

Baltimore School for the Arts is one of the top public arts high schools in the country.

Nationally recognized for both its pre-professional arts training as well as its college-preparatory academic program, the school also serves as a vibrant community arts center for thousands of children and families each year.

35 YEARS

Founded in 1979, BSA is celebrating 35 years as one of Baltimore's premiere educational and cultural institutions.



ADMISSIONS

Designed to identify students with the potential for a career in the arts, admission to BSA is based solely on an arts audition—no academic criteria are used. Every student gets a level playing field and a fresh start at BSA.

390

students
in grades 9 to 12.

TOP 5

public arts high schools
IN THE NATION

According to the National Endowment for the Arts and the Doris Duke & Surdna Foundations

One of the
BEST HIGH SCHOOLS
in America

*Newsweek and
US News & World Report*



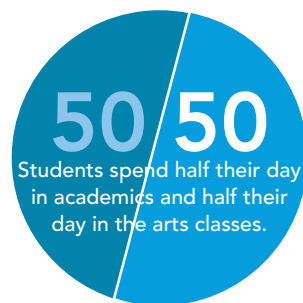
FOCUS & COLLABORATION

Students at BSA study one arts discipline: dance; instrumental or vocal music; stage production or acting; or visual arts. In a yearly all-arts festival and through programs centered in the school's innovative Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology, students also have the opportunity to work together across disciplines.

Attendance
97% or more
of students attend school
EVERY DAY.

22

Average academic class size
In arts classes,
student to faculty ratio is very low
(1:1 in some classes)
as personalized instruction is a
distinguishing feature
of the school.



Artists as Teachers

The arts faculty is composed of professional artists who model the discipline and process required to solve problems in creative ways and promote the collaborative work that is essential in the arts and in the workforce.

DIVERSITY

The diverse socio-economic, cultural, and racial mix of students is a unique and special quality of the school. Approximately 50% of students are African American, 40% are white, 5% are Asian, and 3% Hispanic. About 1/4 of our students are eligible for free and reduced lunches.



SUPPORT

Students who need it receive free tutoring and test preparation so that they can meet academic benchmarks as well as artistic ones.

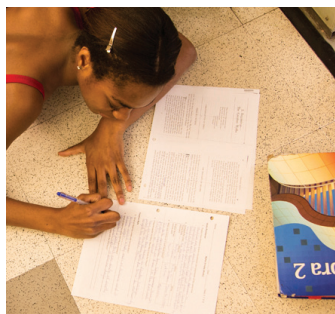
HSA
pass rate
exceeds 95%
for first time
test takers

BALTIMORE SCHOOL for the **ARTS**

The school is located at 712 Cathedral Street in the heart of Baltimore's Mount Vernon Cultural District. Its historic buildings are within walking distance to many of the city's most prominent arts institutions. These organizations serve as a vital resource for students, faculty, and families.

Highest AP average in the state

In 2013, 100% of AP test takers received scores of 3 or higher, with an average score of 4.38.



ADVANCED STUDY

The academic program includes Honors courses in English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Spanish, and Calculus. There are AP classes in English Composition, English Literature, Spanish, Music Theory and Art History.

#1
High School
in Baltimore City
Newsweek 2013



Master Classes & Cultural Outings

Master classes and residencies with top professional artists, as well as visits to cultural institutions in Baltimore and elsewhere, enrich the curriculum in every discipline.

98% or more of BSA students **GRADUATE EACH YEAR.**

Students have earned **NATIONAL MERIT Scholarship Recognition**, State of Maryland Merit Scholarship Awards, NAACP's ACT-SO Achievement Medals, and YoungArts Awards.

College Counseling

Personalized and intensive college counseling begins in 9th grade.

\$7,000,000

The Class of 2014 received nearly 7 million dollars in financial aid and scholarships for college.

100%

In 2012 & 2013, 100% of our graduates were accepted to colleges, universities and conservatories.

Transformational Leaders

Director Chris Ford has been recognized as a transformational principal by the City Schools. Many of BSA's academic and arts faculty have earned recognition both as teachers and as artists.

SIDE-BY-SIDE

Opportunities to learn and perform with professionals at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, The Walters, Center Stage, the Maryland Historical Society, and many other organizations in Baltimore.

96%

In a recent survey of the Class of 2006, 96% reported completing **college in 5 years** – Nearly double the national rate of 45% in 6 years.



Tony & Grammy NOMINATIONS

Just a few of the accolades that our working alumni have received. Thousands of graduates have rewarding careers in the arts and in a variety of other fields.



700

2nd-8th grade children receive **FREE** arts instruction through our after-school program, **TWIGS.**

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Each year, 1/3 of the funding for the high school and 2/3 of the funding for outreach is contributed by individuals, foundations, and corporations. This generous support is critical to the success of BSA and TWIGS.

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