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

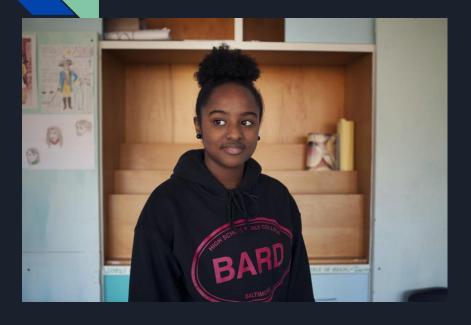
Queens-2008

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:	In Progress:
Goucher College (MD)	University of Baltimore (MD)
McDaniel College (MD)	University of Maryland, College Park (MD)
Bowie State University (MD)	Beloit College (WI)
Mount St. Mary's University (MD)	Binghamton University (NY)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)	Frostburg State University (MD)
The College of St. Rose (NY)	University of New Orleans (LA)
Ohio Northern University (OH)	East Stroudsburg University (PA)

<u>Do Bard students</u> 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 even facilitate workshops at our annual Daisy Bates Conference about the National Students Bill of Rights.

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.



What do Bard students do with their interests?

Extracurriculars at Bard Baltimore

Basketball	Soccer	Song Club
Track Club Team	Anime	Prayer Club
Mock Trial	Chess	The Intersection
	Gay Straight Alliance, aka: "Code	Squashwise
Tech	Rainbow"	Social Justice Think Tank
Green Club	SAT Prep	Meditation Club
Movie	Student Government	Greek and Roman Mythology Club
"The Nook" Newspaper	Debate	Food and World Hunger
Performing Arts Club	Literary Magazine	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 <u>not</u> 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 themself 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 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.