

# THE BROOK HILL ACADEMY

*Digital Viewbook*

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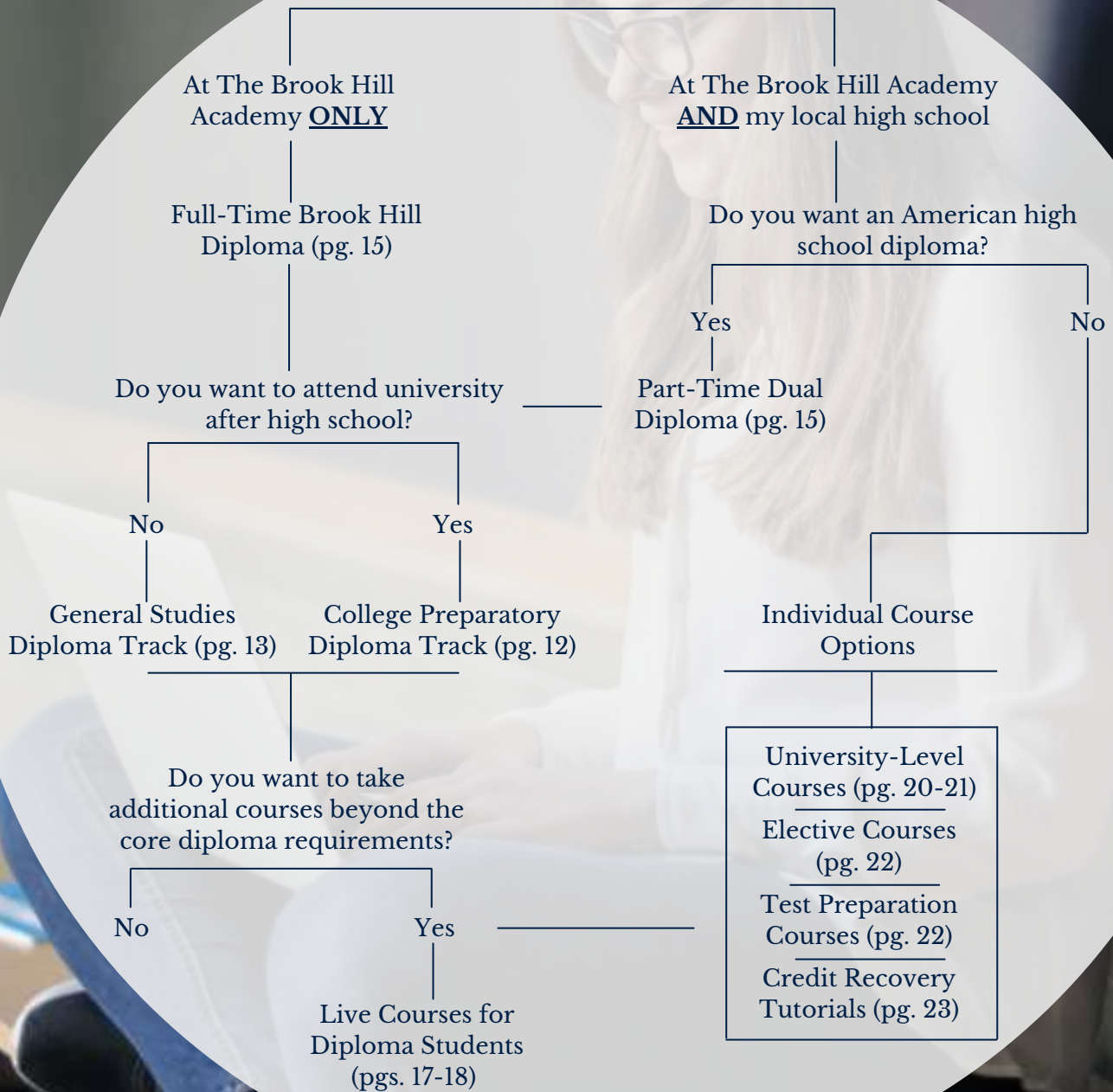
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# CHOOSE THE PATH FOR YOU!

## I WANT TO STUDY...





# THE BROOK HILL ACADEMY

*Cultivating Technology, Education, and Opportunity*



Our mission is to provide access to high-quality American secondary education to students from across the world.

