



## About BHS

Located on forty-seven tropical acres, Booker High School Visual & Performing Arts Center was founded in 1939. A leader among Sarasota County Public Schools, Booker High School was the first "Five Star School" ranked by the State Board of Education. In addition, Booker has been recognized as a Golden School and a leader among magnet school programs. Booker High school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The BHS staff is recognized for excellence in teaching and includes Nationally Board Certified Teachers. Many of the faculty have advanced degrees and have taught more than 10 years. The diversity of the student population is represented in the number of different nationalities. This same diversity is reflected in the school's curriculum, which offers college, vocational and technical preparatory courses. Booker High is home to a Visual & Performing Arts Center, where the Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) program provides highly specialized and intensive training for students who possess special talents in dance, music, digital motion and film, theater (performance and technical), and visual arts. The school also provides students with a Law Academy, STEM Program, JROTC Program; and CTE clusters /Industry Certification in digital design, business and management, hospitality and tourism, engineering and criminal justice.

Classroom resources include a state of the art media center, science labs, Technology Enhanced Active Learning Labs (TEAL), Technology Enabled Learning Studio (TEL), engineering lab, and a mock courtroom. The VPA program features dance studios, art studios, music and chorus rooms, digital motion design lab, TV studio, and a VPA theatre that rivals many college facilities.

The Guidance Office includes a College and Career Resource Room that offers students and parents a one-stop approach for obtaining career and post-secondary information, financial aid assistance, ACT/SAT preparation, job opportunities, and life skill training.

Financial aid and scholarships awards for the senior class of 2015-16 exceeded more than \$3,500,000. Forty eight percent of our graduates attend a college, university, or conservatory. Sixteen percent attend junior or community college. Approximately fifteen percent of our seniors enroll in a vocational and/or technical school. Eight percent join the armed forces and approximately thirteen percent enter the workforce.

In 2015-16, the average EBRW SAT score on the redesigned test of our students was 530; the SAT Math average score was 486. The ACT subject area averages were as follows: Math 17.9; English 16.4 Science 17.6, Reading 19.7. The average composite ACT score was 18.0. 100% of BHS students enrolled in AICE Literature received a passing score on the AICE Exam. The passing rate for the AICE English Language was 96.3% and 94.9% for AICE General Papers. The average weighted grade point average of our senior class in 2015-16 was 2.74.

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## Mission Statement

Booker High School will establish an environment, including unique programs offering opportunities to a diverse population, which enables all students to become critical thinkers, and develop skills and values for maximizing their potential.

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## Vision

100% of Booker High School students will graduate college and career ready and become productive members of our society.

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### Graduation Requirements:

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Performing Arts	1 Credit
HOPE	1 Credit
Electives	10 Credits
Total	26 Credits

### Grading Scale:

A	90-100	Excellent
B	80-89	Above Average
C	70-79	Average
D	60-69	Below Average
F	0-59	Failing

### Courses:

Fifteen honors courses are offered in all academic disciplines. Advanced Placement courses are offered in Portfolio Art, Music Theory, Spanish and Calculus. Dual Enrollment course offered on the BHS campus (through State College of Florida) are: Written Communications 1 & 2, and a catalog of others on the SCF Campus. Cambridge AICE courses include: Pre-AICE courses in all core subject areas, General Paper, Language, Literature, Marine Science, Biology, Chemistry, US History, International History, Psychology, and Thinking Skills. AICE, DE, and AP classes carry a 1 point weight and honors courses carry a ½ point weight. \* (\*prior to the 2015 School Year, all honors and college-level courses carried a 1 point weighting)

### Athletics:

Our athletic programs are supported by state-of-the-art equipment and facilities that include a gymnasium, training room, four general-purpose locker rooms, three in-season sport locker rooms, a professional track, rubber tennis courts, and a football stadium. Our Booker High student athletes and teams have competed for and won district, regional, and state championships in football, basketball, track, swimming tennis, wrestling, weight lifting, baseball, and golf.

### Achievements and Excellence:

Seniors from the 2015-16 class were accepted into the following universities and colleges:  
Alabama State; Alabama A & M; Allegheny College; American Academy of Dramatic Arts; American University; Bard College; Berklee College of Music; Belmont; Bethune Cookman; Benedict College; Bowling Green; Chipola State College; Boston Conservatory; Boston University; Butler; CAP21; Carnegie Mellon; Champlain; Chowan; Clark Atlanta; Claflin State y; Colgate y; Delaware State; Edward Waters; Elon; Fisk; FAU; Flagler; FIU; FGCU; Florida Memorial; Florida School of The Arts; FSU; Florida Southern; Forest Trails Academy; Full Sail; Galveston College; Gulf Coast; Hofstra; HCC; Hollins; Ithacca College; Jacksonville; Johnson C Smith; Johnson & Wales; Keiser; Los Angeles CC; Culinary Institute of America; Loyola; Lynn; Marymount; Macmurray College; Manatee Technical College Manhattan School of Music; Marymount Manhattan; Mercy College; Miami Dade CC; Michigan State; Mississippi State; New College; New Conservatory of Dramatic Arts; New World; New York Film Academy; New York School of Dramatic Arts; North Carolina Central; Ohio Wesleyan; Ohio State; Palm Beach Atlantic; Pace; Penn State; Philander College; Quinnipiac; Riverside CC; Rollins College; Roosevelt University; Salem College; Santa Fe State College; SCAD; Savannah State; School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Stony Brook University; St Petersburg CC; Stetson College; Southern Methodist; State College of Florida; Suncoast Technical College; Syracuse; TCC; Tecco Falls College; Tuskegee; University of The Arts; UCF; Univ. of Denver; Duquesne Tacoma State College; Univ. of Iowa; UNC (Greensboro); UF, UMass(Amherst); Univ. of Hartford; Univ. of Miami; Univ. of Minnesota; Univ. of Hartford; Univ. of Richmond; USF (Tampa); USF (Sarasota); Univ. of Tampa; Univ. of Virginia; Wake Forest UWF; Urbana University; & Valencia.



## BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL

### Visual & Performing Arts Center

2016 -2017

## School Profile

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