

Bard High School Early College Baltimore

A Partnership between Baltimore City Public Schools and Bard College

*Love learning? Want a challenge?
College bound? Want to jump-start your college career?
Earn 60 **free** college credits and an associate's
degree while still in high school!*

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Opening in fall 2015, Bard High School Early College (BHSEC) Baltimore is a four-year public school that offers students the unique opportunity to take a two-year, tuition-free college course of study in the liberal arts and sciences following the 9th and 10th grades. Through the partnership between Bard College and Baltimore City Public Schools, we make it possible for students to earn both a high school diploma and up to 60 transferable college credits and an associate in arts degree from Bard College within four years.

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. BHSEC Baltimore will benefit from Bard College's 13 years of experience running successful early colleges in partnership with public school districts.

KEY FACTS

- Students earn an associate in arts degree along with a high school diploma (within four years)
- No tuition charges
- Rigorous academic program in the liberal arts and sciences
- Small writing- and discussion-based classes taught by college faculty
- Individual student support and guidance to promote success

APPLICATION

- All current 8th and 10th grade students who live in the city of Baltimore can apply. The BHSEC application includes an interview and writing assessment. BHSEC seeks students who demonstrate evidence of academic ambition and intellectual curiosity.
- Student admission will begin in January 2015.
- To register for an admissions interview and assessment, visit bhsec.bard.edu/baltimore, e-mail baltimore@bhsec.bard.edu, or call 443-642-2062.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Academic Program and Course Offerings:

BHSEC Baltimore provides a rigorous course of study that emphasizes critical thinking through writing, discussion, and inquiry. The school seeks to intellectually engage a diverse group of motivated high school students and prepare them for success in college and beyond.

The BHSEC curriculum is composed of a two-year college preparatory sequence in the 9th and 10th grades that segues directly into a two-year college course of study in place of the traditional 11th and 12th grades. BHSEC's college offerings span the natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics, humanities, and the arts, and include both core and elective courses.

College Curriculum Requirements:

- All four semesters of Bard's Great Books Seminar Sequence
- Two semesters of college laboratory science
- Two semesters of college mathematics
- Two semesters of college foreign language
- Two semesters of college literature and/or history/social science
- One course of college music, theater, dance, and/or visual art
- Two semesters of the College Experience Course

Support Services:

- Learning Center (offers professional and peer tutoring)
- Faculty office hours
- College Transfer Office (provides individualized college counseling and college transfer support)
- Summer bridge program for incoming students
- Advisory (provides faculty and peer support)
- College Experience Course (equips students with the skills and habits of mind necessary for success in college)

Extracurricular Activities:

- A wide range of student-led clubs and teams (e.g. dance, debate, drama, and math clubs, student council)
- Community service opportunities
- After-school activities
- Student publications (e.g. yearbook, literary magazine)
- Sports teams

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- BHSEC Baltimore will hold classes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with opportunities for students to come early and/or stay late.
- BHSEC Baltimore will not have a uniform.
- BHSEC Baltimore will provide bus passes to students who live beyond a 1.5 mile radius of the school.
- BHSEC Baltimore's permanent location will be finalized in the spring of 2015. In the first year, we will be temporarily located at 1101 N. Wolfe Street.

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For more information, visit bhsec.bard.edu/baltimore.

Contact us at baltimore@bhsec.bard.edu or 443-642-2062.

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BHSEC was truly an eye-opening experience and it will always remain in my heart as the birthplace of my intellectual adventure.

—Abdel-Rahman Ahmed '12, BHSEC Queens