The Brook Hill Academy was founded with the idea of making the American high school experience easily accessible to students of all backgrounds. Because our asynchronous courses are easily accessible online, we have minimized the physical, logistical, and economic barriers to academic advancement. We prepare high school students to become well-rounded global citizens, ready to pursue their university and professional careers.

The Brook Hill Academy offers rolling admissions on a monthly basis to meet students' needs no matter where they are in their schooling timeline.

We hope that you and your students will join us on this journey of cultivating global citizens to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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# *The Student Experience*

The student experience is at the center of what we do—and how we do it. Sometimes online education can feel impersonal, separated by borders and computer screens. Not at The Brook Hill Academy! We believe that the student experience is paramount. Teachers meet with students over video call twice per credit to keep students on track and are in consistent communication with students via messaging about lesson materials, assignments, and exams.

In addition, through our Student Success Center, students have a consistent mentor through the duration of their studies. Our mentors assist students in enrolling and getting started at The Brook Hill Academy, help them solve any organizational or academic needs they may have, and support and monitor them in their courses.

All courses are conducted entirely in English. Our online platform offers the additional benefit of translating some sections if needed, so that students can compare the material in English with translations to their native language to ensure that they fully understand new vocabulary words.



- *Each student has a personalized experience at The Brook Hill Academy.*
- *Teachers are in consistent communication with students through messaging and video calls.*
- *Students have a consistent mentor throughout their studies at The Brook Hill Academy.*
- *Courses are entirely in English with additional benefit of translating some sections to students' native language (if needed) to ensure vocabulary comprehension.*



## *The Parent Experience*

**Our digital curriculum is just as effective-- if not more effective-- than traditional in-person instruction. A study found that students who completed our Digital English Language Arts Courses achieved similar or higher scores on standardized tests than students who completed traditional courses.**

*Source: Study of our Digital Learning Curriculum: Learning Courses and MAP Growth Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, AK June 2020*

Parents have a separate log-in from their children and they have the ability to translate their entire portal into a language in which they feel more comfortable. Parents are able to see their student's courses, grades, and overall progress through their studies. Teachers and parents also have in-platform messaging abilities to help ensure the best possible study outcomes.

All Brook Hill faculty and staff is committed to providing students and parents with personalized attention and responding to messages within a 48-hour time frame (maximum) during the school week. You'll find that communication generally is much more frequent than that!





# THE BROOK HILL DIPLOMA



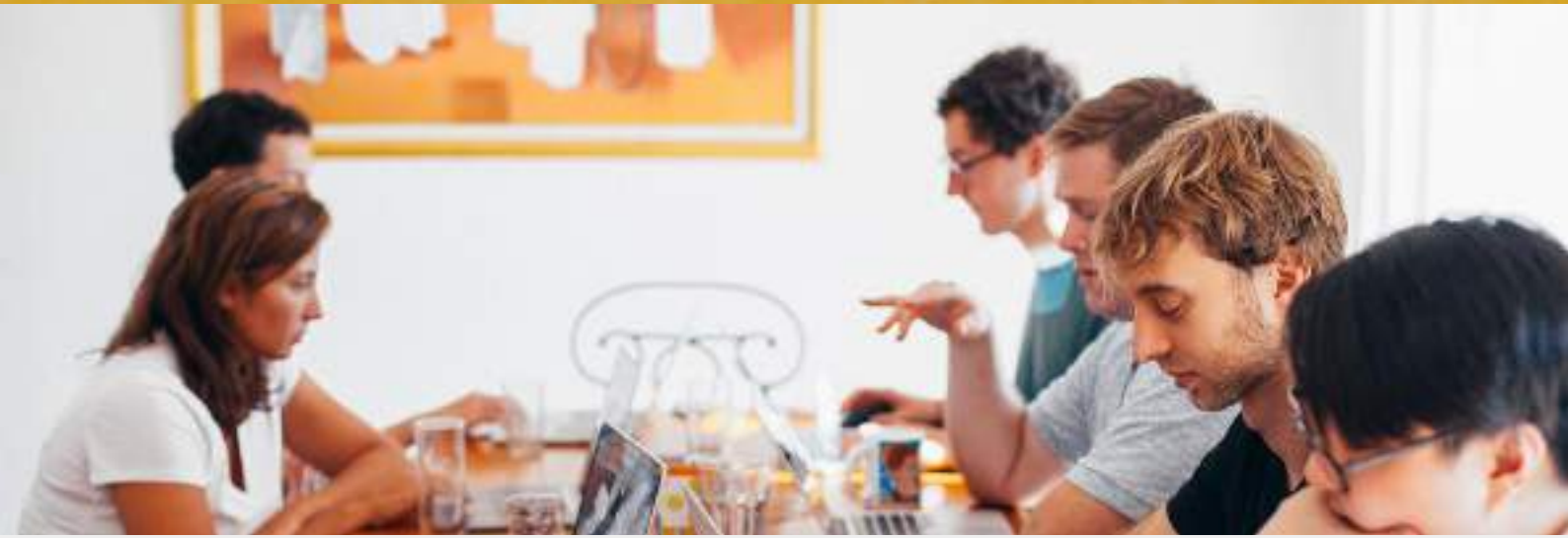
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# THE BROOK HILL DIFFERENCE



