

The Bronx High School for Visual Arts (BHSVA) is a unique school working to help Bronx youth become creative and responsible citizens. BHSVA was founded in 2002 by educators, artists and local activists with support from New Visions for Public Schools. It is a small high school open to all Bronx residents and specializes in providing an extensive four year sequential study of the visual arts taught by professional artists. BHSVA offers a close-knit community with hands-on, arts integrated curriculum.

BHSVA is well known for our outstanding success in art education. In 2004 the school was recognized by the Department of Education's Project Arts as an "exemplary arts school" (we are the only high school in this Bronx with this distinction). On October 30, 2006, Mayor Bloomberg awarded BHSVA principal, Dr. George York and the school, the distinguished Mayor's Art and Culture Award.

BHSVA is conveniently located just south of Pelham Parkway near the number 2 and 5 train Bronx Park and Morris Park and the BX22 or BX39 bus. Our new facilities include a library, Apple Computer Lab, one ceramic and one general art studio. School meetings and physical education classes are conducted in our multipurpose room. Our campus does not include outdoor sports fields or a gymnasium. However, students interested in playing high school sports may participate at Columbus High School, located about 1 mile away.



Our small class size and project based, student centered curriculum provides individualized attention and prepares students for college, successful completion of Regents exams and for careers in the visual arts. An integral part of the school is the support and participation of students' families in all facets of school life.

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS

A key feature of the school's mission is to collaborate with cultural organizations to create partnerships which provide diverse, rich and relevant interdisciplinary courses. Past partnerships have included: Bronx Museum of the Arts, Creative Arts Team, Image Griots, Center for Architecture, Lehman College Art Gallery, Papatian, Teaching Matters, and Wave Hill. Partnership projects directly connect our students to professional artists, artists' studios, museums, gardens, and theaters. Past partnership projects include: Introduction to Architecture Design Principles, Bronx Museum Docent Tours and Curatorial Projects, Digital Documentary Filmmaking, Drawing and Photographing Nature, Studio Portrait Photography, Urban Music Workshop and Hip Hop Academy. Partnerships also help BHSVA students to succeed by opening doors to career opportunities. Students may become involved in internships and community service with creative businesses such as Wave Hill, Ecko and Best Buy. Many BHSVA students have received scholarships to attend after school classes, weekend workshops, and pre-college programs in art and design at the Bronx River Art Center, Cooper Union, Museum of Modern Art, Parsons School of Design and New York University Tisch School of the Arts. Upon successful completion of the English Language Regents, BHSVA may enroll in free "College Now" classes at Lehman College.



ADMISSION

Every year BHSVA hosts several open house events and attends many high school fairs. Interested students are welcome to meet with the school representatives at an event or fair. Students and parents may also contact BHSVA directly to arrange a tour and interview. It is highly recommended for interested students to bring a portfolio of their artwork (including drawings from observation) to their interview.

We encourage all young artists of any level to apply. But, we recommend that all Bronx students who desire to become serious artists come check us out.

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ART CURRICULUM

All students are required to take and pass an art course every semester for all four years. Freshman and Sophmores will begin their study of art with general art courses: Introduction to Studio Art and Advanced Studio Art. In these foundation courses, students explore a variety of basic art making skills, techniques and concepts, including painting and drawing from observation, sculpture and graphic design,

In Junior and Senior years, students choose specific art and design electives, such as Architecture, Graphic Design, Photography, Publishing, the Bronx Museum Docent program, or 12th grade portfolio, which prepares college-bound seniors for admission to professional art and design schools. Each year in June the school celebrates our students amazing artistic accomplishments at our end of the year gala at Lehman College Art Gallery



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

In addition to our extensive art sequence, we offer a full program of academically rigorous coursework, leading to a New York State Regents Diploma. These courses of study includes: English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education, Spanish and Advisory. We also excel in serving the needs of Special Education and ELL students.

CTE

High Schools with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs integrate rigorous academic study with workforce skills in specific career pathways. Students participate in programs that meet business and industry standards. Students receive instruction in an industry-related area and have the opportunity to graduate high school with industry-specific competencies and skills that lead to postsecondary education, further industry training and/or entry into the workforce.



BHSVA and Dr. George York, Principal are recipients of Mayor Bloomberg's 2006 **Award for Art and Culture**

BHSVA was designated an exemplary high school art site in 2004. It is the only one in the Bronx