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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 and St. Albans Town, which have a combined population of 14,000. Tuition students also attend from the towns of Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Fairfield, Fletcher, Georgia, Isle Lamotte, Montgomery, North Hero, and Sheldon, Vermont. A 50,000 square foot addition was completed in 1997, including new facilities for the science labs, library, business education, real life, art, music and cafeteria. The enrollment is 1100 with a faculty of 127 and an average class size of 20. 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. Sixty-five percent (65%) 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, Science, and World Languages; and Advanced Placement courses in English Literature, English Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Statistics, and Studio Art. Ability grouping is used in the required courses in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science (see other side for numerical designation of ability groups). Approximately 15 percent of our students participate in courses offered by the adjacent Northwest Technical Center.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Beginning with the 1997-1998 school year, Bellows Free Academy divided the school year into three trimesters of approximately 60 days each. In 2008 we changed to a semester schedule with 18 weeks in each. We have a three-day rotating schedule where students meet with each class twice.

Each school day has five class periods of 70 minutes per period and a 25 minute advisory. Students may take seven courses and advisory for a total of 7.5 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 three 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 25 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 2010: 59% attending 4-year colleges; 20% attending 2-year colleges or other post-secondary schools.
CEEB: SAT Scores for Class of 2010: Mean Critical Reading - 493; Mean Math - 498; Mean Writing - 474

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ABILITY LEVEL COURSES

<u>GRADE 9</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
READING & WRITING WORKSHOP	118/119	116/117 114/115	
GLOBAL STUDIES	218/219	216/217 214/215	
ALGEBRA	318/319	316/317	313/314/315
GEOMETRY	328/329	326/327	324/325
INTEGRATED MATH I		370/371	
BIOLOGY	428/429/430	426/427	424/425
EARTH SCIENCE		416/417	414/415
<u>GRADE 10</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
FOUNDATION LITERATURE/WRITING WORKSHOP	128/129	126/127	
ALGEBRA II	338/339	336/337	334/335
INTEGRATED MATH II		372/373	
CHEMISTRY		436/437/438	434/435
<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	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S. HISTORY	10238/10238B		
U.S. HISTORY		10236/10236B	10234/10234B
PRE-CALCULUS		10345/10345B	
PHYSICS		10446/10446B	
<u>GRADE 12</u>	<u>ACCELERATED</u>	<u>COLLEGE PREPARATORY</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>
ADVANCED PLACEMENT LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	10195/10195B		
ACCELERATED BRITISH & WORLD LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	10185/10185B		
20 TH CENTURY LITERATURE		10180/10181B	
EXPOSITORY WRITING		10164	
JOURNALISM		10154	
SENIOR SEMINAR		10172/10172B	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	10248/10248B		
SENIOR CIVICS		10247	
DISCRETE MATH		10342	
STATISTICS		10344	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS	10348/10348B		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS	10358/10358B		
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY		10441/10441B	
CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS			10444/10444B
FORENSICS		10459	
ECOLOGY		10466/10466B	
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CHEMISTRY	10468/10468B		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY	10478/10478B		
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C	10488/10488B		