The Brook Hill high school diploma is a full, accredited diploma recognized in the United States, as well as internationally, so even if your child doesn't know yet what they want to do after high school—or where they want to do it—they will be prepared for any option.

A U.S. high school diploma gives students a step above their peers as they compete for entrance to universities and for jobs around the world. Beyond showing excellent proficiency in English, committing to studying for a U.S. high school diploma shows a forward-thinking attitude and long-term dedication. Over the course of their diploma program, our students develop crucial soft skills beyond what is standard for their age: self-motivation, critical thinking, communication, flexibility, time management, and more. The independence, maturity, and sense of responsibility that our students develop is unparalleled compared to peers of their age.

**Our digital curriculum has a positive impact on student academic growth and overall school improvement. A study of schools in Florida found that 86% of schools using our digital curriculum received high marks from the state!**

*Source: Third-Party Study of the Effects of our Digital Learning Curriculum: School and Student Outcomes Accelerated Learning Solutions, FL January 2019*

- *The Brook Hill diploma is accredited in the U.S. and internationally.*
- *An American diploma gives students a step above their peers when applying to universities and jobs.*
- *Students increase their English proficiency.*
- *Students develop critical soft skills.*

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# PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Graduates of The Brook Hill Academy have a direct path to the American university system. The most popular diploma track from The Brook Hill Academy guarantees that students have met the most rigorous course and credit requirements for entry into almost any university in the U.S. and around the world. Many other schools' graduation requirements only meet specific U.S. state requirements, which may result in students needing to take additional courses to even be able to apply to universities outside of that specific U.S. state and outside of the United States.

The Brook Hill Academy offers college admissions advising for students who are interested in pursuing higher education in the United States. This is included for Diploma students and covers an overview of the application process, how to write a college admissions essay, and opportunities available.

For international students, earning a U.S. high school diploma through The Brook Hill Academy may also eliminate the need for transcript evaluation and corresponding fees when applying to U.S. universities.

- *The Brook Hill diploma meets the most stringent entry requirements for almost any university in the U.S. and internationally.*
- *College admissions advising is included for Diploma students.*
- *Earning a Brook Hill diploma may eliminate the need for transcript evaluation and corresponding fees when applying to U.S. universities.*



# GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO U.S. UNIVERSITIES



The U.S. university admissions process can be daunting, expensive, and competitive. The Brook Hill Academy strives to facilitate its students' entry to American colleges and universities. Through articulation agreements, graduates of The Brook Hill Academy who meet the academic and other requirements as set forth by the respective Board of Regents and apply by the college admission deadline may look forward to guaranteed admission and enrollment at our partner universities. For the most updated list, please consult our website by clicking [here](#).

*Expand your  
horizons and  
pave the way  
for the future!*

# The Brook Hill Graduation Experience in New York

Graduating from high school is a milestone in any graduate's life. The Brook Hill Academy strives to make that experience as exciting, special, and memorable for its students as possible. Each summer, we offer The Brook Hill Graduation Experience in New York.



During this 8-day program, Brook Hill graduates stay at a university in New York, learning what the American university life is like. They tour New York City landmarks on multiple excursions in the City, learning about New York history and culture and seeing the top sights. And the highlight of the experience? They attend their American graduation ceremony, receive their high school diploma, and get to celebrate their accomplishments with their peers by dancing the night away at The Brook Hill Prom in Times Square—complete with a chauffeured limousine!





