

BCHIGH

High School Essentials Guide 2023 - 2024

WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome you to Boston College High School!

The coming years will be filled with exciting opportunities, countless possibilities, and life-changing moments. You have joined a community committed to your success every step of the way.

This guide contains helpful information as you transition to BC High.

It includes:

- tasks that you need to complete; and
- important dates for events geared toward new students.

myBCHigh

As you were going through the admission application process, you were accessing the admission portal. Now that you have enrolled, you will be granted access to myBCHigh which will serve as a key resource for you throughout your time at BC High. It is through this site that you can access, among other things:

- the most updated version of the school calendar;
- a directory of BC High community members including enrollment by town;
- reminders of activities happening each day; and
- important resources and documents (i.e. class schedules, report cards, etc.).

Wi-Fi or cellular data is required to access this information. If you lack or have limited access to Wi-Fi at home, or have questions about available resources, please contact he IT department at itdepartment@bchigh.edu.

If having access to this information in a language other than, or in addition to, English would be helpful for your family, contact Morgan Soutter P'24, '26, Vice Principal of Operations at soutter@bchigh.edu

In early May, you will receive an email with instructions detailing how to log in to this portal.

In addition, in the coming months you will be receiving communications, mainly via email, through our Eagle Updates.

Eagle Updates are sent periodically through the summer and weekly during the school year. They contain valuable information and event details pertaining to the various happenings of the school.

CHECKLIST

DATE/DEADLINE	ITEM / TASK	PAGE
March 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. OR March 31, 2023 at Noon Parents should select one date.	Participate in Webinar for Parents: Exploring Fine Arts and Language Courses and Preparing for Math and Language Exams	6
April 21, 2023	Submit Fine Arts, Language, and Math Placement Form	8
May 19, 2023	Deadline for Academic Support Requests and Documentation	3, 10
May 25, 2023	FACTS Billing System & Enrollment Contract due	4
June 2023	Submit Tuition Payment	6
June 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.	Math and Language Placement Test	8
June 12 OR June 13, 2023 Evening Program for both students and parents Time is TBD for both.	Orientation Attendance strongly recommended	5
Posted after Memorial Day	Summer Reading Assignment	5
During June Orientation	Pictures Taken for Student ID EagleCard	5
Mailed in June 2023	Course List	2
No later than July 1, 2023	Health Forms Due	4, 9
July 5 — August 18, 2023	Purchase T Pass	5
July/August	Technology Set-up Sessions	5
Late August - TBD Students should check the Eagle Update throughout the summer for dates and times of tryouts and practices.	Athletic Tryouts for Fall Teams	3
August 30, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.	Convocation	3
August 31, 2023 at 8:20 a.m. — 2:40 p.m.	Freshman & Transfer Orientation	5
Available on-line in late August 2023	Room and Teacher Assignments	
Due no later than September 5, 2023	Student Handbook Contract	5
September 5, 2023	First Day of School with Staggered Start	

ACADEMICS

Curriculum and Requirements

The course of study for Grade 9 is the following:

- · Biology I
- Foundations of Faith
- English I
- Fine Art Elective
- · Global History I
- Health and Wellness I
- Language (Chinese, French, Latin, *or* Spanish)
- Mathematics (Algebra I or Geometry)

The following information provides an overview of the courses students will take each year. Placement tests are required in order to be considered for Geometry or for a second year/advanced status in one of the languages. Placement tests will take place on June 3 at 8:30 a.m. Each test should take approximately 45 minutes. If you wish to take a placement test, specify which subject(s) on the online form found here. More information can be found on page 8.

Students are required to take one full-credit in the area of Fine Arts prior to graduation. We offer a number of ways for this requirement to be fulfilled. Students can take courses and/or gain credit through participation in performance-based activities including the school's musical ensembles, choir, dramatic, and musical productions. Freshmen are required to take at least 0.25 credits in Fine Arts. Participation in a band, play, or the choir satisfies this requirement. More information can be found in the 2023-2024 Course Catalog which can be found on the Resource Board of myBCHigh.

