

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What should I know about Coe-Brown before I decide to apply?

Please review the Profile of Coe-Brown. It will give you basic information about requirements, courses, and activities. However, there are a few other aspects of our school about which you might want to be aware:

a) **Graduation Requirements:** Although this is briefly covered in the **Profile**, you should be aware that all seniors must complete a **Senior Portfolio**, do 40 hours of **Community Service**, and successfully complete the competencies for each class.

b) **Homework, Attendance, and Behavior Policies:** These are strictly enforced at Coe-Brown. Students who do not demonstrate a willingness to participate in their own education or who interfere with the rights of others to do so may be asked to leave.

c) **Grading System:** Passing grades are from 70 and above.

d) **Calendar and Rotating Modified Block Schedule:** CBNA generally opens during the middle of August and ends in early June. We have a seven block day, during which one period is always doubled and then dropped from the succeeding day's schedule. The blocks also meet at differing times each day on a rotating seven day schedule.

e) **Freshman Orientation Day:** All incoming freshmen will be required to attend an initial day of school in August just prior to the first day for all upper-class students. This will introduce them to an abbreviated version of their schedule and provide some team-building time to create a foundation for success in high school.

f) **Vocational Program:** CBNA does provide a number of vocationally oriented courses (see the *Program of Studies*). We currently have active chapters of FFA (Future Farmers of America), FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), and FCCLA (Future Community and Career Leaders of America). However, due to scheduling considerations, our students do not participate in New Hampshire's secondary school level regional vocational programs such as those in Concord or Dover. *Students interested in one of these comprehensive vocational programs might benefit by investigating a school from which that option is available.*

g) **Lunch Program:** There is no federally subsidized lunch program at CBNA. All students must either bring their own lunches or purchase food from the caterer who provides lunches and the vending machines in the dining hall. (Cost c. \$4.00 per day, depending on appetite!) Coe-Brown uses Meal Time where parents can put money on account for students to use for lunch. A meals assistance program is available by application for qualified families.

h) **Transportation:** Some individual towns supply transportation. At times, some groups of families within a town have made varying arrangements for their students.

2. How can I learn more about Coe-Brown?

- a) Talk with current students, recent graduates, and their families about their experiences here.
- b) Visit our website: www.coebrown.org. For more information about applications look under **Admissions**.
- c) Attend some of our public events such as:
 - Fall Play** – “*Alice in Wonderland*” – October 27-29
 - Winter Arts Festival** - December 6. This will include Visual Arts, & performances by our Chorus, Band, and Drama department.
 - Athletics** – Fall sports are currently underway, and Winter basketball games also treat you to performances by the Pep Band. Schedules for these are on the website.
- d) Arrange for a **Shadow Day** to visit classes similar to those you would be attending next year.

3. How can I arrange a Shadow Day?

All the information about shadowing has been given to non-contract sending school guidance counselors and administrators. Please ask them for forms to arrange a visit. If your student is not currently enrolled in one of the usual sending schools, you may contact the Coe-Brown Guidance Department to receive the information.

4. What is the application procedure?

Packets of application materials will be sent to elementary/middle schools in November. Applications must be completed and returned to Coe-Brown by January 20, 2017. Freshman course registration date will be announced at a later time. Prior to that night, the 8th grade teachers will be asked to recommend the course level (College, General, Skills) at which they feel their students will be successful. We also will request that the 8th grade teachers fill out a confidential reference check list on each applicant.

When reviewing applications, we take into consideration grades, effort, behavior, personal qualities, and contribution to the school and local communities as demonstrated by current participation in activities. “All other things being equal”, we also consider presence of current siblings at CBNA.

5. When will applicants be informed about whether or not they've been accepted?

Decisions this year will be made by February 3, 2017. Written notification of our decision will be mailed home to each applicant. Freshman Registration for accepted students will be on March 16, 2017.