# TWO TYPES OF DIPLOMA TRACKS

## *College Preparatory Diploma & General Studies Diploma*

We have two different diploma tracks to meet different students' needs: The College Preparatory Diploma Track, and the General Studies Diploma Track. Both are accredited and internationally-recognized, but they have different purposes and fit different students' needs.

- The College Preparatory Diploma is our most popular diploma track, and it is designed for students who want to study at a university (in the U.S. or abroad) after high school graduation.
- The General Studies Diploma is designed for students who are enrolled in a vocational school or who want to enter the workforce after high school graduation.

Our digital curriculum has a positive impact on student achievement and graduation rates. A study conducted by the 7th largest school district in the U.S. found that students who used our curriculum graduated high school at higher rates and outperformed their peers on standardized testing. 86.4% of students who used our curriculum achieved satisfactory scores on standardized tests versus 72.7% of students who did not use our curriculum.

*Source: Our Digital Learning Curriculum- Proven to Increase Student Achievement in the GradLabs Initiative, Houston Independent School District  
January 2016*





# College Preparatory Diploma Track

The College Preparatory Diploma is our most popular diploma track. It is also the most rigorous diploma track because it has more credit requirements for graduation, with the intent of using the diploma to be able to enter a college or university after graduation. Our College Preparatory Diploma meets the most stringent course and credit requirements to enter almost any university in the United States and the world.

[Click here to download College Prep Diploma course requirements.](#)

## Course Credit Requirements

A minimum of 20 course credits is required, at least 5.5 of which must be completed at The Brook Hill Academy. The remaining 14.5 credits may be transferred from students' local high school into The Brook Hill Academy, or taken through courses at The Brook Hill Academy. Students may also choose to take additional optional courses at Brook Hill.

The minimum of 5.5 credits taken at The Brook Hill Academy usually include the following courses:

- English 9 (1 credit)
- English 10 (1 credit)
- English 11 (1 credit)
- English 12 (1 credit)
- U.S. History (1 credit)
- U.S. Government & Politics (0.5 credit)

For students who want to earn university course credit for the high school courses they take at The Brook Hill Academy, please see the University-Level Courses section on Page 20.

# General Studies Diploma Track

The General Studies Diploma Track is less rigorous, as entry into a college or university is not the intent of the diploma. This diploma is designed for students who are enrolled in a vocational school or who want to enter the workforce after high school graduation.

[Click here to download General Studies Diploma course requirements.](#)

## Course Credit Requirements

A minimum of 13 course credits is required, at least 4.5 of which must be completed at The Brook Hill Academy. The remaining 8.5 credits may be transferred from students' local high school into The Brook Hill Academy, or taken through courses at The Brook Hill Academy. Students may also choose to take additional optional courses at Brook Hill.

The minimum 4.5 credits taken at The Brook Hill Academy usually include the following:

- English 9 (1 credit)
- English 10 (1 credit)
- English 11 (1 credit)
- U.S. History (1 credit)
- U.S. Government & Politics (0.5 credit)



# DIPLOMA PROGRAM TIME COMMITMENT



Whether your child wants to obtain a College Preparatory or a General Studies Diploma, there are two different ways for them to reach their goal:

- the Part-Time Dual Diploma program, which garners them an American high school diploma and a diploma from their local high school, or
- the Full-Time Study program, which allows them to earn one diploma, from an American high school.

Regardless of which you pick, The Brook Hill Academy is committed to keeping students on track to graduate on the timeline they desire.





# Diploma Program Time Commitment Options



## Part-Time Dual Diploma

The Part-Time Dual Diploma program allows students to graduate with two diplomas: one American diploma, and one from their local high school. Students take at least the minimum required College Prep OR General Studies Diploma courses at The Brook Hill Academy and transfer credits from their local high school into Brook Hill. While students take their Brook Hill courses part-time, they continue studying at their local high school to meet all requirements for that high school in order to earn both diplomas.



## Full-Time Study Program

The Full-Time Study program allows students to graduate with one diploma, from an American high school. Students must take the minimum required College Prep OR General Studies Diploma courses at The Brook Hill Academy. The remaining credits can be transferred into Brook Hill from their local high school and/or be taken at The Brook Hill Academy. Generally, students choose to transfer as many credits as they can and take the remaining credits needed at The Brook Hill Academy. Full-Time Study students who take more than 50% of their courses at The Brook Hill Academy can qualify for a full-time tuition discount.



