



SARASOTA  
County Schools

## 2017-2018 SCHOOL PROFILE | BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL

### MISSION

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.

### VISION

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

**BOOKER HIGH SCHOOL** is located on the north end of Sarasota County, and the new \$58 million campus was opened in the winter of 2013. The campus is replete with state-of-the-art classrooms and studios, technology and science labs, and athletic facilities, along with a professional-quality theatre.

- The Booker High School Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) magnet program attracts students from around Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties, providing rigorous pre-professional instruction in dance, digital film and motion design, music, theatre, and visual art.
- The VPA season includes more than a dozen events on the main stage and art studios, earning the program district-wide acclaim.
- Booker High School provides students with rigorous academic classes through the Cambridge University AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) program.
- AICE offers a comprehensive college-preparatory curriculum and the opportunity to earn college credit in high school through mastery of AICE exams.
- Students may also elect to take Advanced Placement or on-campus Dual Enrollment courses.
- The JROTC program at Booker High School offers training in leadership, accountability, teamwork and logistics.
- The CTE (Career and Technical Education) program at Booker offers courses in digital design, hospitality and tourism, business and entrepreneurship, and engineering and robotics.
- The Law Academy, part of the CTE cluster, offers two tracks: criminal justice and constitutional law, earning students industry certifications before high school graduation.

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# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

## VISUAL PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM (VPA)

- Renowned program that provides highly specialized and intensive training for students who possess special talents in and passion for the visual and performing arts area of *dance, digital film and motion design, music, theatre* (performance and technical), and *visual arts*.
- Students spend 3 periods per day in VPA programming, earning 12 credits in their arts discipline by graduation.
- VPA faculty are *also* practicing professionals in their fields, with celebrated local, national and international careers.
- VPA classes are offered in state-of-the-art studios.
- Performances are held in a professional theater facility.
- Many graduates continue their art study at prestigious institutions such as Columbia University, Northwestern University, The Juilliard School, Boston Conservatory, Ringling College of Art + Design, often with sizable scholarships.
- *Notable alumni include American Idol Finalist and Broadway star Syesha Mercado, NBC's Chicago Fire star Charlie Barnett, and Oscar winning makeup artist Bill Corso.*

## CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (AICE)

- AICE courses provide students with rigorous, internationally recognized pre-university curriculum which emphasizes the value of broad and balanced study.
- *400+ students participate in Booker High's AICE program.*
- Students who complete AICE courses and receive a passing score on the end of course exam can earn college credits from more than 450 colleges in the US.
- Booker High students perform at exemplary levels in the AICE General Paper and AICE Literature courses, with passing rates of 94% and 100% respectively.
- A Booker High student received the highest score on the AICE Literature Exam in Sarasota County and the second highest in the nation.

# ATHLETICS

Booker High School offers its students opportunities to compete in multiple sports at both the junior varsity and varsity levels. Our students challenge teams from the local area, their FHSAA district and teams from throughout the state. *Booker High School 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.* Over 325 students participate on the following athletic teams:

## FALL & WINTER SPORTS

Basketball - Boys and Girls, Junior Varsity and Varsity  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Football - Varsity and Freshman  
Golf - Boys and Girls  
Soccer - Boys and Girls  
Swimming  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Booker High School is proud to offer *over 30 student centered and student led clubs/organizations* including College For Every Student, Debate Team, Model UN, National Honor Society (NHS), STACKS Business Club, Student Government Association (SGA), and Technology/Robotics Club.

## COLLEGE OR CAREER & YOU

- The College or Career & You program provides students with activities, strategies and information that aligns with the standards and expectations of colleges and universities, as well as businesses and industries.
- College and career resources available to students include: life skills training, financial literacy workshops, internships, career research, job shadowing, employment opportunities, mentors, scholarship research, and more.

## LAW ACADEMY

Provides students with a rigorous academic program in conjunction with coursework in Law Studies and Criminal Justice.

