

Barnstable Public Schools

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



Educating for the Real World

As Cape Cod's oldest, largest, and most culturally diverse school district, Barnstable Public Schools has deep roots in the Cape's communities—educating and inspiring the region's youth to thrive on-Cape, and off.

Young adults educated at Barnstable Public Schools often return to the district as school leaders and teachers—and stay—to make a difference in this community.

Student alumni are now our district's leaders and members of the school committee and parent-teacher association, principals of several district schools, veteran and new teachers, and the head of our custodial services.

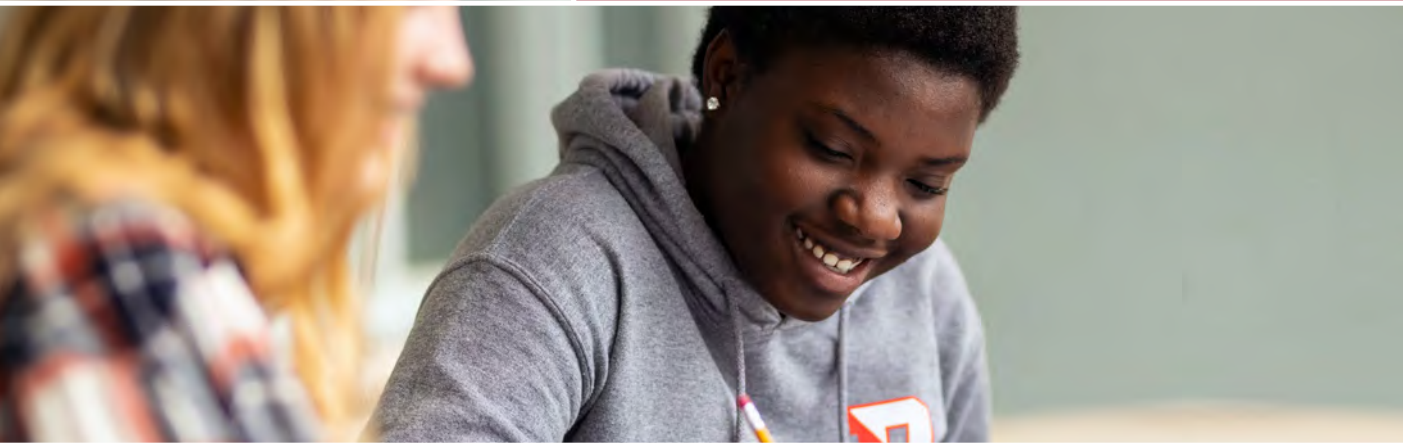
Maria Reid,
BHS Art Teacher



Student Life & Culture

WELCOMING & DIVERSE

Our culturally diverse school environment uniquely prepares the district's students for higher education and workplace environments in the United States that are increasingly more global and ethnically diverse.



Barnstable High School

Educators at Barnstable High School take pride in supporting each student's academic journey, talents, and interests. Students can select from more than 28 athletic teams and 44 clubs for co-curricular activity. Educators also engage students beyond the classroom through community service activities, travel abroad opportunities, educational field trips, student art shows and drama productions, multigenerational happenings, and events such as "Star Parties" at Sandy Neck Beach. *Healthy Hallways* is an initiative at BHS that helps each student to feel seen, heard, and respected throughout the day. At Barnstable High School we take PRIDE in our students and in our community: **P**roductive, **R**espectful, **I**nvolved, **D**iverse, **E**ducated.



Barnstable Intermediate School

At Barnstable Intermediate School, students regularly engage in wellness activities, learn about growth mind-set, and take electives that they choose as a part of their weekly routine. Educators and staff members recognize their critical role in supporting students as they make the transition from elementary students to secondary students on their way to becoming more self-reliant, self-aware, and caring young adults.

Barnstable Elementary Schools

For the district's youngest learners, Barnstable Public Schools offers five village elementary schools that use a K-3 model. These include:

- Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary School
- Barnstable Community Innovation School
- Centerville Elementary School
- Hyannis West Elementary School
- West Villages Elementary School

When students leave village elementary schools, they unite as one community of scholars at Barnstable United Elementary School for fourth and fifth grades.



Mayah White

As a sixth-grade student at BIS, Mayah earned national recognition as the winner of the MAXCourage 2019 National Essay Contest for her essay titled "Courage in My Life" and is published in "The Courage of Children: Boston and Beyond". Mayah attended ECELC, Centerville Elementary, and BUES before entering BIS.

Academics & After-School Activities

ENGAGING & RELEVANT

Barnstable Public Schools' district vision is to educate the whole child by creating a student-centered school culture that addresses students' physical, social, emotional, and academic needs. We do this by fostering a safe and healthy learning environment in which students are challenged, supported, and engaged.

Barnstable High School

At Barnstable High School, we give our students a real-world education. Students learn in a multi-cultural environment that prepares them for a more globally diverse academic and work environment. With more than 27 Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment, a wide range of teacher-developed electives and 1:1 technology, BHS students are uniquely challenged, supported, and engaged. At the Cape's largest high school, our comprehensive Program of Studies prepares students for college, career, or service. Students also have access to professional-level education in theater, video, and television production, as well as award-winning astrophotography at our David Cole Observatory.



Barnstable Intermediate School

Educators at Barnstable Intermediate School believe that providing "relevant" learning opportunities, including entrepreneurship and team-building activities, make learning more applicable to life. Whether building and selling a sailboat or learning to advocate for change through Advocacy for Action environmental projects, BIS students learn to work collaboratively. To continue learning beyond the classroom, each October the school announces after-school clubs to support student interest and talent. Offerings often include jazz band, art, rockapella, broadcasting, yearbook, peer leaders, Fit Club, drama, robotics, and Girls Who Code.

