

# Breck College Profile 2016-17

## The School and Our Mission

Founded in 1886, Breck is a Pk-12 Episcopal independent school in Golden Valley, Minnesota. We live our mission to:

- Prepare each student for a college whose culture is compatible with the individual's needs, interests and abilities
- Help develop each student's unique talents and potential to excel by nurturing independence and self-worth
- Instill in each student a deep sense of social responsibility

**1,160**  
STUDENTS P-12

**30%** SELF-IDENTIFYING STUDENTS OF COLOR

**30**  
AVERAGE  
ACT  
SCORE  
MIDDLE 50%  
SCORE: 28-32

**20,000**  
SERVICE  
HOURS  
PER CLASS OVER  
4 YEARS IN  
UPPER SCHOOL

  
**2** SIEMENS  
NATIONAL  
FINALISTS

**\$5.7**  
MILLION  
NEED-BASED AID

AWARDED TO

**24%**  
STUDENTS

**\$20,418**  
AVERAGE GRANT

## Our Curriculum

Students are required to take a minimum of 44 semester credits during the regular academic year in addition to completing May Program each year. Please note courses do not run every year.

### Top Rigor Courses

- **SCIENCE:** AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics I, AP Physics C, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Advanced Science Research I, II and III
- **MATHEMATICS:** AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Statistics, Advanced Mathematics Research (Community-Based Research in Mathematics)
- **HISTORY:** AP United States History, AP European History, AP Art History, Advanced History Research
- **MODERN LANGUAGE:** AP French Language and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Culture, Chinese V and VI
- **ENGLISH:** AP English Literature and Composition, AP English Language and Composition
- **PERFORMING ARTS:** AP Music Theory, Performance and Social Change, Breck Chamber Players
- **VISUAL ARTS:** AP Studio Art-Drawing, AP Studio Art-3D Design
- **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

## Distinctive Programs

### Advanced Research Programs for Science, History and Mathematics

Advanced research programs allow students to pursue their chosen discipline through a professional research experience. All programs require a commitment well beyond the AP-level and include intensive summer research. The ensuing academic-year seminar culminates in a publication-quality research paper and formal seminar presentation. Admission to these programs is selective.

### May Program

This Breck tradition gives students the opportunity for specialized study and experience. Freshmen and sophomores take both required and elective courses on campus. Juniors and seniors participate in internships, community engagement and individual major projects.

### Melrose Family Center for Servant Leadership

The Melrose Family Center for Servant Leadership embodies Breck's dedication to cultivating future leaders. It works in conjunction with Breck's commitment to multicultural education, community engagement and religious/spiritual development.

### Community Engagement Program

Breck fully integrates community engagement into our curriculum with weekly visits to more than 40 organizations throughout the Twin Cities. Breck also requires students to complete 20 service hours to the school. Finally, as part of their junior or senior year May Program, students complete a 66 hour internship with a community-based non-profit.

### Breck Chamber Players

Led by the Minnesota Youth Symphony Director, the Breck Chamber Players (BCP) admits to the ensemble by audition. Minnesota Public Radio has featured the BCP and virtually all BCP musicians play in other youth orchestras.

### Chinese from Preschool through Grade 12

Designated as a Confucius Classroom, a national network of exemplary Chinese language programs, Breck has offered a distinguished Chinese language education for nearly 40 years.

## Breck Honors and Awards

- Two [Siemens](#) National Finalists, 10 Semi-finalists
- Two Best of Category at the [International Science and Engineering Fair](#)
- Two National Scholastic Art and Writing awards
- Eight invited to compete in the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- Thirteen Minnesota Scholars of Distinction
- Forty-eight Minnesota State Art and Writing awards
- State Winner of National Center for Women & Information Technology Aspirations in Computing Award
- Mock Trial Team members named All-State Attorney and All-State Witness
- Boys Tennis Class A State Champions

### Accreditation

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

### Organizational Memberships

NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, MACAC, MAIS, NAES, and College Board

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# Breck GPA and Test Scores Breck School does not rank students.

## GPA Information\* 2017 2016 2015

Class Size	124	115	106
3.75-4.00	32%	26%	26%
3.50-3.74	17%	26%	25%
3.25-3.49	22%	18%	15%
3.00-3.24	11%	13%	15%
2.99 & below	18%	17%	19%

Grade Interpretation	
Semester and May Program grades constitute cumulative GPA.	
A . . . 4.000	C . . . 2.000
A- . . . 3.666	C- . . . 1.666
B+ . . . 3.333	D+ . . . 1.333
B . . . 3.000	D . . . 1.000
B- . . . 2.666	D- . . . 0.666
C+ . . . 2.333	F . . . 0.000

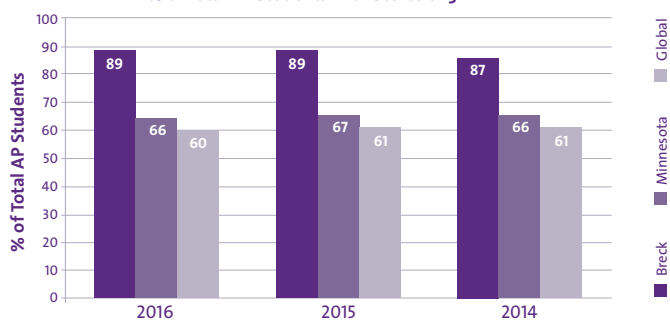
\* Cumulative unweighted GPA through junior year.

