Academy for Fine Arts and Academics

Application Instructions for the 2017-2018 School Year – Current Grade 8 BAYONNE PUBLIC SCHOOL Students

The Academy for Fine Arts and Academics is seeking applicants that demonstrate motivation, responsibility, and a strong dedication to academic achievement. Visit www.bhsafa2.com for more detailed information.

Application Timeline/Important Dates

Please carefully review all important deadlines.

October 28th, 2016 – Submit Teacher Recommendation Forms to all recommending teachers (see instructions on page 6).

November 4th, 2016 – Online Application Submission Deadline for all 8th Grade Applicants AND all supplemental materials due to Guidance Counselor.

November 4th, 2016 – Deadline to Register for Arts Track Auditions (Arts Track Applicants Only) at www.bhsafa2.com. (You will NOT be considered for the Arts Track without registering for auditions).

December 10th, 2016 – ARTS Track Audition/Portfolio Review Day*

*Review audition requirements & details at www.bhsafa2.com to prepare. Be sure to register online for your audition. Auditions will be held between 9AM – 3PM in the Bayonne High School Auditorium. Plan to report to BHS at 8:45 AM on December 10th.

Admissions Criteria

The following criteria will be reviewed to determine admission:

1. Submission of a complete online application by the application deadline. Applications must be completed online and can be accessed at www.bhsafa2.com/apply beginning October 7, 2016. Students must log in through their BBOED Google Drive account to access the application.
2. Submission of the Signed Parent/Student Application Agreement to your guidance counselor by the application deadline
3. Minimum of two teacher recommendations (see page 5 for more details)
4. Student Transcripts/Grades (grades 6, 7 and 1st MP of grade 8)
5. PARCC Scores (Grades 6 & 7)
6. Test of Cognitive Skills (Grade 7)
7. Grade 8 MP1 District Assessment Scores
8. Academic Writing Sample (To be assigned by your 8th Grade English Teacher)
9. Student Audition and/or Portfolio Review (Arts Track Only)

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of educators and administrators. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by mid January, 2017. Applications submitted after the November 4th deadline may not be considered.
Application Guidelines

8th grade applicants may apply to any of the following tracks (for more information on each track, please see “Academy Tracks” at www.bhsafa2.com. Additionally, review the “FAQs” page for answers to frequently asked questions regarding the application process).

**Scholars Track**: Scholars Track students must be accepted into the honors program in English, History, Math and Science.

**STEM Track**: STEM Track students must be accepted into the honors program in both Math and Science.

**Humanities Track**: Humanities Track students must be accepted into the honors program in both English and History.

*Students accepted into the Scholars Track (all honors) may designate a STEM or Humanities focus within their learning plan. Students interested in both STEM and Humanities should apply to SCHOLARS only.*

**Fine & Performing Arts Track**: Arts Track students must be accepted into AfA² on an academic basis, and may select no more than two majors within the Fine & Performing Arts Track to audition for.

- Instrumental Music
- Vocal Music
- Drama
- Musical Theater
- Dance
- Visual Art
- Creative Writing

*Applicants must audition on December 10th, 2016 for admission into the Fine & Performing Arts Track. Please Review audition/portfolio requirements at www.bhsafa2.com prior to selecting your major(s) and don’t forget to REGISTER for your audition!

**Applicants may apply to BOTH an honors track AND the Arts Track.**

Applicants that apply to multiple tracks will be reviewed for each track. Acceptance notifications will be made for the track or tracks to which the student is admitted. For a more detailed explanation on the notification process, please see the “FAQs” section on www.bhsafa2.com or contact Laura Craig at lcraig@bboed.org.
Completing the Online Application

All 8th Grade Bayonne Public School applicants will submit an online application, which can be accessed beginning on October 7, 2016 at www.bhsafa2.com/apply.

Please read the application instructions carefully. Contact your school guidance counselor or Mrs. Laura Craig (lcraig@bboed.org) with any questions.

For All Bayonne Public School 8th Grade Applicants:

1. Visit www.bhsafa2.com to review the available tracks of study and admission criteria. If you plan to apply to the Arts Track, please carefully review the audition/portfolio requirements for each major prior to selecting your major(s) of choice.

2. Use the Teacher Recommendation Request Form to request the appropriate recommendations. Please see the “Teacher Recommendation Procedure” on page 5 for more information.

3. Submit the online application found at www.bhsafa2.com/apply by November 4th, 2016. IMPORTANT: THE STUDENT APPLYING MUST LOG IN TO THE APPLICATION USING THEIR BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOOGLE APPS ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THE APPLICATION.

   • Note that you cannot save and return to your application, so be sure to review the enclosed sample application to familiarize yourself with the online application and prepare all information prior to beginning.

   • It is recommended that you compose your response to the personal statement prompt in a separate word processing application and paste it into the application.

   • BEFORE YOU HIT SUBMIT: carefully review the application and ensure you filled in all fields correctly. You will NOT receive an emailed copy of your responses, even if you check that field, as 8th Grade BBOED students cannot access gmail. Therefore - PRINT before you submit if you would like to retain a copy for your records.