COURSES 2023 - 2024

Core Offerings

GRADE 9

Foundations of Faith English I Algebra I *or* Geometry Global History I Biology I Language Fine Arts

Health and Wellness I

GRADE 10

Engaging Scripture and Tradition
American Literature
Geometry or Algebra II
Global History II or US History I
or World History AP Language
Chemistry or Integrated Science
or Elective
Fine Arts
Health and Wellness II

GRADE 11

Ethics and Social Justice
British Literature *or* AP Elective
Algebra II *or* Precalculus *or* Calculus
US History II *or* US History AP
Language
Physics *or* Chemistry *or* Elective
Group Guidance
Fine Arts

GRADE 12

Religion Elective
English IV or AP Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective
Group Guidance
Fine Arts

GETTING READY

ACADEMIC SUPPORT OFFICE

Our goal is to enhance the opportunity for all BC High students to strengthen their skills and meet their personal goals and potential, while adhering to the school's demanding academic standards. Students who have had academic accommodations at their previous school and are interested in similar accommodations at BC High must submit current documentation to the Academic Support Office for review and assessment. Having accommodations at one's previous school, however, does not guarantee that BC High will necessarily honor those same accommodations.

To make a request for accommodations, complete the online request for academic accommodations form, which can be found under the Academic Section of the Parent and/or Student Resource Board. Once the request is received, we will determine what requested accommodations are necessary and reasonable in our educational setting without modifying the BC High curriculum. Please submit the application and all documentation by June 1, 2023. Contact Marilee Bennis, Supervisor of Learning Enhancement, with questions or concerns at mbennis@bchigh.edu. For more information, please refer to page 10 in this guide.

ATHLETIC TRYOUTS

More specific information will be forthcoming as details are finalized by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). Please check the school website and pay attention to our email newsletter, the Eagle Update, throughout the summer months. Some fall sports will have tryouts and practices before the start of school. Specifically, medical information will need to be uploaded to ATS. Details will be communicated.

Families should be aware that there are athletic games and practices during the Christmas, February, and April school vacations and absences during these times are not excused.

BOOK ORDERING

Most books and course resources will be available digitally. Very few hardcover textbooks, paperback books, or workbooks will be used. Additional information about the use of books and computers is covered in the Technology Information section on page 10.

HOUSE SYSTEM

BC High has implemented a House System in the high school. Students will be divided into one of 12 houses. Each house consists of smaller advisory groups as well. Students will be notified of their house and advisory group prior to school starting in September. For more information on the House System, visit www.bchigh.edu/house-system.

COMMUNICATION

During your time at BC High, we will communicate with you in a number of ways, including email and our electronic newsletter, the Eagle Update. We will also provide a number of important resources and documents on our website. If having access to this information in a language other than, or in addition to, English would be helpful for your family, please contact Morgan Soutter, Vice Principal for Operations, at 617–474–5077 or via email at soutter@bchigh.edu.

CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

Athletes who sign up for a sport will take an ImPACT Baseline Concussion Test. Further information will be sent by the Athletic Training staff.

CONVOCATION

Students and their families are invited to attend Convocation on August 30, 2023 which is considered the official start to the school year. The evening includes an opportunity for new families to meet one another.

DRESS CODE

We respect each individual student and have a keen awareness of the needs of the social and academic community within which our students must function. We want to develop a school climate that supports learning, growth, human dignity, hygiene and neatness. Honoring these principles, students are offered considerable freedom in our dress code. The school feels it is important to provide guidelines while still allowing room for student choice and ownership of their appearance.

Pants

- Must be worn at the waist.
- NO jeans, military-style fatigues, nylon pants, cargo pants or pants with drawstrings.

Shorts

- Students may wear shorts during the month of September.
- NO gym or athletic shorts, cut-offs, cargos or militarystyle fatigues.

Shirts

- Collared shirts with long or short sleeves, properly buttoned and tucked in at all times.
- NO turtlenecks.

Belts

- Must be worn at all times.
- NO studded, riveted or metal belts.

Shoes

- Leather shoes or athletic footwear with socks are to be worn at all times.
- NO sandals, slippers, flip-flops or moccasins

Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the building at any time. This includes before and after school. Once the school day begins, students may not wear any outwear including jackets, coats, shells, windbreakers or athletic jackets.

Students must wear a dress shirt and tie (no polo shirts) when the school community gathers for school-wide liturgies, convocations or other occasions as announced by the administration.

ENROLLMENT CONTRACT

FACTS Online Payment Plan Invite will be available on May 15, 2023. Enrolled students must complete the FACTS Online Payment Plan Invite by May 25, 2023 in order to register for classes.