Full-Time Study students do not need to continue studying at their local high school if they do not wish to. If they want a diploma from their local high school, they either need to continue studying at the local high school to fulfill graduation requirements, or they can try to transfer course credits earned at The Brook Hill Academy to their local high school. Usually, it is a combination of both.



## CHOOSE THE RIGHT DIPLOMA OPTION AND TIME COMMITMENT FOR YOU!

### THERE ARE FOUR OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!

**1. College Prep Diploma:  
Part-Time Dual Diploma  
Program**

20 credits total; 5.5 credits minimum  
at Brook Hill

**2. College Prep Diploma:  
Full-Time Study Program**

20 credits total; 5.5 credits minimum  
at Brook Hill (*Full-time discount  
available for 10.5+ credits at Brook Hill*)

**3. General Studies  
Diploma: Part-Time Dual  
Diploma Program**

13 credits total; 4.5 credits minimum  
at Brook Hill

**4. General Studies  
Diploma:  
Full-Time Study Program**

13 credits total; 4.5 credits minimum  
at Brook Hill (*Full-time discount  
available for 6.5+ credits at Brook Hill*)

1. Do you want to go to university?



College Preparatory  
Diploma

General Studies  
Diploma

2. Do you want a diploma from your  
local high school in addition to the  
American diploma?



Part-Time Dual  
Diploma Program

Full-Time Study  
Program

# LIVE COURSES

*WITH AMERICAN TEACHERS AND  
PEERS AROUND THE WORLD*



The Brook Hill Academy recognizes that the learning experience is not one-dimensional. Students learn most from each other, by exchanging ideas and cultures; the teacher is merely a guide on the path to knowledge. Brook Hill offers a variety of non-credit bearing live courses for diploma-seeking students. These are additional, optional courses designed to enrich their academic experience and cultural growth. All courses are taught by American teachers at The Brook Hill Academy and encourage student interaction with their peers around the world. Each course is 15 hours and students can sign up on their own schedule.



# Live Course Options



## Live Seminar Courses

The Brook Hill Academy offers live seminar courses that correspond with our core English and History courses and further the course objectives. The live seminar courses give students a live classroom experience and a deeper understanding of course material, while also offering the opportunity to meet and collaborate with their peers from across the world.

## English Prep Course

Our English Preparatory Course enhances students' vocabulary and grammar skills, with a focus on speaking and listening. Students discuss and collaborate in teams to emphasize soft skill development while practicing grammar points and thematic vocabulary.

## Speech & Debate Course

Our live Speech & Debate course prepares students for real-world debates and discussions in the future—whether in the classroom, around the dinner table, or in the workplace. Tackling contemporary topics and issues, students learn to put the fear of public speaking behind them and identify and present their main points and arguments in a clear, confident, and articulate manner.



# ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL COURSES

The Brook Hill Academy offers a plethora of additional, optional courses. These courses can be taken in conjunction with either diploma track or as individual courses (not as part of a diploma program).

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# UNIVERSITY- LEVEL COURSES

The Brook Hill Academy offers two types of optional university-level courses: Dual Credit courses and Advanced Placement® courses. These courses can be taken in conjunction with either diploma track or as individual courses (not as part of a diploma program). In some cases, these courses may also meet core requirements towards our high school diploma. Please consult our website by clicking [here](#) to see the university-level courses we currently offer.



# Dual Credit Courses

The Brook Hill Academy offers optional Dual Credit courses in partnership with an affiliated university. Dual Credit courses are college classes that are taught by a college professor at the affiliated university. When students complete a Dual Credit course, they receive both high school credit and university credit for the course. American universities will accept the university credit earned and will likely waive a corresponding General Education introductory course requirement. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who want to attend higher education in the U.S. and want to save time and money towards their university degree while studying at The Brook Hill Academy.

Dual Credit courses are available for students in the 11th and 12th grades only. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and must meet the pre-requisites.



