



Inspiring students to **aim high**
and **accomplish more.**



BAY RIDGE PREP

Developing the Whole Student

Upper School
Grades 9-12

Progressive Academic Environment



“Bay Ridge Prep is **student-centered** because we approach each student as an individual. This is a school where you can focus, be creative and study side-by-side with your teachers.”

– *Dr. Michael Dealy,*
Head of School



Bay Ridge Prep develops risk-takers, advocates, leaders and champions.

We explicitly teach skills that build emotional and social intelligence, which help students create healthy and satisfying relationships in and outside of school.

We provide students the freedom and responsibility to pursue their interests through open-ended projects, a wide course selection and a variety of student-initiated clubs.

We emphasize innovation, creativity and practical application over acquiring rote knowledge that can be easily accessed on any digital device.

We build social responsibility through school-wide, student-selected community service initiatives and projects.

We offer a full array of arts programs including chamber music, chorus, dance, graphic design, jazz ensemble, photography, theater and studio art.

We value all athletes and celebrate team spirit and positivity in our championship athletic program.

FAST FACTS:

Founded: 1998

Two Campuses: The Lower and Middle Schools are located at 8101 Ridge Boulevard.
The Upper School is located at 7420 Fourth Avenue.

Student Population K–12: 400 students

Average Class Size: 15

Faculty: 95% of teaching faculty hold advanced degrees.

Accreditation: Bay Ridge Prep is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools. The school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and is chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

“Bay Ridge Prep allows students the chance to be **scientists**. That is very different than sitting in a classroom and learning the facts of science as other people have discovered them.”

– *Dr. Lisa Neesemann, Upper School Science Department*

In the Classroom

Bay Ridge Prep offers a challenging curriculum that includes opportunities for advanced learning, research, exploration and discovering new passions.

Tailored Academic Experience

Upper School students play a crucial role in designing their own course schedule and having a voice in the selection of classes offered. Older students have the option to take a multi-year science course in research and design plus AP, honors and college-level classes in a variety of subject areas, in addition to their core class requirements.

The Bay Ridge Prep educational approach emphasizes experiential learning. One recent AP science class conducted DNA research on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the labs at the American Museum of Natural History. Another class of Senior Finance students gained practical experience developing, presenting and defending business models as part of a “Shark Tank” simulation. In the Science Research and Design Program students investigate and research original scientific questions.

Supportive Environment

A faculty comprised of highly qualified and engaging teachers are committed to Bay Ridge Prep’s mission of valuing the unique talents and learning styles of each student. Advanced and college-level courses are offered for all students, while two programs support students with specific learning needs.

The Achieve Program is designed to develop students’ study skills, organization, reading and writing. Achieve staff collaborate with classroom teachers to provide a seamless link between classroom work and supplemental small group work.

The Bridge Program addresses the needs of students with diagnosed learning differences. This specialized learning environment presents focused, individualized classes with mentorship to draw on the strengths of each student. The program’s curriculum is similar to Bay Ridge Prep’s mainstream course offerings and covers the content required by New York State.

Outstanding Results

Bay Ridge Prep alumni achieve great success. In recent years, our graduates were accepted to Ivy League universities such as Brown University, Columbia University and Cornell University, other top institutions including Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of California-Berkeley, Villanova University, The School of Visual Arts, Goucher College, Williams College, Colorado College and Skidmore College New York University, as well as international universities like University College of London and the University of Edinburgh. By the end of Upper School, a Bay Ridge Prep student graduates as a positive and articulate young person who holds a firm command of the knowledge and skills valued by colleges, graduate schools, employers and society.

ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED:

AP Biology
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science
AP Computer Science A
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Studio Art 2D
AP Studio Art 3D
AP Studio Art Drawing
College English Composition
College Intro to Psychology



Beyond the Classroom



Last period doesn't signal the end of the day at Bay Ridge Prep. Like our academic courses, there is an after school activity for everyone. Thespians, artists, athletes and engineers will all have busy afternoons at Bay Ridge Prep.



Athletic Teams Include:
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Squash
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

Arts Alive!

Bay Ridge Prep knows that creative expression is a vital and integral part of a student's development. Over two dozen arts electives are available to aspiring performing and visual artists. Upper School students have gone on to attend performing arts programs at universities such as Savannah College of Art and Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the School of Visual Arts.

Visual arts students find their inspiration in courses and activities that encourage them to experience a variety of media such as painting, photography, sculpture and digital art. Bay Ridge Prep students have also received invitations to showcase their work at selective, city-wide arts exhibitions.

Theater and music also thrive at Bay Ridge Prep. Musicians expand their repertoire through Jazz and Chamber Music ensembles, while thespians take to the stage in the annual school musical. One recent production attracted the attention of Tony-award winning composer Stephen Sondheim, who personally sent words of encouragement to the cast and crew.

Go, Tigers!

At Bay Ridge Prep, we're proud of our Tigers for so many reasons. Many of our teams have won championships through the years, a source of great pride for our entire school community. But more importantly, our student-athletes are real leaders, serving as role models in the classroom and in the community through service projects. Win or lose, Bay Ridge Prep Tigers are known for their sportsmanship, determination and community-minded spirit.

STUDENT CLUBS INCLUDE:

Ambassadors	Jazz Ensemble
Animé/Manga	Karate
Art Portfolio	National Honor Society
Aviation	Newspaper
Chamber Music	Photography Club
Cheerleading	Psychology Club
Community Service	Science and Coffee
Culinary Arts	Theater Performance
Dance	Theater Tech Crew
Film	Yearbook



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