

BarrieSchool

Barrie School is a co-educational, independent day school serving 332 students from 3 Months through Grade 12. Founded in 1932, Barrie is one of the oldest progressive schools in the Washington, DC area.

OUR MISSION

Empower individuals to expand their intellectual abilities, develop their creative talents, and discover their passions to make a positive impact in a rapidly changing world.

Fast Facts

19 Number of students in the class of 2025

6:1 Student to faculty ratio for Grades 6-12

54% Students receiving financial aid for Grades 6-12

12-18 Average Class Size

Upper School Student Diversity*

67% Identify as Students of Color

32% Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

*70 families did not respond

Barrie School students and faculty reflect the cultural, economic, linguistic, and religious diversity of the Greater Washington area and the world as a whole. The majority of our faculty members hold advanced degrees. Our programs and resources provide both intellectual rigor and academic support to a diverse community of learners with a wide range of strengths and talents.

FALL EXPEDITIONS

In early October, all students participate in experiential, off-campus programming that extends from one or more of their core courses. For example, students in grades 11 and 12 journey to Baja, Mexico, focusing on desert and coastal ecology and local efforts toward greater sustainability.

EXTENDED STUDY WEEK (ESW)

Each spring, students participate in experiential academic programs connected to specialized, thematic curricula. Recent programs include conducting research at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station and learning about the pop music industry from Eurovision award-winners in Sweden.

2024-25 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Accreditations:

Association of Independent Maryland Schools
Middle States Association of College and Schools

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CURRICULUM

Barrie offers a rigorous academic program anchored in the essential capacities for the 21st Century. Students acquire their learning through a **Project-based Curriculum** ranging from Discovery & Invention to Diplomacy & Global Issues.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum pivots on a wide range of courses and experiences both on and off-campus. The vast majority of students exceed these minimums. The following courses and experiential programs are required for graduation:

- ❖ **Humanities** (8 credits)
- ❖ **Mathematics** (4 credits)
- ❖ **Science** (4 credits)
- ❖ **World Language** (3 credits)
3 years of language thru level 3
- ❖ **Arts** (1 credit)
- ❖ **Athletics or Movement** (1 credit)
- ❖ **Electives** (6.66 credits)
- ❖ **Health** (0.33 credit)
- ❖ **Fall Expeditions & Extended Study Week**
Annual participation requirement
- ❖ **Service Learning & Internship Programs**
Completion requirement

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & SIGNATURE COURSES

The Upper School currently offers one Advanced Placement course: Calculus AB. Students can take additional AP courses online through Pearson Education and Imagine Edgenuity, which are designated by an asterisk on the transcript. We also offer a range of project-based signature courses, including Marine Science, Advanced Topics in Chemistry, and Advanced Topics in Spanish.

HUMANITIES CURRICULUM

The Humanities curriculum is a distinctive Barrie academic experience that combines the study of English, history, political science, philosophy, comparative religion, and art history. These double credit courses offer greater depth and intellectual challenge for students than traditional English, history, and social science courses taught separately in most schools. The four-year cycle of required courses includes:

Grade 9: The United States

Grade 10: Ancient & Medieval World Studies

Grade 11: Modern World Studies

Grade 12: Self, Others, & Environment

SERVICE LEARNING AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

All students participating in Barrie's service learning and internship programs complete a range of pre- and post-reflective exercises. Our standard requirement for service learning and internships is 100 hours; however, for the class of 2025, only 75 hours are required due to COVID-19.

Grades are reported numerically and GPAs are calculated on an unweighted, standard 4.0 scale. We do not recognize a valedictorian, and we do not rank students.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & DESTINATIONS

Barrie School students apply and are accepted to a wide range of public and private colleges and universities.

A 93-100 • 4.0	B- 80-82 • 2.67	D+ 67-69 • 1.33
A- 90-92 • 3.67	C+ 77-79 • 2.33	D 63-66 • 1.0
B+ 87-89 • 3.3	C 73-76 • 2.0	D- 60-62 • .68
B 83-86 • 3.0	C- 70-72 • 1.67	F Below 60 • 0.0

Barrie School follows a trimester schedule for the academic year. Fall Term ends in late November; Winter Term ends in late February; and Spring Term ends in early June.

Selected College Acceptances 2019–2024

Allegheny College
American University
 Art Inst. of Chicago
 Bard College
Barnard College
 Barry University
 Beloit College
 Bennington College
 Bentley University
 Berry College
 Boston College
Boston University
Bowie State University
 Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
 California College of the Arts
 California Institute of Technology
Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve Univ.
Catawba College
 Catholic University
 Chapman University
 Clark University
Clark Atlanta University
 College of Charleston
 Connecticut College
 Cornell University
 Davidson College
 Denison University
 DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
 Duquesne University
 Earlham College
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
Emerson College
 Emory University
 Florida A&M University
 Fordham University
 George Mason University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia State University
Georgetown University
 Gettysburg College
Goucher College
 Guilford College

Hampshire College
 Hampton University
 Haverford College
 High Point University
 Hofstra University
Hood College
 Howard University
 Indiana University-Bloomington
 Ithaca College
 Jacksonville University
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Johnson & Wales University
 Juniata College
 Kalamazoo College
 Kansas State University
 Lawrence University
 Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
 Lynchburg College
Lynn University
 Maryland Institute College of Art
 Marymount University
 McDaniel College
McGill University
 Mercer University
 Miami University (OH)
 Michigan State University
 Middlebury College
Montgomery College
 Morehouse College
 Morgan State University
 Muhlenberg College
 New York University
Northeastern University
 Nova Southeastern Univ.
 Occidental College
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oxford College of Emory University
 Pace University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Poly Institute

Rhode Island School of Design
 Rhodes College
 Roanoke College
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rollins College
 Salisbury University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Scripps College
 Seton Hall University
 Skidmore College
 Smith College
 Southwestern University
 Spelman College
St. John's University-Queens
 St. Lawrence University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland
 St. Olaf College
 Stetson University
 Stevenson University
 Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
 Temple University
 The Catholic University of America
 The College of Wooster
 The George Washington University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Tampa
Towson University
 Trinity College
 Tulane University
Union College
 University of British Columbia
 University of California:
 Davis
 Irvine
 San Diego
 Santa Cruz
 University of Chicago
 University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of the District of Columbia
 University of Florida
 University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Liverpool (UK)
 University of Mary Washington

University of Maryland: Baltimore County College Park
 Eastern Shore
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Nevada Las Vegas
 University of North Carolina:
 Asheville
 Greensboro
University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
 University of Tampa
 University of Toronto
University of Utah
 University of Vermont
University of Virginia
 University of Waterloo
 University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Ursinus College
 Virginia Commonwealth Univ.
 Virginia Tech
 Wagner College
 Wake Forest University
 Warren Wilson College
 Washington College
 Washington and Jefferson College
 Washington University, St. Louis
 Western University
 Western Kentucky University
 West Virginia University
 Whittier College
 William Paterson University of NJ
Williams College
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 York College of Pennsylvania

* **Bold indicates matriculation**