

Bard Baltimore FAQ

Welcome to Bard!

How has virtual learning been going at Bard?

- During closure, while other schools were focused on "continuity" of learning, **we continued to progress through our curriculum** while also attending to the unique needs of our students.
- We already had a **strong online learning infrastructure through the use of Google Classroom** for posting and submitting assignments, so we continued using that format.
- Teachers posted new assignments on Mondays. Classes were synchronous/asynchronous, but teachers also offered virtual office hours, pre-recorded lectures, small group discussions, and online discussion boards as opportunities for engagement and interaction.
- Our counseling and student support teams engaged in **rigorous outreach to students** who were engaging inconsistently in online learning to assess their needs and link them to resources.
- We provided **4 different opportunities** for students to obtain laptops or hotspots; we distributed over 100 pieces of technology all together.
- We also offered and presented a successful Spring **Student Research Symposium**.

What kinds of supports are available to our students (virtual and in-school?)

3 school counselors for our population of 450 students. We have one counselor dedicated to our ninth graders, with our other two counselors splitting our school by last name.

College Transfer Office and corresponding class

Social Worker Restorative Practices

IEP/504/GAL Team Wellness Center

Mental Health Services Bard 101
via Johns Hopkins Bayview

What is our school logo and mascot?

Here at Bard Baltimore, we are the **Bard Bulls**! This was voted upon by our very first class of students at our school in 2015. They decided on the Bulls.

Our logo was recently redone, this is our logo for Bard Baltimore.

Bard
Baltimore

Be you. Be challenged. Be ready for life.

Our school colors are black, red, and white.

Each year, our incoming class receives a Bard t-shirt near the start of the school year. If you are looking for Bard gear in the meantime, we recommend using the Bard College online bookstore for apparel.

What kind of clubs do you have at your school?

Basketball

Track Club Team

Mock Trial

Tech

Green Club

Squashwise

Newspaper Club

Performing Arts Club

Soccer

Anime/Manga

Chess

Gay Straight Alliance, aka: "Code Rainbow"

SAT Prep

Student Government Association

Debate Team

Literary Magazine

Song Club

Prayer Club

The Intersection

Social Justice Think Tank

Meditation Club

Greek and Roman
Mythology Club

Food and World Hunger
Club

And more!!

What classes will I be taking?

9th Grade Classes

- Literature of the Americas
- Algebra 1 or Geometry (if you have a high school Alg1 credit already)
- Spanish I or Chinese I (or II if you have a high school language credit already)
- Drawing and Painting or Survey of Music
- American Government
- History of the Americas
- Physics

For students transferring into a grade other than 9th, please make sure to send your completed transcripts(when available) to the Admissions Team so a counselor can coordinate your schedule.

What special events happen at Bard?

- Writing and Thinking Days start the year
- Homecoming Dance
- Spirit Week
- Pep Rallies
- Talent Shows
- Research Symposiums
- Dean's Hour
- Awards assemblies
- Pizza parties/movies for good report cards
- Field Trips
- Matriculation Ceremony
- PSAT
- Pasta Dinner and Game Night
- Town Hall/FTU Meetings
- College Tours

Do Bard students get into college?

YES. Whether you get the A.A. or not, you will graduate with college credits and the preparation to succeed in college or elsewhere.

Bard Baltimore alumni are attending Stanford, Johns Hopkins, the University of Pennsylvania, Northeastern, UMBC, College Park, Bard College, Goucher, Berklee College of Music, Temple, and many more.

Bard Baltimore students are earning scholarships to college. One student in the Class of 2018 was awarded \$1.1 million in scholarships on his own.

College. Military. Workforce. You can take this education anywhere you want to go.

Will Summer Bridge be virtual?

Yes, we have received guidance from the City that our summer programming should be virtual.

We will offer an opportunity for students to pick up loaner devices to participate in bridge if they don't have those resources at home. Details about pick up will be released closer to August.

Any required reading for incoming students?

We do have a summer reading opportunity for our incoming students. It is specifically geared towards rising ninth graders, but new upperclassmen are welcome to join as well!

If you are interested in joining our BRAND NEW summer reading club, the group will be reading and discussing the following texts:

- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkamba
- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- And more!!

We will have a link on our Accepted Student page for interested students to sign up to receive more info!

You can find our Accepted Student page at <https://baltimore.bard.edu/admission/accepted-students/>

Are there any opportunities for parent/guardian involvement?

YES! We would love for everyone to join our Family Teacher Union, which is Bard's version of a PTA. During the covid closures, our group has met once a week Monday nights at 7pm. During the normal school year, this group meets once a month.

If you are interested in joining, please reach out to b-ftu@bhsec.bard.edu or you can reach out to Mr. Bond (mbond@bhsec.bard.edu).