- The Sarasota County Bar Association and local law enforcement professionals provide students with curriculum materials, real world experiences and expertise.
- *An on-campus mock courtroom is set up to simulate a real courtroom, allowing students to apply their knowledge and skills through mock trials.*

## JROTC

- Promotes the study of ethics, citizenship, communications, leadership, life skills and other subjects designed to prepare young men and woman to take their place in adult society.
- Student-centered curriculum focuses on character building and civic responsibility.
- *230 Booker High School students participated in the JROTC program in the 2016-17 school year.*

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

- CTE classes are aligned to four career pathways: *Engineering, Hospitality & Tourism, Digital Design, and Business Management & Analysis.*
- Over 110 students have passed certifications in Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), ServSafe, Pre-Engineering, and Robotics.

## SPRING SPORTS

Baseball  
Softball  
Tennis - Boys and Girls  
Track & Field - Boys and Girls  
Weightlifting - Boys and Girls

# ACADEMICS

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate from high school with a standard diploma, students entering grade 9 must earn at least twenty-six (26) credits.

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

## GRADING SCALE

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	50-59

All courses are used in computing GPA and all students are listed in class rank and point average. All stated GPA's and ranks are cumulative. They are computed on a scale of A = 4.0 to D = 1.0 to determine quality points.

Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment and Honors courses are weighted. They are computed on an A = 5.0 to D = 2.0.

## COURSE OFFERINGS - 2017-2018

### ENGLISH

English I, II, III  
English IV: College Prep  
Pre-AICE English Language  
Written Communication I<sup>+</sup>, II<sup>+</sup>  
Journalism

### ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Developmental Language Arts  
English I, II, III, IV

### READING

Intensive Language Arts

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra IA, IB  
Algebra I, II\*  
Geometry  
Liberal Arts Math  
Mathematics for College Readiness  
Pre-AICE Mathematics I, II, III  
Pre-Calculus  
AP Calculus AB

### SCIENCE

Physical Science, \*  
Pre-AICE Biology  
Biology I  
Pre-AICE Chemistry I  
Chemistry  
Anatomy & Physiology\*  
Marine Science  
Pre-AICE Physics  
Introduction to Environmental Science<sup>+</sup>  
Applied Engineering I, II, III

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World History, \*  
United States History  
Economics with Financial Literacy, \*  
American Government, \*  
General Sociology<sup>+</sup>  
Psychology  
History of the US I<sup>+</sup>, II<sup>+</sup>  
Multicultural Studies

### WORLD LANGUAGES

French I, II, III, IV  
Spanish I, II, III, IV  
German I

### ELECTIVES

Career Research & Decision Making  
Leadership - Student Government Assoc  
Leadership - Renaissance

### FINE ARTS & MUSIC

Drawing I, II  
Creative Photography I  
Band I, II, III, IV  
Guitar I, II, III, IV  
Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV  
Keyboarding (Piano) I, II, III, IV  
Orchestra I, II, III, IV  
Marching Band

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION/WELLNESS

Weight Training I, II, III, IV  
Basketball  
Team Sports I, II  
Tennis  
Volleyball  
Recreational Activities  
Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries  
Health Options through Physical Education

### BUSINESS & MARKETING

Digital Information Technology  
Business and Entrepreneurial Principles  
Legal Aspects of Business  
Business Supervision I

### COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Digital Design I, II, III

### HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism  
Computer Technology for Hospitality & Tourism  
Hospitality & Tourism Internship  
Hospitality & Tourism Cooperative OJT  
Travel & Tourism Marketing Management

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Intensive Language Arts  
Access English  
Life Skills Reading  
Access Math  
Access Social Studies  
Access Integrated Science  
Learning Strategies  
Unique Skills  
Self-Determination  
Social and Personal Skills  
Career Preparation  
Career Placement

### JROTC

Leadership Education and Training I, II, III, IV

### LAW ACADEMY

Court Procedures  
Law Studies  
Comprehensive Law Studies  
Criminal Justice I  
Criminal Justice Operations II, III

