Brownell Talbot is the only private, independent, coeducational college preparatory day school in the state of Nebraska. Brownell Hall opened on September 17, 1863, as an Episcopal girls’ boarding school and transitioned to a coeducational facility in 1952. In 1963, the first freshmen boys were admitted, and the school became Brownell Talbot, taking the names of both bishops responsible for its creation. In 1969, the school ended its formal relationship with the Episcopal Church and became independent.

About BT

Response to COVID-19

Our transcripts will appear identical to pre-COVID-19 transcripts, and our counselor recommendation and/or the secondary school report will reflect anything remarkable from spring 2020 and on as it pertains to individual students. Our school navigated the pandemic with synchronous instruction, albeit over zoom or in a hybrid learning scenario in some very limited cases.

FACULTY

17.95 FTE Upper School faculty members
Upper School student to faculty ratio: 7.7:1
Average years in education: 18.5
Upper School average class size: 10.5
Largest individual class: 20

US faculty members hold advanced degrees

OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT

Lower School (PS-4): 201
Middle School (5–8): 151
Upper School (9-12): 138
Total student body: 490

38% US students of color

80%
### Student Accomplishments 2022-2023 School Year

#### Class of 2024

- **3.54** Average Cumulative GPA
- **27** Class Members

**Advanced Placement**
100% of the Class of 2024 will graduate having completed at least one AP course.

**National Merit Recognition**
3 Semifinalists

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<th>Grade Point Average (6 semesters)</th>
<th>Since 2013, 29 BT graduates have gone on to participate in intercollegiate athletics.</th>
<th>82% of ninth through twelfth grade Upper School students took an Advanced Placement exam.</th>
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<td>14 Upper School students earned academic All-State honors representing their activities.</td>
<td>BT cheerleading has 24 members, including five who were named All-American. In addition to cheering at school athletic events, the team competes at local and state-level cheer competitions in the Traditional and Game Day categories.</td>
<td>Brownell Talbot earned a runner-up 2nd place in the Frontier Conference girls basketball, boys basketball, and the indoor track meet. The school has won 34 Frontier Conference championships since 2012. Brownell Talbot’s cheer team earned runner-up in the Gameday category at the state championships.</td>
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- The Upper School orchestra, choir, contemporary a cappella ensemble, and both of BT’s jazz combos all earned Level I (Superior) ratings at the 2023 District Music Contest, consistent with recent years. A junior student was selected for the Nebraska All-State Orchestra on viola. Pirate Radio, BT’s a cappella group, won first place and the Outstanding Soloist award at the Northeast Jazz Festival. BT’s two jazz combos tied for first place in the open-class combo division at the Chieftain Jazz Festival.

- The Upper School Yakking Raiders speech team is perennially one of the state’s best teams, having placed first (nine times) or second (four times) at nearly every state tournament over the past 15 years. The team has also earned numerous district and conference championships.

- Brownell Talbot won the Frontier Conference championships in girls basketball and boys track & field. BT was the conference runner-up in volleyball. The school has won 34 Frontier Conference championships since 2012.

#### Graduate Successes

**Classes of 2021-2023**

- 4 students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, 8 earned the AP Scholar with Honor Award, and 13 earned the AP Scholar Award.

- 100% college acceptance of graduates into four-year colleges and universities.
- Over $17 million in scholarships were offered.
- 89% of graduates received one or more scholarship offers.

- The Competition Math Team has competed in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Math Day each year, earning first place 14 times since 2007.

- The Academic Decathlon team won Regionals and the State Championship in the Very Small School division. The team finished 2nd overall amongst the Small School and 4th overall in the state. They also competed in the Online National Championships.

- The fall musical, Descendants, was awarded Best Student Lighting Design by Nebraska High School Theatre Association. BT’s one-act play, I Never Saw Another Butterfly, was chosen by Nebraska Thespians as their Chapter Select to perform at the 2023 International Thespian Festival; it garnered multiple individual acting awards at district and conference competitions. The Repertory Theatre class also performed The Play That Goes Wrong. Our spring production of Puffs performed to sold out houses. In addition, student actors premiered readings of screenplays during the Omaha Film Festival Writer’s Theatre. BT’s Thespian Troupe #8093 is a Nebraska Thespians Gold Honor Troupe; student representatives presented at the state capitol building for Theatre in Our Schools Advocacy Day meeting with legislators and the governor. BT students serve on the state board for the Nebraska Thespians with one serving as a Nebraska Student Thespian Officer. BT Theatre students received Superiors at the state and national levels from The Educational Theatre Association.

- At the regional level, three robotics teams earned one championship title, two second place finishes, three Design Awards, and four Excellence Awards and the Innovate Award. At the International level, one team qualified for the US Open and Vex World Championships and won the Design Award at the US Open.
Standardized test statistics include scores through 7/2023 test dates. The testing culture at BT post-COVID is that students generally sit for one national exam; of the students represented in the data, 27% sat for more than one exam.

### ACT Scores

66% of the Class of 2024 took the ACT.

### SAT Scores

22% of the Class of 2024 took the SAT.