HEALTH FORMS

Current health information is required for all new incoming students, including transfer students. We ask your cooperation in completing and returning all of the required health forms by July 1. You must also update your information on file with the Nurses' Office during the year as needed. The following two forms are to be submitted for each new student:

BC High Health History Form

This enclosed form should be completed by the parent/guardian. The information provided is used to get to know your son's health needs and to plan for care. Contact information is used to reach parents/guardians in times of illness and injury and, therefore, it is crucial that these forms be thoroughly completed. Students may not participate in sports or physical education class without a completed form on file.

Physical and Immunization Form

All new students must provide a copy of their up-to-date immunization record and a report of a current physical examination from their health care provider for school entry. By public health law, the examination must be dated within a year of starting school. Please submit a copy of the form from your son's primary care provider. Students without health information and/or incomplete immunization may be excluded from attending school. If you are faxing it, the secure Nurses' fax number is 617-474-5095.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Nurses' Contact Information

Phone: 617-474-5128 or 617-474-5084

Fax: 617-474-5095

Email: nursesoffice@bchigh.edu

Screening Requirements

Students in grades 7 and 9 will receive vision testing.

Concussion Compliance

All students must complete the required concussion

education program yearly. A parent/guardian must also complete the program. Any student with a prior history of head injury or concussion must have a "Report of Head Injury Form" completed by a parent/guardian. Please check the Eagle Update for more information.

Head Injury/Concussion: Any student suffering from a head injury/concussion must complete the school protocol and be cleared by a physician prior to returning to sports/physical education classes. The school holds the final judgment in allowing a student to return to sports here, even if cleared by a physician.

Medications

No student is to carry medication with him in school including nonprescription medications. The only exceptions to this rule are for those students requiring emergency medications: inhalers, Epipens/Emergency Epinephrine, and diabetic supplies may be carried by the student. Students must have a written order from their physician and permission from parents to have medication in school (including emergency medications). Order forms may be printed from the website. Orders must be renewed each year.

Please note: all medication sent to school, to be given to your child, must be in a properly labeled pharmacy or manufacturer's container. If you require a container for school and home, please ask your pharmacist to give you two labeled containers.

Epipens/Emergency Epinephrine

Parents/guardians of students who require or have been prescribed an Epipen/Emergency Epinephrine should contact the school nurse by phone or email prior to the start of school to inform her of the student's allergies. All students with an Epipen/Emergency Epinephrine must carry it with them at all times. Due to the long days and commute, this is critical for their safety. Parents/guardians must provide their Emergency Epinephrine and also provide a written order from the prescribing doctor. Order forms may be printed from the website and parents/guardians must sign their permission to administer the medication, if necessary. Parents/guardians may also provide a backup pen for the nurse's office. Students who play sports or travel with a club must inform the coach/moderator that they carry an Epipen/ Emergency Epinephrine. Athletes must also introduce themselves to the trainer at the start of the sport season and inform the trainer that they have an Epipen.

Emergency Medication

Any medication required for emergency purposes must be delivered to the nurse by the first day of school.

Health Needs

If a student has a health issue to be addressed (i.e. diabetes or severe allergies), we ask that parents/guardians contact the school nurse directly by phone or email prior to the start of school as this allows time to plan for his care. If a specific health issue arises during the school year, please contact the nurses.

ORIENTATION

We will bring the new members of the freshman class together in mid-June and then Orientation for Transfer students and the Class of 2027 will take place on August 31, 2023.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to become involved in the BC High community. Over the summer and fall, parents of current students will receive invitations and emails to become involved in volunteering and attending events sponsored by the BC High Parents Association. In the fall, there are many opportunities planned to allow new parents to meet other new and current parents and to become involved in the community. Watch your mail and email for details. If you have questions, email Colleen Carter, Vice President for External Relations, at ccarter@bchigh.edu or visit www.bchigh.edu/parents-association.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

All students and parents will be expected to sign a contract after reading the Student Handbook, our community's norms and expectations. More information will be provided in a summer Eagle Update.

STUDENT ID CARDS

The EagleCard is a student identification card and can be used as a preloaded spending tool. The EagleCard is essential to a student's life at BC High. More than an identification card, the EagleCard enables each student to access the library, athletic events, social events, and can be used for discounts on the MBTA.

The spending account, known on campus as EagleCash, allows the student to make cashless purchases at the cafeteria, vending, and copy machines. The EagleCash account offers students a secure way to spend on campus without exceeding the prepaid balance established on the card Although EagleCash cannot be converted to actual currency, unused balances roll over from semester to semester, and year to year, without interest charges or bank fees. EagleCard pictures will be taken at Orientation in June. Students will receive their cards in September.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT BC HIGH

Our summer program offers academic courses for credit or enrichment, academic recovery classes, sports camps, and STEM specialty programs for boys and girls entering grades 5 through 11. Summer is a great opportunity for students to explore new interests, move ahead in a subject, or gain new skills. Please check out the programs on our website at www. bchigh.edu/summer-programs.