### AICE COURSES

General Paper  
English Language  
English Literature  
Mathematics I  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Marine Science  
US History  
International History  
Psychology  
Spanish  
Thinking Skills  
Global Perspectives

# TESTING STATISTICS

<b>ACT TEST AVERAGES</b>	Math	Reading	English	Science	Composite
<i>Booker High</i>	17.9	19.3	17.3	17.6	18.1
State of Florida	19.4	21.0	19.0	19.4	19.8

## AICE EXAM SCORES

General Paper	94.9%
English Language	96.3%

# COLLEGE MATRICULATION - 2012-2017

Financial aid and scholarships awards for the senior class of 2016-17 exceeded more than \$4,200,000. Of the graduating class of 2016-17:

48% attend a college, university, or conservatory      15% enroll in a vocational and/or technical school      8% join the armed forces  
 16% attend junior or community college      13% enter the workforce

*Booker High School Class of 2016-2017 seniors were accepted into the following universities and colleges:*

Alabama A&M University	Flagler College	Michigan State University	Southern Methodist University
Alabama State University	Florida A&M University	Mississippi State University	St. Petersburg Community College
Allegheny College	Florida Atlantic University	New College of Florida	State College of Florida
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Florida Gulf Coast University	New Conservatory of Dramatic Arts	Stetson University
American University	Florida International University	New World School of Arts	Stony Brook University
Anderson University	Florida Memorial University	New York Film Academy	Suncoast Technical College
Atlantic Acting School	Florida Polytechnic University	New York School of Dramatic Arts	Syracuse University
Auburn University	Florida School of the Arts	North Carolina Central University	Tacoma State College
Bard College	Florida Southern College	North Carolina State University	Tallahassee Community College
Belmont University	Florida State University	Oberlin Conservatory	Tecco Falls College
Benedict College	Forest Trails Academy	Ohio State University	Tuskegee University
Berklee College of Music	Full Sail University	Ohio Wesleyan College	University of Central Florida
Bethune Cookman University	Furman University	Oregon State University	University of Connecticut
Boston Conservatory	Galveston College	Pace University	University of Denver
Boston University	Garden City Community College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Florida
Bowling Green State University	Graceland University	Patrick Henry College	University of Hartford
Brown University	Georgia Tech University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Iowa
Butler University	Gulf Coast University	Philander College	University of Jerusalem
CAP21	Hillsborough Community College	Point Park University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Carnegie Mellon University	High Point University	Pratt Institute	University of Miami
Champlain College	Hobart and William Smith College	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Minnesota
Chipola State College	Hofstra University	Quinnipiac University	University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Chowan University	Hollins University	Rhodes College	University of North Florida
Clafin State University	Indian River College	Ringling College of Art + Design	University of Rhode Island
Clark Atlanta University	Ithaca College	Riverside Community College	University of Richmond
Colgate University	Jacksonville University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of South Florida-Sarasota/Manatee
Conservatory of Recording Arts & Science	Johnson & Wales University	Rollins College	University of South Florida-Tampa
Culinary Institute of America	Johnson C. Smith University	Roosevelt University	University of Tampa
DAAD	John Wood Community College	Rotary Youth Exchange	University of The Arts
Dakota College at Bottineau	Keiser University	Rutgers University	University of Virginia
Daytona State College	Lakeland University	Salem College	University of West Florida
Delaware State University	Los Angeles Community College	Santa Fe College	Urbana University
Duquesne University	Loyola University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Valencia College
Edward Waters College	Lynn University	Savannah State University	Wake Forest University
Elon University	Macmurray College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Webber International
Embry-Riddle University	Manatee Technical College	Smith College	Winthrop University
Emerson College	Manhattan School of Music	Southern Crescent Technical College	
Fanshawe College	Marymount Manhattan College		
Fisk University	Marymount University		
	Mercy College		
	Miami Dade Community College		