and community connections

Brunswick School Department, Brunswick, ME



Multicultural Education

Getting Your F-1 Student Visa

Before you begin, you need to know:

- ❖ Your F-1 Student Visa to attend a public school in the United States is limited to 1 year.
- ❖ You can obtain the F-1 Visa up to 4 months before the start of the program.
- ❖ You may travel to the U.S. up to 30 days before the start date of the program.
- ❖ You will have 60 days to depart the U.S. after the program ends.
- ❖ Your I-20 that you receive from BHS upon acceptance is a Certificate of Eligibility and NOT a guarantee for a Visa.
- ❖ All fees are your responsibility. They are not included in the program tuition and costs.

The usual steps to follow:

1. Complete your student application to attend Brunswick High School (BHS).
2. Submit all application documents, including supplemental documents, to BHS.
3. Wait to hear if you have been accepted to attend BHS.
4. If you have been accepted, you will receive an acceptance package from BHS.

The package will include:

- An acceptance letter
- Your completed application
- A legal enrollment agreement
- Information about host family placement
- Information about travel options
- Information about payment
- A student "Intent to Attend" form

Brunswick High School, 116 Macquoit Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011, telephone: 207-319-1910

<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bhs/>

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5. Submit the “Intent to Attend” form and tuition deposit.
6. Upon receipt of payment, BHS will send you a Form I-20, which is a Certificate of Eligibility and proof of sponsorship for your F-1 Student Visa.
7. BHS will forward confirmation of your I-20 to the U.S. Consulate.
8. Pay the I-901 SEVIS user fee:
<http://www.fmijfee.com/i901fee/students/formSelection.htm>
9. Schedule an interview with the U.S. Consulate in your home country. Do this as early as possible.
10. Complete the DS-160 Visa Application form and make fee payment:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html>
11. Attend your Consulate interview appointment. To process the visa stamp, you will be required to show (every consulate is different and other requirements may apply – check with the Consulate in your country):
 - Completed DS-160 Visa Application form
 - Proof of Visa fee payment
 - Proof of I-901 SEVIS User Fee
 - Form I-20 issued by BHS; signed by BHS and the student
 - Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the end of the BHS International Program
 - 2 Passport-style photos
 - Transcripts and/or diplomas from current home country educational institution
 - Test scores required by BHS (TOEFL or IELTS)
 - Proof of financial ability (including proof of BHS International Student Program payment)
 - Proof of student’s intent to return to his or her home country upon completion of the academic program
12. The Inspecting Officer at the airport will issue an I-94 Departure Record, which will show F-1 and Departure Status (D/S). Confirm your immigration status at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>. Print out your confirmation and keep it with your I-20 and passport.