SUMMER READING

Generally, all freshmen are assigned two books to read. One is assigned as an "All School Read" and the other is for English class. The selections will be posted online after Memorial Day.

T PASS INFORMATION

MBTA passes may be purchased online through the FACTS billing system. Passes must be purchased between July 5 – August 18. Look for details in a June Eagle Update.

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

As a 1:1 school, BC High requires students to have access to the internet and Wi-Fi outside of school hours to complete assignments. If you lack or have limited access to Wi-Fi at home or have questions about resources available, please contact itdepartment@bchigh.edu.

Currently, high school students may use a laptop of their choice. The use of an iPad is still allowed. All devices must be capable of running the Chrome browser and should have at least 256GB of storage. If you are giving your student an iPad your family already owns, please make sure that it is not more than two years old. Please consider purchasing a warranty (like Apple Care+) for breakage, loss, and theft, as well as protecting the device with a sturdy case. If you are purchasing an Apple product, discounted prices can be found at www.apple.com/edu/bchigh.

Details about the textbooks and apps will be forthcoming. We do not recommend purchasing texts or apps until we finalize the list. There are useful resources on technology at BCHigh, including an overview of our 1:1 program, FAQs, and information about email, printing, and our network is available on myBCHigh on the Parent and Student Tech Resources Board.

TUITION, FEES, PAYMENT PLAN

Tuition

Tuition at BC High for the 2023–2024 academic year is \$26,650. A family's financial obligation to BC High is for the full annual tuition and all fees, net of scholarships and financial aid. No portion of tuition paid or outstanding will be refunded or canceled by BC High in the event of a student's absence, withdrawal, or dismissal.

Billing and Payments

BC High is able to offer families a choice of tuition payment plans that range from a single payment in full to a 10-month payment option. The plan you choose will determine when your tuition payment is due. Detailed information on the various plans will be sent to each family in the coming months.

Tuition Refund Plan

As stated above, the School will not refund or cancel any portion of the tuition paid or outstanding in the event of a student's absence, withdrawal, or dismissal from the School. Therefore, to protect families in fulfilling their obligation for the full tuition in the event of a separation from the school, we require participation in a Tuition Refund Plan offered through A.W.G. Dewar Insurance Agency. The insurance is optional for families that choose to pay the full tuition by June 20 and mandatory for every family that chooses any of the other payment plans.

Fees

Fees in addition to tuition are billed as a separate line item in your billing statement and may include:

- Exam fees (PSAT, PSAT/ACT Prep, and Advanced Placement)— vary by exam
- Technology fee \$150
- Tuition Insurance-\$200
- Arrupe Bundle- (7th Grade \$25, 8th Grade \$37)
- FACTS Enrollment Fee- \$55
- Senior fee (set at \$400 for the Class of 2024) to cover the cost of the yearbook, yearbook picture sitting fee, senior week activities, graduation invitations, and graduation tuxedo

Fees are non-refundable. For questions or additional information regarding tuition and payment options, please contact the Office of Finance and Accounting at 617-474-5044

WEBINAR FOR PARENTS:

Exploring Fine Arts and Language Courses and Preparing for Math and Language Exams

We will hold an online presentation providing information on the Fine Arts options for freshmen, the selection of a language to study, and the placement test in Mathematics and Language. You will receive an email with details prior to the event.

Why will the webinar(s) help?

We will present information on Fine Arts choices, language options, and the upcoming placement tests. You will have the opportunity to ask questions to assist you in making your decisions.

When will this take place?

We will offer the same presentation on March 30 at 10:00 am. and March 31 at noon. Parents/guardians need to choose only one time.

What do I need to do after the webinar?

Most important is submit the Fine Arts, Language and Math Placement Form by filling out the link here.