Barnstable Elementary Schools

Barnstable Public Schools addresses the developmental and academic needs of its youngest learners through a K-3 model where children and families develop strong and lasting relationships with educators, staff, and one another. Additionally, Barnstable Public Schools proudly supports preschool for children three to five years old with and without disabilities at the Enoch Cobb Early Learning Center.

When students leave village elementary schools, they unite as one community of scholars at Barnstable United Elementary School for fourth and fifth grades. Academic learning tasks are interactive, challenging, and purposeful. Educators at BUE utilize Responsive Classroom to create a positive learning environment, and nurture a sense of belonging and emotional safety so that students feel comfortable working with a variety of peers.

After-School Activities

Barnstable offers a variety of after-school activities, including programs in partnership with the Town of Barnstable's Recreation Department and other community organizations. School-based programs in grades K-5 include before- and after-school care. Students in grades 6-7 can participate in numerous after-school clubs that provide a late bus, as well as interscholastic sports with other Cape middle school teams in soccer, basketball, and track.



Vocational & Career Education

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION TO THRIVE

As the Cape's largest school district, Barnstable Public Schools has assumed *the* lead role in educating our students to achieve success in an increasingly diverse workforce, and make a life and thrive on-Cape, and off.



Blue Economy Careers: Water Quality Certification

BPS offers an environmental technology program with a focus on water quality issues. This "Blue Economy" program offers students the ability to begin work in the industry after four years of instruction, and after passing a state exam or pursuing their studies at the college or university level.

Career Pathways

Whether Barnstable students are looking to launch a career right after graduation or pursue postsecondary studies, BHS is developing career-aligned course sequences, meaningful interdisciplinary, project-based learning, and opportunities for relevant work-based learning. Career pathways are available in engineering, environmental science and technology, law, society and criminal justice, creative economies, health care, culinary arts and hospitality, and early education and care.



Internships with Local Businesses & Organizations

In order to support career exploration, district high school seniors have a choice of yearlong internships with organizations including the police, firefighters, Cape Cod Hospital, and a variety of other local businesses.

School Redesign & Innovation

Barnstable has attracted the interest of public and private funders to support innovation and school redesign. The district has received over \$500,000 in recent funding to support career exploration and new pathways for students in grades 6–12, as well as a redesign and re-imagining of teaching and learning at Barnstable Intermediate School.

Entrepreneurship Education

In partnership with SCORE Cape Cod and other local business education organizations, Barnstable Public Schools offers a variety of entrepreneurship education programs to teach students how to launch and operate a successful business—especially on Cape Cod. Programs include business and financial planning, and marketing and sales skill building.

Nicolas Caprio, CLASS OF 2019

My five years at Barnstable High School will be remembered fondly. There's something special about representing your hometown, whether academically or athletically. This school is really special, and I was lucky enough to be a part of it. From teachers' willingness to help after school to a good conversation with Mr. Clark, Barnstable provided it. I think that one of the most important aspects of a school system is an educator's ability to care for the student, and I feel that it was displayed throughout the building every day. This school has taught me so much over the past five years and I am forever grateful for the life lessons I have learned. Barnstable will always have a special place in my heart. Stable for life.



Investment in Technology, Athletics & Security

FOSTERING A 21ST-CENTURY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

As the Cape's largest school district, Barnstable Public Schools has the depth of financial and other resources to foster and maintain a vibrant 21st-century learning experience—district-wide.

Barnstable High School Innovation Learning Library

With a \$3.5M investment from the Town of Barnstable, the district has created a state-of-the-art learning center at the Barnstable High School library modeled after collegiate learning and media centers. The new BHS Innovation Learning Library includes energy-saving climate control using solar panel windows, student work environments that promote collaborative project development, and quiet single work spaces—all with the latest in ergonomic seating and leading-edge technology support equipment.



David Cole Observatory

With an initial grant from David Cole (Enoch Cobb Trustee) in 2006 and ongoing investment from the Town of Barnstable, the observatory on the BHS campus provides students with leading-edge technology to conduct astronomical research and astrophotography. This state-of-the-art facility provides students the opportunity to capture, process, and publish deep space objects within our Milky Way Galaxy and distant galaxies millions of light years away.

Updates to Athletic Fields & New Athletic Complex

With a \$5.3M investment from the Town of Barnstable, the district is creating a new athletic complex, including a synthetic turf baseball and multi-purpose field with lights, press box, concession stand, restrooms, and 80 additional parking spaces. The new complex complements the recently renovated stadium field project, and supports Barnstable's Division I athletic programming.

Upgrades to Safety & Security Systems

The district has invested in new protocols and upgrades to each school's security systems to ensure that district schools utilize best practices for safety and security. In partnership with the chief of police, school resource officers are also on-site at a number of district schools to develop a relationship with students and promote a safe learning environment for students and staff.

Kevin Harrington, BARNSTABLE ALUMNUS

Kevin Harrington, a 2011 graduate of Barnstable High School and a senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, was recently credited with discovering the most luminous galaxies ever seen in the universe. His research was published in the prestigious *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, the oldest and one of the world's leading primary research journals on the topics of astronomy and astrophysics.



Grow with Us!

We invite you and your family to grow with us at Barnstable Public Schools.

We're committed to making sure your child is seen and heard, safe, inspired, challenged, and engaged. Our door is always open for a conversation at every level of administration at the district. Please contact us: 508-862-4953.

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