Transcript and Course Information

**Grade Point Average**

Each student has an individualized semester GPA and a cumulative GPA calculated from the beginning of ninth grade. The GPA includes grades from all classes. Transfer courses are not calculated into Brownell Talbot’s cumulative GPA. We do not calculate unweighted GPAs.

**GPA Scale**

AP, MSON and Physics with Calculus courses are weighted an additional .5 GPA.

W=Withdrawal after the course drop/add deadline

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**Standard Grading Scale**

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**AP, MSON and Physics with Calculus Grading Scale**

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**Class Rank**

Brownell Talbot is selective in admission and academic requirements and each class is relatively small; therefore, class rank is not calculated.

**Course Schedule and Credits**

Brownell Talbot uses a unique block schedule on a five-day rotation; one day of the rotation contains all eight classes at 40 minutes each, while the other days consist of four 85-minute blocks in a rotating schedule to vary the time of day each class meets. Additionally, each day contains a 30-minute flex period. Course credits are primarily determined by the frequency of classes during the five-day rotation. English, history, math, science, and world language courses are typically five credits per semester. One exception is Physics with Calculus, which is awarded six credits per semester, due to class time extending into one flex period per rotation.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Policy**

Brownell Talbot limits the number of AP and advanced (MSON) courses allowed each academic year and requires completion of the AP exam unless given special permission.

- **Sophomore Year:** Up to 1 AP or MSON course
- **Junior Year:** Up to 3 AP or MSON courses
- **Senior Year:** Up to 3 AP or MSON courses

**AP Courses Offered (17)**

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AP scores do not appear on the transcript in accordance with school policy. MSON courses offered vary by year; MSON courses are indicated on student transcripts.
Graduation Requirements

BT has the highest graduation requirements in the State of Nebraska. Upper School courses are taught at an advanced level, comparable to honors level. However, this is not indicated on the transcript. Students must complete a minimum of 250 credit hours:

- 40 credits of history (eight semesters)
- 40 credits of English (eight semesters)
- 40 credits of mathematics (eight semesters)
- 30 credits of science (six semesters)
- 20 credits of the same world language (four semesters)
- Healthy Living plus three additional semesters of PE
- A minimum of one semester of arts each year (four semesters)

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<td>U.S. History or AP U.S. History</td>
<td>U.S. Government Economics</td>
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<td>Additional Courses</td>
<td>World Religions</td>
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Acceptances and Matriculation
Classes of 2021-2023

Schools where Brownell Talbot graduates have been accepted

Names in bold indicate at least one matriculated student

Adams State University
Agnes Scott College
Amherst College
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augsburg University
Avila University
Barnard College
Baylor University
Benedictine College
Bentley University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Buena Vista University
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California State University (East Bay)
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Christopher Newport University
Clark University
Clemson University
Coe College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
Columbia University
Community College of Denver
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Doane University
Drake University
Drexel University
Elon University
Emory University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Gulf Coast University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Harvard University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University (Bloomington)
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State University
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Metropolitan Community College
Michigan State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Missouri State University (Springfield)
Morehouse College
Morningside University
Mount Holyoke College
Nebraska Wesleyan University
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Northwestern Missouri State University
Occidental College
Ogletorpe University
Oregon State University
Otis College of Art and Design
Oxford College of Emory University
 Pace University (New York City)
Pacific University
Penn State University (University Park)
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Quincy University
Reed College
Regis University
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Rice University
Ripon College
Rockhurst University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University (New Brunswick)
Saint Ambrose University
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Smith College
South Dakota State University
Southern Methodist University
St. Edward's University
St. Olaf College
SUNY at Albany
Sweet Briar College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Manchester
The University of Texas at Austin
Transylvania University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Amsterdam
University of Arizona
University of Birmingham
University of California (Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Irvine)
University of California (Riverside)
University of California (San Diego)
University of California (Santa Barbara)
University of California (Santa Cruz)
University of Central Missouri
University of Charleston
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Exeter
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota (Morris)
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of Missouri (Columbia)
University of Nebraska (Lincoln)
University of Nevada at Las Vegas
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Nebraska at Omaha
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Dakota
University of Northern Iowa
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Sioux Falls
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Sussex
University of Sydney
University of Tulsa
University of Virginia
University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Vassar College
Villanova University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State College
Western Connecticut State University
William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Yale University
Yeshiva University

Admission and Financial Aid

Brownell Talbot seeks to enroll students in preschool through grade 12 who show promise and proven ability and who are enthusiastic and eager to learn. Admission is competitive, and applicants for grades 1-12 are reviewed on the basis of their academic record (grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations), character, and extracurricular interests and talents.

For the 2023-2024 school year, more than $720,000 in need-based assistance was awarded (including $275,000 in scholarships). Approximately twenty percent of the school population (1 in 5 students) receives some form of financial assistance with roughly one-third of Upper School students receiving scholarships and financial aid totaling $300,000.

The Malone Scholars Program

The Malone Scholars Program seeks gifted and academically motivated students in grades 7 through 12 who require a minimum of 30 percent financial assistance. Malone Scholars can receive up to 100 percent of tuition and fees. Malone merit-based scholarships are available for qualified, high-ability students who test in the top five percent on Brownell Talbot’s entrance exams and meet other requirements—students who are committed to achieving their full potential in high school and beyond.

Accreditation and Memberships