Preparing for the Math Placement Test

Below are a list of topics to be covered on the Math placement test given on June 3 at BC High. While most students have covered some of these introductory topics in Algebra, we find that many have not covered some topics (#2 and #3) completely. The test focuses on these topics since they are the basis for successful work in Geometry and Algebra II

- 1. Manipulating expressions and equations:
 - Fractions, percents, and decimals
 - Signed numbers, order of operations
 - Simplifying with variables
 - Distributive property
 - Combining like terms
 - Inequalities
 - Solving a linear equation
- 2. Factoring:
 - · Using a GCF
 - Trinomials of the form ax² + bx + c, where a, b, and c are integers (+ or -)
 - Perfect square trinomials
 - Differences of squares
 - · Factoring by parts
- 3. Radicals:
 - Simplifying
 - · Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing
 - Rationalizing the denominator
 - Solving a radical equation

Preparing for the Language Placement Test

This 45-minute test involves multiple choice questions, fill-in-the-blanks, and a short essay at the end. Students will be tested on vocabulary and grammar. It is important to note that since it is a placement test, it is comprehensive and thus likely there will be material on it which students have not yet learned. This test will help us best assess the student's language proficiency.

CALENDAR

All dates are subject to change. Please check www.bchigh.edu for updates.

2023

May 6

Arrupe Math and Language Tests: 8:30 a.m.

June 3

High School Math and Language Tests: 8:30 a.m.

June 12 OR 13

Orientation for NEW members of the Class of 2027

June 14 OR 15

Orientation for Members of the Classes of 2028 and 2029: 5 to 8 p.m. (Parents at 7 p.m.)

August 30

Freshman Convocation: 6:15 p.m.

August 31

Freshman & Transfer Orientation: 8:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

September 5

High School First Day of Classes

Arrupe Orientation Day

September 14

Back to School Night for High School Parents: 6 p.m.

September 21

Back to School Night for Arrupe Parents: 7 p.m.

October 9

Indigenous Peoples Day: No School

October 11

PSAT for Juniors

PACT for Sophomores

Freshman House Day

Senior House Day

November 10

Veteran's Day Observed: No School

November 20-21 (Virtual)

High School Parent Conferences

Arrupe Parent Conferences

No Classes for High School or Arrupe Students

November 22 – 26

Thanksgiving Break: No School

December 15

Advent Prayer Service: 9:15 a.m.

Last Day of Classes for Semester Courses

Christmas Break Begins: 2:40 p.m.

2024

January 2

Classes Resume

January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No School

January 24-29

High School Mid-Year Assessments

January 29

Arrupe PD day: No School

February 16

February Vacation Begins: 2:40 p.m.

February 26

Classes Resume

March 29

Good Friday: No School

April 1

Easter Monday: No School

April 3

Arrupe Student-led Conferences

April 4

St. Ignatius Awards

April 12

Senior Class Awards: 8:20 a.m.

Awards Convocation: 9:10 a.m.

April Vacation Begins: 2:40 p.m.

Last Day of Classes for Seniors

April 22

Classes Resume

May 6 – 10 and 13 - 17

AP Exams

May 18

Commencement for Class of 2024: 10 a.m.

May 27

Memorial Day: No School

June 6

Last Day of Classes



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FINE ARTS, LANGUAGE, AND MATH PLACEMENT FORM

Please complete this form online at: https://www.bchigh.edu/highschool-language-selection.

Use this form to indicate your preference in the area of Fine Arts, choice of Language to take, and intention to take a placement test in Mathematics and/or Language.

		FINE ARTS C	HOICE		
The bands, Concert Choir, as Refer to the <i>Fine and Perform</i> Choir, or Liturgical Musician	ning Arts Electives for I	Freshmen section start			
Concert Choir	Liturgical Musicia	ns	Chamber Orchestra	a	Guitar Orchestra
Concert B		Jazz Big Band _		Jazz Rock Ensem	
If you would like to be consid below and follow the instruct					check on the appropriate line
	sual Foundations (App			Theater Four	
		OR			
Please indicate your top four <i>Freshmen</i> section for course	choices (using 1, 2, 3,				
Acting for Stage & Screenstage Stagecraft Scriptwriting Introduction to Drawing Digital Photography		Piano Ensembl Guitar Ensembl Handchimes Voice Studio	ole I	Understandi	p-Hop & Pop action & History ing Music Through Listenin edia (Video Games/Film)
	LANGUAGE CHO	DICE AND PLACE	MENT TEST AT	TENDANCE	
Please rank your first, second alternates are required Chinese	d, third, and fourth cl	noices for Language. T		students receive	their first choice, but
Students who wish to be place Students who will be taking to The Preparing for the Math Po	the entry level of any	Language or Algebra I	do not have to take	the placement to	ests.
Please check the test(s) you v	vish to take.				
LANGUAGE					
Chinese	French	Latin	-	Spanish	
MATHEMATICS Mathematics					

Please complete this form online. If we have any questions, we will contact you.

