









"Bard Academy at Simon's Rock offers an accelerated educational experience for intellectually curious students who are ready to start college early. Students complete high school in two years and then transition into Bard College at Simon's Rock, earning an AA degree by the time their peers graduate high school."

- Student

Boarding School

Bard Academy at Simon's Rock Massachusetts

Bard Academy at Simon's Rock is a private, co-educational boarding and day school in New England offering an early college-style liberal arts curriculum for Grades 9-10. The school enables academically motivated students to transition directly into college-level study and earn college credits while completing high school.

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STEM
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NEW-ENGLAND

Quick Facts

Founded: 2015

Students: Co-educational

Niche.com Rank: A+

**Special Programs: Early College Program,
College-Level Liberal Arts Curriculum**

Accepting students: Grades 9-10th

University Acceptance Rate: 100%

Interview Required? Yes

Diploma Year? No

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

Climate: Warm, humid summers and Cool, dry winters

Academic Excellence

Bard Academy at Simon's Rock offers an academically intensive program designed for intellectually curious students seeking deeper engagement with learning. The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, discussion-based classes, and interdisciplinary study. With a student-teacher ratio of 1:7, students receive close academic mentorship from faculty who also teach at the college level. After Grade 10, students who meet academic and social standards may matriculate directly into Bard College at Simon's Rock, earning an associate degree while most peers remain in high school. Graduates consistently gain admission to highly selective universities worldwide.

Student Accomplishments

- Early matriculation into Bard College at Simon's Rock
- Recognition among top STEM-focused high schools in Massachusetts
- Student participation in academic lectures and artistic performances by visiting scholars.



Recent University Acceptances

- Harvard University
- Yale University
- Columbia University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Chicago
- University of California, Berkeley
- Oxford University
- London School of Economics
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Georgetown University
- University of Michigan
- University of Toronto
- Williams College
- Bard College



Stats

7:1

Student Teacher Ratio

275

Acres Campus

400

Total School Enrollment

18%

International Boarding Students

#20

Most Diverse Private High Schools in Massachusetts

#1

Most Diverse Private High Schools in Berkshire County



Campus Facilities

Bard Academy's students study on the 275-acre campus of Bard College at Simon's Rock in the Berkshire Mountains. Facilities include science laboratories, research spaces, a library, art studios, and a performing arts center with a theater and dance studios. Students also have access to athletic and wellness facilities, community gardens, and outdoor spaces that support both academic and experiential learning.

Residential Life

Boarding students live in supervised on-campus residences with dedicated residential staff. Housing includes shared rooms, common lounges, and structured evening routines. Students receive academic, wellness, and counseling support, with regular transportation provided to the nearby town of Great Barrington. The residential community includes students from the United States and international backgrounds, supporting independence within a closely guided environment.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics emphasize participation, wellness, and balance alongside academic commitments. Students engage in recreational and interscholastic sports within a supportive campus environment.

The arts are an integral part of campus life, with opportunities in visual arts, music, theater, film, and dance supported by professional-grade facilities.



Lists

Sports: Basketball, Soccer, Swimming

Arts: Art History, Ceramics, Dance, Drawing, Film, Painting, Photography, Theater, Chamber Orchestra, Chorus, Jazz, Music Theory

Languages:
Chinese, French, Spanish

Tech and Innovation courses:
Computer Science, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Film Production

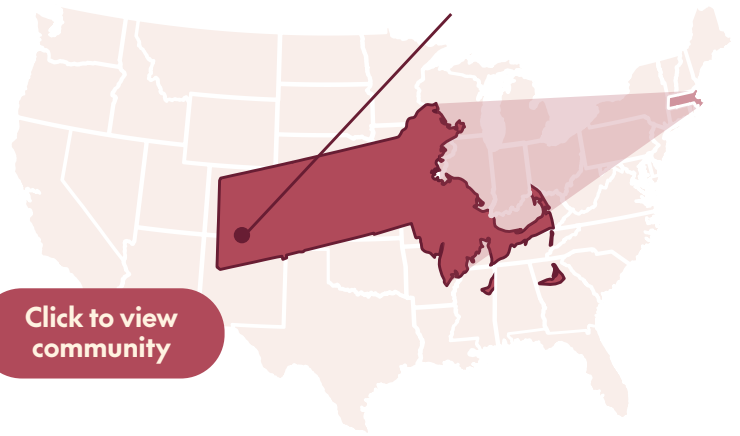
Club and Extracurriculars
International Students Association, Medical Prep Club, Poetry Club, Student of Color Association, Snowboarding Club

Academic advising and mentoring
Residential supervision and wellness services

University planning and transition support

Community

Great Barrington is a small town in western Massachusetts with a population of approximately 3,000. Located in the Berkshire Mountains, the area is known for natural scenery and cultural institutions. Boston is about two hours away by car. The nearest international airport is Boston Logan International Airport, providing global access.



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Climate in Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Four seasons with warm, humid summers and cool, dry winters.



Video

**Bard Academy
Academic Program**

