

Bellows Free Academy

Maple Run Unified School District

71 South Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478-2297



OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Bellows Free Academy (BFA) is a four-year comprehensive high school which hosts the Northwest Career & Technical Center as well as the surrounding tuition students of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. St. Albans is in Franklin County, an agricultural area in the Champlain Valley. Franklin County is the largest dairy and maple syrup producing county in Vermont. More than half of BFA students are first generation.

CURRICULUM and GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS= 24 credits

BFA offers accelerated courses in English, Social Studies, and Mathematics; and Advanced Placement courses in English Literature, English Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Calculus, Statistics, and Studio Art.

English – 4 credits	Physical Education (PE) – 1.50 credits	Business - class of choice and Personal Finance = .1.00 credit
Mathematics – 3 credits	Health Education - .50 credit	Art (Art, Music, Drama, or Dance) – 1 credit
Social Studies – 3 credits	Science – 3 credits	Electives - remainder

PROFICIENCY-BASED EDUCATION

BFA is a proficiency-based school. Courses are aligned with core academic standards/proficiencies. In the spring of 2020 the passing score became 2.5, for semester 2 and year long courses. Prior to that date credit was awarded for scores of a 3 or better.

BFA's Proficiency scale

4.0	Expanding
3.5	Proficiency Plus
3.0	Proficiency
2.5	Basic Proficiency
2.0	Developing
1.0	Emerging
0.0	Insufficient or No Evidence of Learning

SCHEDULE

Bellows Free Academy created a 4x4 schedule for the 2020-2021 school year only.

Grade Scale

Alt Classes	BFA Classes		College Classes GPA	Letter Grade
Numeric	Letter Grade	PPA/GPA	4.33	A+
97-100	A+	3.9 - 4.0	4	A
93-96	A	3.7 - 3.89	3.67	A-
90-92	A-	3.5 - 3.69	3.33	B+
87-89	B+	3.3 - 3.49	3	B
83-86	B	3.1 - 3.29	3	B
80-82	B-	2.9 - 3.09	2.67	B-
77-79	C+	2.7 - 2.89	2.33	C+
73-76	C	2.5 - 2.69	2	C
Alt. school determines credit	Credit Denied	Points Earned	1.67	C-
70-72	C-	2.0 - 2.49	1.33	D+
67-69	D+	1.5 - 1.99	1	D
65-66	D	1.0 - 1.49	0.67	D-
60-64	D-	0.5 - 0.99	0	F
0-59	F	0		

Decile Distribution

Decile 1	3.79 - 4.00
Decile 2	3.68 - 3.78
Decile 3	3.56 - 3.67
Decile 4	3.49 - 3.56
Decile 5	3.40 - 3.48
Decile 6	3.31 - 3.39
Decile 7	3.23 - 3.31
Decile 8	3.05 - 3.21
Decile 9	2.90 - 3.05
Decile 10	2.88 and under

FOLLOW-UP:

On average, over the last three years: 53% attending 4-year colleges; 10% attending 2-year colleges or other post-secondary schools.