

Bard High School Early College DC

A Partnership between the District of Columbia 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 in high school!*

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Bard High School Early College DC (Bard DC), opening in fall 2019, 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 the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), students can earn a high school diploma, up to 60 transferable college credits, and an associate in arts degree from Bard College within four years—free of charge.

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. Bard DC will benefit from Bard College's 17 years of experience running successful early colleges in partnership with public school districts. The Bard Early College network currently serves more than 2,850 students in five states.

KEY FACTS

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

APPLICATION

- All current 8th- and 10th-grade students who live in Washington, D.C., may apply through the My School DC Lottery. The Bard DC application includes an interview and a writing assessment. Bard DC seeks students who demonstrate academic motivation and intellectual curiosity.
- Admission begins in October 2018.
- To register for an open house and admission session, visit bhsec.bard.edu/dc, or contact the school at dc@bhsec.bard.edu or 202-898-4664.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Bard DC 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 Bard High School Early College 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. The school's college offerings span the natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics, humanities, foreign languages, and the arts, and include both core and elective courses.

College Curriculum Requirements

- All four semesters of Bard's interdisciplinary humanities 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 sciences
- 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
- Advising and counseling services
- 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
- Sports teams (based on capacity and student interest)
- Community service and civic engagement opportunities
- After-school activities
- Student publications

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"To be a Bard High School Early College graduate means to love learning, no matter the subject, topic, or situation. The desire to expand your knowledge in any and every opportunity given to you is how it feels to be a Bard High School Early College graduate navigating through the world."

—Anthony Lloyd, 2017 Bard High School Early College Baltimore graduate, attending Bard College