

Brunswick High School International Student Program



Brunswick believes in student success, professional excellence, and community connections
Brunswick School Department, Brunswick, ME

Multicultural Education

Student Eligibility and Expectations:

Eligibility:

- The student candidate must have completed at least one year of the equivalent of U.S. secondary school (high school) and be at least 16 years old prior to the time of U.S. arrival.
- The student candidate must take an English proficiency test such as TOEFL or IELTS within one year of applying. For IELTS, the score must be at Band 6 or above in each language domain. For TOEFL, the score must be 20 or above in each language domain. (Note: for U.S. Department of State grant student candidates, exceptions will be considered.)
- The student candidate must have a record of high academic performance.
- The student candidate must have a passport that does not expire within 6 months of the end of the school term/year and be eligible for a J-1 or F-1 visa if accepted.
- The student candidate must have medical clearance and all required immunization and medical records current upon arrival. This includes forms required by the state of Maine and the Brunswick School Department, which will be provided upon acceptance.
- The student candidate understands that he or she can attend BHS on an F-1 or J-1 visa for one year only.
- J-1 visa student candidates must be sponsored by an agency that holds Full Certification by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
- The student candidate must complete and submit the **BHS International Student Application**.

Expectations: If accepted, the student is expected to:

- The student will be screened for English proficiency upon enrollment according to Maine Department of Education requirements.
- Join at least one extracurricular for each school term (semester). This may include instrumental and choral ensembles. **OR**
- Join at least one sport for the year. BHS offers a variety of team and individual sports for fall, winter, and spring seasons.

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- Participate in at least one community service activity through the BHS Service Learning Opportunity program.
- Make at least one presentation to the student body, a community group, or class about your home, culture, or experiences.
- Sign a media release waiver.
- Take U.S. History and an English course.

Expectations: What the student can expect from BHS:

- A welcoming and caring environment
- Regardless of grade or age, international visa students may participate in student-life activities such as dances, including the Prom, the senior trip, and other significant events.
- Individual attention from the International Student Program coordinator, the full staff in the Guidance and Main offices, the school administration, and the full faculty and staff.
- Additional help with English proficiency if needed or required.
- J-1 students will receive a print-out of their most recent report cards and certificates of attendance. However, they will not receive official transcripts or other internationally recognized official documents.
- F-1 students will receive official transcripts and any necessary documents that the sending country requires (e.g. apostille).