

BIG BRIDGE ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

2018 Profile for College

Big Bridge Academy (formerly known as Wuxi Big Bridge Experimental High School) has been in China's forefront of educational innovation and reform since its inception in 1993. It is an independent, non-profit, coed, day and boarding school for grade 1 to 12. In 2012, Big Bridge Academy International School (also known as "BBA International School") was established within the Academy to offer high school students a choice of a Western curriculum and prepare them for college education abroad. The campus is located in Wuxi of Jiangsu Province, a city known as one of the birthplaces of China's modern industry and commerce, 128 km (80 miles) west of Shanghai.

STUDENT BODY

To apply for BBA International School, 9th grade students must excel in the local junior high school graduation exams which cover subjects such as Chinese, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History and Social Studies. All applicants are then selected through a rigorous entrance exam and interview process. Our students come from a diverse socio-economic background but they share the same strong love for learning and firm belief in integrity, teamwork and responsibility.

THE FACULTY

BBA International School has a highly qualified and dedicated faculty. Our

expatriate teachers are certified from accredited institutions and on average have more than five years of teaching experience; over 80 percent of them have either a Master or PhD degree. Our faculty members mainly come from USA, Canada and New Zealand. The student-faculty ratio at BBA International School is maintained at 4 to 1 as the school strives to create the best learning environment for each student.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

BBA International School offers a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum on a semester system. Our students are required to complete 5.6 AP courses in grade 11 and 12, with required courses in Calculus, English Literature, History and Laboratory Sciences. Students are also encouraged to elect a variety of other courses, including Fine Arts, Computer Science, Music, and US Government.

Each school year begins on the first working day of September and concludes at the end of June. There is a three-week winter break in between the semesters. The school day begins at 7:00 am and ends at 4:50 pm. Classes that carry a weight of 0.5 credit will meet five days a week; classes that earn 0.25 credit meet two or three days a week. 18 credits are required for graduation.

GRADE SYSTEM

Grade	Percentile	Point
A+	93-100	4.50
A	90-92	4.25
A-	87-89	4.00
B+	83-86	3.67
B	80-82	3.33
B-	77-79	3.00
C+	73-76	2.67
C	70-72	2.33
C-	67-69	2.00
D+	63-66	1.50
D	60-62	1.00
F	0-59	0.00

Students are graded A, B, C, D, or F (failing), except for some elective courses, they are allowed to choose a pass/fail option.

A note about our grading scale: While 4.5 is the highest possible grade point average a student can earn, it is not common for any student in any one graduating class to earn a perfect 4.5. Each year we publish the highest GPA earned for that class. For the class of 2018, 4.48 is the highest GPA achieved.

PROFILE OF CLASS 2018

GPA RANGES

(by end of Grade 11, Class of 2018):

	Weighted	Unweighted
Highest	4.48	3.98
Median	4.10	3.66
Mean	4.00	3.56

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

All students must complete a minimum of:

English	3 years equivalent
Chinese	2 years equivalent
Mathematics	3 years equivalent, through Calculus
Science	3 years equivalent, including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography and Environmental Science
History	2 years equivalent, including Chinese History, U.S. History and World History
Elective	3 years equivalent, including Computer Science, US Government, Music, Dance, Fine Arts and Studio Arts

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

Class of 2018 taking June 2017 test (53 students in total)

SAT Subject Test

Subject	Middle 50%	Mean	Median
M2	800-800	793	800
CH	695-795	714	770
PH	768-800	777	800

SAT (NEW)	Reading & Writing	Math	Advanced Placement Examinations: 295 exams taken	
Over 700	30.2%	98.1%	Score of 5	210
			Score of 4	50
Over 600	90.6%	100%		
Over 500	98.1%	100%		
Middle 50%	630–710	780–800		
Median	660	800		

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LIST

Below is a list of colleges and universities where students from the Class of 2015 to 2017 have been accepted.

Class from 2015 to 2017 College Acceptances

Universities in America

American University
Arizona State University
Babson College
 Bard College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
 California College of the Arts
Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
 Clark University
 Colgate University
 Colby College
 College for Creative Studies

College of William and Mary
Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Dickinson College
Emory University
Fordham University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 Furman University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gettysburg College
 Grinnell College
Lehigh University
Miami University Oxford
 Michigan State University
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Pratt Institute

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campus

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

St. Olaf College

Syracuse University

The Ohio State University at Columbus

The University of Texas at Austin

Tufts University

Tulane University

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

Universities in Other Countries

University of Melbourne (Australia)

The University of Sydney (Australia)

University of British Columbia (Canada)

University of Ottawa (Canada)

University of Toronto (Canada)

Commercial University of Luigi Bocconi (Italy)

University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati

University of Connecticut

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Miami

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Richmond

University of Rochester

University of Southern California

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Vanderbilt University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Wake Forest University

Wesleyan University

Yale University

King's College London (UK)

The University of Edinburgh (UK)

University of London (UK)

Keio University (Japan)

Waseda University (Japan)