

White Paper

The BHS Method™

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A radical approach  
to education.



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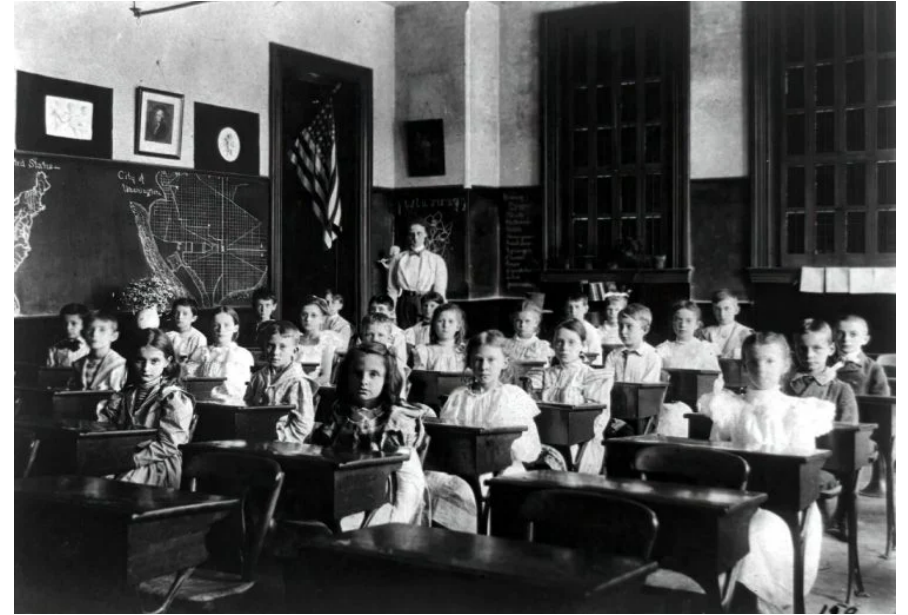
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# What is the **PROBLEM?**

## **Education needs reforming.**

*"The first half of my life I went to school, the second half of my life I got an education."*

- Mark Twain



The education system is **antiquated** and **doesn't prepare students for the modern world**. In the current model, teachers make students compliant, follow orders and accept information without questioning it. In class, the teacher is always right and abstract topics are being preached without context.

Consequently, education leaves students feeling dis-empowered, with strands of information that are meaningless and empty.

The solution?

**THE**

**BHS METHOD™**

## What is the **BHS Method™**?

The BHS Method™ is based on the philosophy to help teenagers **excel academically, socially, and psychologically**. The method relates to students as whole humans and prides itself on a **dynamic learning environment**.

Additionally, **learning is multidimensional**. The method enhances the learning process by encouraging collaboration, giving knowledge meaning, and encouraging dynamic discussions in class.

The concept involves an **innovative open plan that fosters meaningful connections** across the whole school campus. The **learning community is like a family** and friendships within the BHS Method™ are not limited by individual grade levels, genders, or cliques. Moreover, **work is combined with play** and the method strives to create life-long learners by instilling curiosity around knowledge.

*"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."*

- William Butler Yeats







# The 5 **PILLARS**

- 1.** Academic Confidence
- 2.** Social Integration
- 3.** Emotional Intelligence
- 4.** Mental Health Support
- 5.** Open Community

# 01

## Academic Confidence

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The BHS Method™ is carried out by teachers and administrators who all have the **BHS Spark which means "10 out of 10" in quality**. Due to **smaller class sizes**, students feel seen and everyone gets the chance to **develop their voice**.

The BHS Method™ emphasizes **critical thinking**. In turn, students feel confident discussing and giving their opinion on what they are learning.

The BHS Method™ guides students to the possibilities around them. By asking questions, teachers encourage students to **challenge their held beliefs and consider other points of view**.

Students have access to **a learning platform** where they can interact with the class content pre- and post- class. This gives students independence to deepen their knowledge on their own terms. BHS shares the tools to **empower students in their learning**.

Our world is constantly changing, and the BHS Method™ acknowledges that the program of study should be malleable. The method wants to foster **adaptable students** that will be able to handle their journeys after they graduate. Life doesn't have a single answer like a math problem, so **teachers guide students to their own solutions**.



# 02

## Social Integration

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### School Clubs

The BHS Method™ cultivates the growth of **well-rounded students** so education is extended far beyond the classroom. Clubs are offered after school weekly.

These include the board game club, the volleyball club, the music production club, and the debate club. These clubs serve as **groundwork to foster deeper connections**, motivated by shared interests.

### Student Voice

The BHS Method™ invites students to become **involved in their learning journey**. Student body representatives actively **obtain student's feedback** and communicate suggestions to the staff.

Through this method, activities such as 'Movie Night' and 'Ski Week' can be proposed and enacted upon.



### Language Integration

As English is the main language spoken at the school, **English lessons are provided for international students**.

This facilitates integration into the school community, as language is an important tool for connection.



# 03

## Emotional Intelligence

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### Harmony

Students' lives outside of school are encouraged and valued. For example, athletes' schedules can be modified to fit with their training schedule.

This way, school doesn't take over their lives and the method creates harmony.

### Communication Skills

The BHS Method™ acknowledges the importance of fostering emotional intelligence in students. By modeling compassion, teachers create a relationship of care.

At school, students are led to a point where they feel confident to ask for help, collaborate with peers and even negotiate their assignments. They naturally learn conflict resolution, communication strategies, and other life skills that they can apply in their own relationships.

### Curiosity & Self-Confidence

By sparking curiosity in students, they learn to be motivated by interest and not by grades or what question will be on the final exam. These skills can be applied later on when they are choosing a career, as they will be confident to make decisions based on their passions.





# 04

## Mental Health Support

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The BHS Method™ recognizes the importance of students' mental health. To support students, the school has a **qualified counselor** on staff.

Counseling is **never forced upon students**, yet the counselor forms connections with the students by **establishing a presence in the community**. This method means that students can feel supported and feel like someone has their back.

The BHS Method™ also offers **a health elective**. In this class, students learn **strategies to balance their life**. They learn how to manage stress, to put a name to what they are feeling and to listen to their bodies.

Sometimes students don't know how to word what is affecting them, but this elective **empowers them to acknowledge what they are feeling and seek support**.

Overall, the school cultivates an atmosphere where **students feel at home**. Everyone involved in the community has a meaningful role, which creates a sense of purpose. Accordingly, the emergent property becomes **a harmonious family environment**.



# 05 Open Community

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The BHS Method™ has a **radical approach** to education. Above all, the school stands out on account of its **family-type environment**. A student once compared the space to a **home**.



Building on this analogy, the main body of the school is like a big, open living room. Students feel safe and learning is done collectively, in **community**. By taking away the walls, BHS fosters relationships that domino across cultures and ages, allowing for **an incredible blend of ideas**.

Surrounding the living room, the space is embraced by **individual classrooms**. Smaller-scale learning takes place here, **focusing on specific subject areas**.

These spaces can be compared to the individual rooms of the house, each with their own personality.



This home is **a special place** where students are challenged and supported on their life and educational journey.



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