Highest GPA (# of students)	2017	2016	2015
	3.99(2)	4.0 (1)	3.98 (1)

## AP Exams

In 2016, Breck administered 468 exams to 215 students.

% of Total AP Students with Scores of 3+



## ACT Scores (mean scores)

	2016	2015	2014
Composite	30	28	28
English	31	29	29
Math	29	27	27
Reading	31	29	29
Scientific Reasoning	29	28	27

## SAT Scores (mean scores)

	2016	2015	2014
SAT 2400	1933	1885	1902
SAT CR	652	627	633
SAT M	637	622	628
SAT WR	656	636	642

## National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Program

	2016	2015	2014
Recognized	14	11	8

## SAT Subject Tests (mean scores)\*

	2016	2015	2014
Chemistry	732	654	674
English Literature	687	665	662
Math II	730	689	712
Physics	730	667	711
U.S. History	669	646	671

\* More than five students took each subject test

## Class of 2016 College Acceptances \*bold indicates matriculation — [click here](#) to view our 5 year admit and matriculation list

- American University
- Amherst College**
- Augsburg College
- Azusa Pacific University
- Bard College
- Barnard College**
- Beloit College
- Bennington College
- Bentley University
- Boise State University
- Boston College**
- Boston University**
- Bowdoin College**
- Bradley University
- Brandeis University**
- Brigham Young University**
- University of British Columbia
- Bryn Mawr College
- Butler University
- California Lutheran University**
- California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- University of California, Berkeley**
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- Carleton College**
- Carnegie Mellon University**
- Case Western Reserve University**
- Champlain College
- Chapman University**
- University of Chicago
- Clarkson University**
- Colby College**
- Colgate University**
- University of Colorado at Boulder**
- University of Colorado at Denver
- Colorado College**
- Columbia College Chicago
- Concordia University at St. Paul
- Connecticut College
- University of Connecticut
- Cornell College
- Creighton University
- Dartmouth College**
- Denison University
- University of Denver**
- DePaul University
- Dickinson College
- Drake University**
- Drexel University
- Durham University**
- The University of Edinburgh
- Elon University
- Emerson College**
- Emory University
- The Evergreen State College
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Furman University**
- The George Washington University**
- Georgetown University
- Gettysburg College**
- University of Glasgow
- Goucher College
- Grinnell College
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamilton College**
- Hamline University
- Harvard University**
- Harvey Mudd College
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hofstra University
- Hope College
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- Indiana University at Bloomington**
- Iowa State University**
- The University of Iowa**
- Johns Hopkins University**
- University of Kansas
- Kenyon College**
- Lafayette College
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence Technological University
- Lawrence University
- Lewis & Clark College
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Loyola Marymount University**
- Loyola University Chicago**
- Luther College
- Lynn University
- Macalester College**
- Marquette University
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- McGill University
- Miami University, Oxford
- University of Miami
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Technological University
- University of Michigan**
- Middlebury College**
- Minnesota State University, Mankato**
- University of Minnesota, Duluth
- University of Minnesota, Morris
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**
- Montana State University
- The University of Montana, Missoula
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University**
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- North Dakota State University
- University of North Dakota**
- Northeastern University**
- Northwestern University**
- Nova Southeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Occidental College
- University of Oregon**
- Pace University, New York City
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pennsylvania**
- Pepperdine University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pitzer College
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Pomona College**
- Princeton University**
- University of Puget Sound**
- Purdue University
- University of Redlands**
- Reed College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College**
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester**
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- College of Saint Benedict
- Saint John's University (MN)
- Saint Joseph's University
- San Diego State University
- University of San Diego
- San Francisco Conservatory of Music
- University of San Francisco**
- Santa Clara University**
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Scripps College
- Sewanee: The University of the South
- Skidmore College
- Smith College
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- South Dakota State University
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern California**
- Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville**
- Southern Methodist University
- University of St Andrews**
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Edward's University
- St. Olaf College**
- University of St. Thomas**
- Stanford University
- University of South Dakota
- University of Southern California**
- Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville**
- Southern Methodist University
- University of St Andrews**
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Edward's University
- St. Olaf College**
- University of St. Thomas**
- Stanford University
- University of South Dakota
- Stonehill College
- Syracuse University
- The University of Tampa
- Texas Christian University
- The University of Texas, Austin**
- Trinity College
- Tufts University**
- Tulane University
- Union College**
- Vanderbilt University**
- Vassar College**
- University of Vermont**
- Villanova University
- Wagner College
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- University of Washington
- Wellesley College**
- Wesleyan University**
- Westminster College**
- Wheaton College (MA)
- Wheaton College (IL)
- Whitman College**
- Williams College**
- Winona State University
- University of Wisconsin, Madison**
- Wofford College
- University of Wyoming