## Advanced Placement® Courses

The Brook Hill Academy also offers optional Advanced Placement® courses, which are also university-level courses. Different from the Dual Credit courses, AP® courses are taught by a high school teacher at The Brook Hill Academy. When students complete an AP® course, they have the option of taking the corresponding AP® exam, which is administered outside of The Brook Hill Academy. Depending on their score on the exam, American universities to which they send the AP® exam results may accept the score as university credit towards their degree. Depending on the university, they may use the exam results as course placement and/or waive a corresponding General Education introductory course requirement. Universities in the UK may require certain A-level courses before considering students for admission. AP® classes may fulfill some of those requirements. Please confirm any admission requirements directly with the university.



# Elective Courses

Taking elective courses is very popular among high school students. Elective courses allow students to explore personal passions and interests and learn more about different subjects and fields of study before deciding to pursue them as a major at University. Furthermore, seeing that students have multiple academic interests and passions is often attractive to University admissions.

The Brook Hill Academy offers more than 75 optional elective courses, ranging in subject from 3D Game Design, to International Business, to Introduction to Criminology, to Sports & Entertainment Marketing. There is truly something for everyone. Please check our website by clicking [here](#) to see a sample of the elective courses we offer.



# Test Preparation Courses

The Brook Hill Academy offers optional self-paced tutorials to prepare students for U.S. college admissions tests such as the SAT and ACT. These are completed at students' own pace and do not have a teacher. Knowledge gaps are assessed via computer algorithm and the course caters to students' weaknesses to prepare them to take these admissions tests.



## Online Credit Recovery Tutorials

The Brook Hill Academy also offers optional self-paced tutorials in English, History, Math, and Science. These tutorials use a computer algorithm to identify learning gaps and automatically generate a personalized learning plan, offering targeted, computer-based instruction to address such gaps. These are completed at students' own pace and do not have a teacher.

Students can take these tutorial courses if they need extra help in a subject. Furthermore, if they have failed a similar course at their local school, they can take a Credit Recovery Tutorial and transfer the credit to their local school. (Students should confirm that their school will accept this credit.) This will mitigate the need to retake the course in person and/or attend summer school. Students can also take these tutorial courses if they have failed a similar course at The Brook Hill Academy.

Different from the rest of our courses, these tutorials are available for students both in high school and in middle school. Please check our website by clicking [here](#) to see a sample of the credit recovery tutorials we offer.

Our digital curriculum is extremely effective for students who struggle academically. A third-party study in a North Carolina School District showed that the average student recovering credits with our digital courses achieved a 44 percentage point gain on a standardized test!

*Source: Study of our Digital Curriculum - Student Achievement Years 1 and 2 Dorchester School District Two September 2013*





# ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS



## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with start dates every month.

## PLACEMENT TEST

Non-native English speakers must take an English proficiency test to ensure they are at the equivalent of a minimum A2 CEFR level.

## CURRENT TRANSCRIPT

Applicants must submit an official transcript from their local high school.

## INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

The Brook Hill Academy is open to students all over the world. For application and enrollment inquiries, please contact:

[Info@thebrookhillacademy.org](mailto:Info@thebrookhillacademy.org)



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Which universities have students attended after graduation?

Students have attended universities all over the United States and the world. A sample of U.S. colleges and universities that students have attended include:

- New York University
- Pepperdine University
- Rice University
- Stanford University
- The Julliard School
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Chicago
- University of Washington

## What are Advanced Placement® courses?

AP® courses allow students the opportunity to take university-level courses while still in high school. After students take the corresponding AP® exam, universities may accept the exam score as university credit towards their degree, as course placement in university courses, and/or in place of an introductory course requirement. In addition, some AP® courses may satisfy core course requirements for the Brook Hill diploma programs.

## How can I qualify for a tuition discount?

Full-Time Study Students pursuing either a College Preparatory Diploma or a General Studies Diploma are eligible for a full-time tuition discount if they take more than 50% of their required courses at The Brook Hill Academy.

## Are live courses included in the diploma program?

Live courses are additional, optional, non-credit bearing courses. At this time, only diploma-seeking students are eligible to take live courses at The Brook Hill Academy.





# WANT TO LEARN MORE?

For more information about The Brook Hill Academy and our diploma and course offerings, please check out our website.



[View Website](#)

Questions? The student experience is our top priority, and our team is always ready to assist students and parents in any way we can.

Send us an email with any questions at: [Info@thebrookhillacademy.org](mailto:Info@thebrookhillacademy.org).