



# **BARD**

High School  
Early College  
**Baltimore, MD**

Information Session



# Bard's History and Philosophy

BHSEC is a public, four-year early college high school that adapts the mission and pedagogy of Simon's Rock and Bard College to a public school setting and allows students to earn an associate of arts degree from Bard College as well as a high school diploma.

Bard College was established in 1860 (Bard is a liberal arts school in upstate NY) and the early college program began in 1979 at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

The First non-residential BHSEC was founded in 2001, Manhattan.

This alternative to traditional high school is founded on the belief that many young people are ready and eager to do serious college work starting at age 16.



# The Bard Network

Annandale-on-Hudson-1860

New Orleans-2008

Simon's Rock-1979

Newark-2011

Manhattan-2001

Harlem-2013

Queens-2008

Cleveland-2014

**Baltimore-2015**

Washington DC-2019

# Student Perspective



“For me, the culture in a school is what determines how people perform. If we’re in an environment where we feel we have nothing to look forward to and only the bare minimum is required, nobody’s really going to care about learning. At Bard, things are different. When we disagree, there’s no talking over the next person or belittling. We’ve learned how to share our opinions, substantiate them, and have discussions, even outside the classroom.”

-Aubreigh Dehinbo,

Alum (Baltimore)



# What can Bard do for you?

- Increasing college access and college completion
- Opportunity for 60 free, transferable college credits
- An advanced and challenging opportunity
- Associates in Arts degree
- High School diploma
- College ready students
- Critical thinking and writing skills developed through its mission
- Robust counseling and support team for our students

# How does it work?

9th-10th graders take an accelerated high school program.

Year 1 and Year 2 students take college classes.





# So college level, like AP?

NOPE!

College level courses taught by college professors with a PHD or terminal degree.

They meet and operate as college classes.

Bard's standards are high, but will prepare its students for the expectations at a 4 year university.

Professors hold office hours to support the students.



# Where do Bard Students go?

Bard College  
Stanford University  
Northwestern University  
Bucknell University  
Coppin State  
Goucher College  
Bowie State University  
Harrisburg University  
Morgan State University  
Champlain College  
Colorado State University  
Elizabethtown College  
Millersville University  
Allegheny College  
Widener University  
York College  
Johnson and Whales University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Capitol Technology University

Arizona State University  
Hood College  
Stevenson University  
Notre Dame University of Maryland  
George Washington University  
UMBC  
University of Maryland College Park  
Temple  
Drexel  
McDaniel College  
West Virginia Wesleyan  
Lynchburg College  
UMES  
Morgan State University (and honors)  
Guilford College  
Seton Hill University  
Washington College  
Clark University (MA)  
Albright College  
and more!





# College and Universities with Articulation Agreements with Bard

## **Finalized Agreements:**

Goucher College (MD)

McDaniel College (MD)

Bowie State University (MD)

Mount St. Mary's University (MD)

The College of New Jersey (NJ)

The College of St. Rose (NY)

Ohio Northern University (OH)

## **In Progress:**

University of Baltimore (MD)

University of Maryland, College Park (MD)

Beloit College (WI)

Binghamton University (NY)

Frostburg State University (MD)

University of New Orleans (LA)

East Stroudsburg University (PA)

Do Bard students  
receive scholarships?

2017 \$1.6 million

2018 \$1.9 million

2019 \$3.6 million

That's over 7.1 million in  
total, in just three years!



# A Day At Bard

8:30-School Begins

12:30 - 1 hour shared lunch period

3:20- Dismissal

Study Hall is available during lunch for 9th and 10th graders, while Y1 and Y2's have a structured study period embedded in their schedules.





They do **town halls** and create community oral history projects through a partnership with the **Maryland Historical Society**.



They do **internships** over the summer. One of our students interned at the Food and Water Watch Baltimore, an organization focused on environmental issues such as energy consumption, water privatization, and fracking.

They even **facilitate workshops** at our annual Daisy Bates Conference about the National Students Bill of Rights.



What do Bard students do with their interests?



# Extracurriculars at Bard Baltimore

Basketball

Track Club Team

Mock Trial

Tech

Green Club

Movie

“The Nook” Newspaper

Performing Arts Club

Soccer

Anime

Chess

Gay Straight Alliance, aka: “Code  
Rainbow”

SAT Prep

Student Government

Debate

Literary Magazine

Song Club

Prayer Club

The Intersection

Squashwise

Social Justice Think Tank

Meditation Club

Greek and Roman  
Mythology Club

Food and World Hunger  
Club

And more!!



# Our Application Process: It Begins at The Open House



## Part One: The Writing Assessment

Because Bard is a writing and reading intensive school, we believe writing is a critical component of evaluating students. This assessment is composed of multiple free response essays that will be completed at an Open House. The applicant will be reading an excerpt and then responding to a few prompts. What is most important is student voice and development of ideas.

A student's composite score or GPA is not a factor for admission into BHSEC Baltimore.



## **Part Two: The Interview**

The interview is conducted one-on-one with a member of our admissions staff and your student. We are looking for students who are excited and ready for this challenge. We seek students who demonstrate academic ambition and intellectual curiosity. We want to see how your student envisions themselves at Bard and what about our program inspires them.





# Application Process: Final Step

Students should be ranking us on their high school choice application.

If a student does not apply through our application process and only lists us on their high school choice application, they will not be placed at our school through the high school choice process. They are still able to complete our application process.



# DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:

BHSEC Baltimore is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from admission or the benefits of services, programs or activities at BHSEC Baltimore. If you have a disability and wish accommodations please contact- Jenna Kadota, Admissions Manager, (443)642-5040, [jkadota@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:jkadota@bhsec.bard.edu) at least 3 days prior to your registered Open House date so that you can share your disability documentation and discuss your specific accommodation needs.