   • Once you hit SUBMIT, a confirmation page should appear. You may print this confirmation page for your records.

4. Complete the Application Agreement Form (page 4) and submit it to your school guidance counselor no later than November 4th, 2016. If this form is not submitted by the application deadline of November 4th, 2016, your application will NOT be considered.
AfA Application Agreement
Application for the 2017-2018 School Year – Current 8th Grade Public School Students

Please print clearly in blue or black ink. Fill out all fields. Be sure this information matches the information provided on the online application.

Student Name: _______________________________ School: _______________________________
Student ID: ____________________________ Guidance Counselor: _______________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name(s): ____________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Work Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ___________________
Parent Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Which TRACK within the Academy for Fine Arts and Academics are you applying to? (Applicants may apply to both an honors track and the arts track. Applicants interested in more than one honors track should apply to the Scholars Track only. Students will be granted admission into STEM, Humanities or Scholars based upon admission criteria).

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK – Honors level English, History, Science and Math
☐ STEM TRACK – Honors level Science and Mathematics only
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK – Honors level English and History only
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  ☐ Instrumental Music (Instrument: ____________________)
  ☐ Vocal Music
  ☐ Drama
  ☐ Musical Theater
  ☐ Dance
  ☐ Visual Art
  ☐ Creative Writing

Parent Permission (mandatory for all applicants)

I, ____________________________________________, give _________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Student Applicant Name (Print)

permission to apply for the Academy for Fine Art and Academics and certify the above information is accurate. I understand that by submitting this form I grant permission for my child’s guidance counselor to submit all relevant academic records to the admissions committee.

__________________________________________  ______________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please submit this completed form to your school guidance counselor no later than November 4th, 2015. If this form is not submitted by the application deadline of November 4th, 2015, your application will NOT be considered.
Teacher Recommendation Procedure
Application for the 2017-2018 School Year – Current 8th Grade Public School Students

Applicant Instructions:

● Submit this form to the appropriate recommending teacher(s) no later than October 28th, 2016. A minimum of 2 teacher recommendations are required per applicant. See the required content area for each track:

Required for STEM Applicants (2 Total)
1 - Current Math Teacher
1 - Current Science Teacher

Required for Humanities Applicants (2 Total)
1 - Current English Teacher
1 - Current History Teacher

Required for Scholars Applicants (4 Total)
1 - Current Math Teacher
1 - Current Science Teacher
1 - Current English Teacher
1 - Current History Teacher

Required for Arts Applicants (2 Total*)
1 - Current Art or Music Teacher
1 - Any additional subject area Teacher

*Applicants to an Honors & Arts Track will have more than 2 total recommendations

● List the names and subject areas of your recommending teachers in the provided fields on the Online Application.

Recommending Teacher Instructions:

● Please go to: www.bhsafa2.com/apply

● Follow the link to the “Teacher Recommendation”. You will need to sign in with your bboed login information.

● Complete the simple online recommendation by November 22, 2016. You do not need to return this form to the applicant. Thank you!

Teacher Recommendation Request
To be completed by student applicant:

Applicant Name: __________________________ Recommending Teacher Name: ______________________________

Desired Track:

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in English, History, Math and Science)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  ☐ Instrumental Music (Instrument: ____________________)
  ☐ Vocal Music
  ☐ Drama
  ☐ Musical Theater
  ☐ Dance
  ☐ Visual Art
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● Complete the simple online recommendation by November 22, 2016. You do not need to return this form to the applicant. Thank you!

Teacher Recommendation Request
To be completed by student applicant:

Applicant Name: __________________________  Recommending Teacher Name: _________________________

Desired Track:

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in English, History, Math and Science)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
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● Follow the link to the “Teacher Recommendation”. You will need to sign in with your bboed login information.
● Complete the simple online recommendation by November 22, 2016. You do not need to return this form to the applicant. Thank you!

Teacher Recommendation Request
To be completed by student applicant:

Applicant Name: __________________________ Recommending Teacher Name: __________________________

Desired Track:

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in English, History, Math and Science)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
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- Complete the simple online recommendation by November 22, 2016. You do not need to return this form to the applicant. Thank you!

Teacher Recommendation Request
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Applicant Name: __________________________ Recommending Teacher Name: _________________________

Desired Track:
☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in English, History, Math and Science)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  ☐ Instrumental Music (Instrument: ______________________)
  ☐ Vocal Music
  ☐ Drama
  ☐ Musical Theater
  ☐ Dance
  ☐ Visual Art
  ☐ Creative Writing
Application Checklist

Please review this checklist to ensure all components of the AfA² Application for the 2017-2019 year are complete.

All Applicants:

___ Online Application Submitted (must be submitted by November 4th, 2016)
___ Application Agreement Form (must be submitted to your guidance counselor by November 4th, 2016)
___ Two Teacher Recommendations (submit the Teacher Recommendation Procedures to your recommending teachers by October 28th, 2016).