Should you have questions, please contact Tom Smith, Dean of Teaching & Learning, tsmith@bchigh.edu by April 21, 2023.

Class of: _	
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BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH HISTORY

To be completed by Parent or Guardian

Student's Last Name	First		Initial	Date of Birth
Home Address				
#1 Parent/Guardian Name	Work #		Cell #	
#2 Parent/Guardian Name	Work #		Cell #	
Guardian is: Both Parents F	ather Mother	Other		
The following persons reside locally and are	authorized to act for paren	t in the event of	illness/injury.	
ı. Name:	· -	-		
2. Name:				
Name of Doctor:			Pnone:	
Is your son covered by Health insurance:				
Name of Health Insurance Company:				
Health Insurance Policy Number:				
Does your son have:				
Allergies to Foods: No Yes List:				
Allergies to Medication: No Yes List:				
Other Allergies (bees, pollens, etc): No Ye				
Does your son have an Epipen/Emergency				
List medication(s) that your son takes:				
Has your son had:				
YES NO		YES	NO	
Asthma			Hearing problems	
Diabetes Heart/Blood Pressure Prob	loma		Fainting Blood Disorders	
Seizures	iens		Blood Disorders Fractures/Bone Inju	rios
Seizures Concussions/Head Injuries			Muscle Problems	1105
Neurological/Mental Health			Scoliosis	
Migraines	1 Concerns		Sconosis Surgeries/Hospitaliz	zatione
Vision Problems			Chronic Illness	zations
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Please comment on any questions to which	you have answered "yes" or	other health co	ncerns:	
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I grant my son permission to participate in			0 0	
and medically able to participate in such p		not hold BC High	n responsible and/or liable	for any medical condition
or injury my son might sustain while enga				
I give permission for my son to be treated fo	or illness/injury in the nursi	ng office. My son	has permission to receive:	
acetaminophen (Tylenol) Yes No ibuj	orofen (Advil) Yes No	calcium carbona	ate (Tums) Yes No	
Parent/Guardian Signature				Date
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Please submit this form along with a copy of your recent physical exam including immunization to the Nurses' Office no later than July 1, 2023. FAX: 617-474-5095 EMAIL: nursesoffice@bchigh.edu

Requesting Academic Accommodations at BC High

Once a student has been accepted to BC High, families should apply for academic accommodations. As the process for reviewing documentation and developing accommodation plans may take several weeks, families are strongly encouraged to initiate the process well before classes begin.

ny BC High student with a disability is entitled to reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Disabilities we typically accommodate include, but are not limited to: learning, ADHD, chronic illness, medical, physical, visual, & hearing.

Please note that receiving supports at one's previous school does not guarantee that BC High will necessarily honor or provide the same supports. BC High uses a team approach to make academic support determinations and takes the resources we have available to our student body into consideration.

The following steps must be completed in order to be considered for academic accommodations:

STEP 1

Complete our Request for Accommodations form located under the Academic section of the Parent/Student Resource Board.

STEP 2

Upload Medical Documentation:

For the evaluation to be considered, it must: state the age of onset, the specific disability as diagnosed by the evaluator, provide a thorough educational, developmental, and relevant medical history, describe the tests and techniques that were used to arrive at the diagnosis, establish the professional credentials of the evaluator, and describe the specific accommodations recommended,

including an explanation of why the disability qualifies the student for such consideration. A list of typical assessment batteries is available on the Academic Resource Center Resource Board.

*IEPs and Section 504 Plans should be included as documentation but are not sufficient on their own to substantiate eligibility for accommodations.

*All information provided may be shared with other personnel at the school (teachers, guidance counselors, nurses) when necessary, but will otherwise be kept strictly confidential, unless disclosure is authorized by the family or required by law.

STEP 3

Once documentation and the Request for Accommodations form are received, a committee consisting of the Director of Academic Resources, Supervisor of Learning Enhancement, Dean of Teaching & Learning, and/or a school Nurse will review the documentation to determine if supports are necessary and can be reasonably provided at BC High.

STEP 4

A meeting will be scheduled with the student's family to discuss how accommodations may be implemented at BC High.

If you have any questions pertaining to these guide-lines, please **contact Marilee Bennis**, **Supervisor of Learning Enhancement, at** 617.474.5042 or mbennis@bchigh.edu