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A Pluralistic Co-Educational Jewish High School

Founded in 1946, Akiba Hebrew Academy was renamed the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in 2007. In 2008, Barrack Hebrew Academy moved to a 35-acre campus in Bryn Mawr, PA, a residential community in the western suburbs of Philadelphia.

Barrack is a pluralistic Jewish day school for students in grades 6–12 from a broad variety of backgrounds. The school integrates a comprehensive and rigorous college preparatory curriculum with the teaching of essential Jewish and American values and texts. Barrack graduates value diversity, celebrate the richness of Judaism’s language, culture, and history, and have a strong connection to Israel. Barrack prepares future leaders of the American, Jewish, and global communities who work for a better world through acts of justice and compassion.

A Dual Curriculum

Barrack students participate in an extensive, comprehensive curriculum of Judaic and secular studies. There are six general studies disciplines and two Judaic studies requirements each year. In addition, students participate in one to two elective classes per year.

Faculty

Barrack’s student/faculty ratio is 5/1. The faculty and administration are composed of 75 dedicated and highly educated professionals. Three faculty members hold Ph.D.s, and nine hold Rabbinical degrees.

Student Body: 2022–23 Enrollment 341 (Grades 6–12)

Senior class: 41 students

Barrack students come from the greater Philadelphia area, southern New Jersey, Delaware, and the lower Lehigh Valley.

Class Rank

Barrack does not rank students because of its small size, rigorous program, and selective admissions policy. 100% of our students are admitted to 4-year institutions.

Graduation Requirements

English – 4 years	Bible (Tanakh) – 4 years
World Language – 3 years*	Jewish Studies – 4 years
Math – 3 years**	Health – 2 years
Science – 3 years**	Phys Ed – 3 years
History – 4 years	Community Service – 6 weeks
Hebrew – 4 years	

*When appropriate, some students are exempt from World Language. **Scheduling constraints preclude STEAM Institute students from taking World Language classes.**

**A fourth year of science OR math is required.

Grading Scale

100-97 = A+	96-93 = A	92-90 = A-
89-87 = B+	86-83 = B	82-80 = B-
79-77 = C+	76-73 = C	72-70 = C-
69-67 = D+	66-63 = D	62-60 = D-
Non-Graded Electives: Outstanding, Pass, Fail		
60% (D-) is a passing grade		
MWP/MWF: Medical Withdrawal Pass/Fail		

Advanced Courses

Students are eligible to take a maximum of three AP courses, which are only offered to seniors:

Chemistry	Comp Sci A	Statistics
Enviro Sci	Calculus AB	Literature
Physics	Calculus BC	U.S. Gov

Accelerated: the highest non-AP level for English & history (**no Honors offered** in these areas)

Honors and Intensive: these levels offer additional challenge in math and science

STEAM Institute

The STEAM Institute is a four-year, intensive Engineering and STEM research curriculum, introducing students to project-based learning and research methodology. Students complete two years of classes focused on the engineering and design process, CAD 3D model rendition and printing, microcontroller applications and coding, as well as project management and entrepreneurial skills incorporated into capstone projects each year. In the final two years, students engage in STEM research culminating in submission to local and regional science fairs.

College Matriculations 2018-2022

American University- 2	Rollins College
Barnard College- 2	Rutgers University
Boston University- 7	Savannah College of Art and Design
Brandeis University- 7	Skidmore College
Brown University- 6	SUNY at Binghamton- 2
Bryn Mawr College	Swarthmore College
Case Western Reserve University	Syracuse University- 8
Clemson University	Temple University- 6
Colgate University	The College of New Jersey
College of Charleston- 3	The New School
Colorado College	The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
Community College of Philadelphia	The University of Texas at Austin
Cornell University	The University of the Arts
Dartmouth College	Towson University
Davidson College	Tufts University- 2
Drexel University- 22	Tulane University- 7
Duke University	U.S. Air Force Academy
Elon University	University of California (Santa Cruz)
Emory University	University of Chicago- 3
Fashion Institute of Technology	University of Colorado Boulder
Florida International University	University of Delaware- 3
Franklin & Marshall College- 3	University of Florida
George Washington University- 2	University of Maryland (College Park)- 9
Hamilton College	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Hampshire College	University of Miami- 6
Haverford College- 2	University of Michigan- 9
Hood College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Howard University	University of Pennsylvania- 14
Indiana University (Bloomington)	University of Pittsburgh- 17
Jewish Theological Seminary of America- 7	University of Rhode Island
Johns Hopkins University	University of Rochester- 2
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	University of South Carolina
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	University of Southern California
Lehigh University- 7	University of Vermont
Muhlenberg College- 3	University of Virginia- 3
New York University- 3	University of Wisconsin (Madison)- 3
Northeastern University- 5	Vanderbilt University- 2
Northwestern University- 4	Vassar College
Penn State University (Main Campus)- 9	Wake Forest University
Pomona College	Washington and Lee University
Princeton University- 3	Washington University in St. Louis- 7
Reichman University (IDC Herzliya)	Wesleyan University- 2
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	West Chester University of Pennsylvania- 2
Rhode Island School of Design	Williams College
Rice University	Yale University- 2
Rochester Institute of Technology	Yeshiva University- 2

Standardized Test Scores

Class of 2019

Average ACT: 28
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 580-680
Math: 580-710

Class of 2020

Average ACT: 30
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 610-700
Math: 570-710

Class of 2021

Average ACT: 30
Middle 50% SAT Range:
Critical Reading: 610-750
Math: 600-750

Class of 2022

Average ACT: 28
Middle 50% SAT Range:
EBRW: 600-720
Math: 540-750

National Merit Scholarship Program

Class of 2019

(Class size: 49)
Semi-Finalists: 4
Commended: 2

Class of 2020

(Class size: 60)
Semi-Finalist: 1
Commended: 4

Class of 2021

(Class size: 64)
Commended: 4

Class of 2022

(Class size: 54)
Finalists: 3
Commended: 6

Trimester in Israel

Established in 1983, this optional first-trimester program for 11th graders at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel offers a full program of general and Judaic studies courses that are enhanced by experiential learning. The vast majority of Barrack students choose to participate in the program. The Alexander Muss High School is accredited by Middle States Association of Schools & Colleges.

Community Service Requirement

A service program for seniors was initiated in 1967-68. Seniors complete their course work at the end of the second trimester and then are required to find placement as volunteer interns in social service or educational agencies for six weeks.

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