

School Profile

2024-2025

About BHS

Founded in 2020 by Harvard graduate and innovative entrepreneur Akida Mashaka, Barcelona High School (BHS) is a revolutionary international American school located in Barcelona, Spain. BHS was created with a mission to address the shortcomings of traditional education and provide students with the tools to foster each student's academic growth, social development, and emotional well-being in a rapidly changing world.



The BHS Method™

At the core of BHS's success is its pedagogy—The BHS Method™ “Build. Harvest. Succeed.” Our method emphasizes independent learning, iterative improvement through guide instruction, and the application of knowledge.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Barcelona High School is to support all students academically, socially, and psychologically by providing a challenging and nurturing educational experience that fosters personal growth, creativity, and a sense of community.

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BHS

Social Wellness School™Philosophy

BHS prioritizes mental health and social development alongside academics. This educational philosophy focuses on fostering students' emotional intelligence, self-confidence, and social engagement to help them discover and develop their unique strengths.

Academic Excellence

BHS follows a US curriculum, offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses and preparation for university admissions worldwide. BHS students graduate with an American High School Diploma.

Faculty

The BHS team includes 37 teachers and administrators, five English Language Learner teachers, and four social work professionals. 88% of our staff hold post-graduated degrees. Staff come from diverse backgrounds, including the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Uruguay, Spain, Ireland, Ecuador, the Netherlands, Colombia, Brazil, Russia, and Croatia, holding degrees from prestigious and a diverse range of institutions worldwide.

10 Core Values

BHS Graduate

01/

Autonomous:
We Speak Up, We Are Independent.

02/

Community
Centered:
We Are a Tribe.

03/

Flexible:
Isn't just a buzzword
it's survival.

04/

Tenacious:
We Embrace Failure.

05/

Innovative:
We Create, We Imagine.

06/

Inclusive:
We Are Kind

07/

Has Integrity:
We Do the Right Thing.

08/

Empathetic:
We Care

09/

Self-Aware:
We Check in with Ourselves.

10/

Humble:
We Are Thankful for the Collective

Location:
Gracia neighborhood,
Barcelona, Spain

Enrollment:
340 students (2024-2025)

Languages:
Instruction in native English;
intensive Spanish and Catalan
courses available

Curriculum:
US-based, including
AP courses

AP Course Offerings:

- AP Biology
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP European History
- AP Physics

Ranking: BHS does not calculate class rank due to our small size and the mobility of the student body.

Language Arts: 4 Credits

Required: Language Arts 9, 10, 11, 12 (or an AP Literature course in one of these years).

Mathematics: 4 Credits

Required: Algebra 1, Geometry. Students choose 2 additional Math credits.

Science: 3 Credits

Required: Biology. Students choose 2 additional Science credits.

Social Studies: 4 Credits

Required: Geography, World History, US History, American Government/Economics.
Elective Credit Requirements

Fine arts

Required: Language Arts 9, 10, 11, 12 (or an AP Literature course in one of these years).

Physical Education or Health

Required: Algebra 1, Geometry. Students choose 2 additional Math credits.

Electives: 3 Credits

Required: Biology. Students choose 2 additional Science credits.

STUDENT LIFE:

Leadership and Career Counseling:

Programs to develop leadership skills and prepare students for life after high school.

Student Housing:

Student housing options with visa and guardian support for international students.

Modern Learning Tools:

A digital platform ensures academic transparency and flexibility for traveling athletes and students.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Basketball	Music
Running	Skate
Model UN	Soccer
STEAM	Dance

Accreditation

Barcelona High School is accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education, the Barcelona Education Department, the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPA), and the American International Accreditation Association of Schools and Colleges (AIAASC).



University Offers

SPAIN:

EADA
ESADE
Harbour Space
IE - Instituto Empresa (4)
Institute of the Arts
St. Louis University Madrid
UCAM Catholic University of Murcia
Universidad Europea (2)
University of Navarra

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:

American College of Greece (Greece)
American University of Paris (France)
Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands)
EDHEC (France)
ESSEC (France)
Häme University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
IED Istituto Europeo di Design (Italy)
Istituto Marangoni Milano Design School (Italy)
John Cabot University (Italy)
Jönköping University (Sweden)
Ku Leuven
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)
Maastricht University (The Netherlands)
Paris-Saclay University (France)
Tilburg University (The Netherlands)
University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
University Targu Mures Medical Campus Hamburg
UMCH (Germany)
Vrije University (The Netherlands)

UNITED STATES:

Bakersfield Community College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
FIDM / Fashion Institute of Design
and Merchandising
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health
Sciences
Middlebury College
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Rice University
SAIC (School of the Art Institute of Chicago)
Savannah College of Art and Design
Swarthmore College
University of Boston
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii

UNITED KINGDOM:

Bristol University
Cambridge School of Art
Coventry University
Falmouth
Nottingham Trent University
Ravensbourne University London
Schumacher College / Dartington Institute
The Glasgow School of Art
The University of Sheffield
University of the Arts London (UAL)
University College London (UCL)
University of Brighton
University of Central Lancashire
University of Derby

EGYPT:

MUST University for Science & Technology

AUSTRALIA:

University of Newcastle