Arts Track Applicants:

___ Register for the Arts Track Auditions at www.bhsafa2.com by November 4th, 2016.
___ Visit www.bhsafa2.com to review the audition/portfolio requirements for your selected major(s) and begin preparing now! Be sure to REGISTER online for the December 10th audition. Plan to report to Bayonne High School at 8:45 AM on December 10th. Auditions are from 9AM to 3PM.

Please email Laura Craig at lcraig@bboed.org if you have any questions about the application process.
Online Application Form – SAMPLE

Refer to these screen shot samples for assistance completing the online application. Remember – you cannot save and return to your application. Be sure you have all of the necessary information prepared prior to beginning.

Part 1 – Student and Parent/Guardian Information

Student Information

Please read carefully and complete all fields.

Applicant’s Last Name
Jones

Middle Name/Initial

First Name *
James

Current School *
Please select your current school from the drop down list.
1 Henry Harris School

Current Grade *
Please select your current grade from the drop down list. NOTE: This application is for Grade 8 applicants only. If you are not in grade 8 please close this application and proceed to the correct application.
Grade 8

Parent/Guardian Information

Please read carefully and complete all fields.

Parent/Guardian Name *
Jonathan Jones

Address *
Applicants to AFA2 must be residents of the city of Bayonne. If you are completing this application in anticipation of moving to Bayonne, you must register with the Bayonne school district prior to applying to AFA2.

23 West 32nd Street, Apt 4

Home Phone *
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Work Phone
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Cell Phone/Other
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Parent Email Address
jjones@myemail.com

You can type as much as you need in the text box - it will expand. City, State & Zip are not necessary.
Part 2 – Track Selection
Review the requirements for each track at www.bhsafa2.com.

Select your TRACK
Which Track(s) are you applying to? *
Remember: Select SCHOLARS to be considered for both STEM and Humanities
☐ STEM
☐ HUMANITIES
☐ SCHOLARS
☐ ARTS

ARTS MAJOR
If you selected "ARTS Track" - designate the major(s) you wish to apply to.
You can choose up to two Arts majors. Please carefully review the description for each major at www.bhsafa2.com before choosing. You must be prepared to audition/interview for each of your selected majors.
☐ Instrumental Music (you must indicate which instrument in the box below)
☐ Vocal Music
☐ Drama
☐ Musical Theater (Vocal Music, Drama AND Dance)
☐ Dance
☐ Visual Art
☐ Creative Writing

If you selected "Instrumental Music" please list the instrument on which you would like to audition:


Part 3 – Personal Essay

Select the personal essay prompt below that you would like to respond to. Compose your essay in the box provided. *

Essay should be between 500-750 words. We recommend that you compose your essay in Microsoft Word or another word processing application. Be sure to carefully proofread and check for spelling and grammatical errors, and be sure to adhere to the minimum and maximum word count requirement.

- What do you hope to be doing the year after you graduate from college - and how do you plan to get there?
- What movie, poem, musical composition, work of art, or novel has most influenced your life and the way that you view the world? Why?
- Choose the invention that you think has had the most positive impact on our world and explain why you chose that invention.
- If you were given the capability to travel back in time to any period in history, where would you head to and why?
- What do you wish your teachers knew about you?

* don’t forget to select the prompt you chose!

Part 4 – Teacher Recommendations

Be sure to provide your teachers with the Teacher Recommendation Form by October 22nd, 2016.

Teacher Recommendation Procedure

See the Application Instructions for Public School 8th Graders for full details on the Teacher Recommendation Procedure and Recommendation Forms. A minimum of 2 teacher recommendations are required per applicant. See the required content area for each track:

Required for STEM Applicants (2 Total)
1 - Current Math Teacher
1 - Current Science Teacher

Required for Humanities Applicants (2 Total)
1 - Current English Teacher
1 - Current History Teacher

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1 - Current Math Teacher
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1 - Current History Teacher

Required for Arts Applicants (2 Total*)
1 - Current Art or Music Teacher
1 - Any additional subject area Teacher
*Applicants to an Honors & Arts Track will have more than 2 total recommendations

You MUST provide the Teacher Recommendation Forms to your recommending teachers by October 28th, 2016.
Provide the Names & Subject Areas of your Recommending Teachers

A minimum of 2 recommendations are required. If you require additional recommendations (see above), please list as many as are applicable.

**Teacher Recommendation #1**

**Subject Area**

- Math
- Science
- History
- Language Arts
- Music
- Art
- Other: ___________

**Teacher Recommendation #2**

**Subject Area**

- Math
- Science
- History
- Language Arts
- Music
- Art
- Other: ___________

**Teacher Recommendation #3**

(If Applicable)

**Subject Area**

- Math
- Science
- History
- Language Arts
- Music
- Art
- Other: ___________

*Recommendations 3 - 5 are as needed (i.e. Scholars applicants need 4 total: English, History, Math and Science).*
Final Verification
Please read carefully before hitting submit!

VERIFICATION

PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

By hitting SUBMIT, you hereby verify that the above information is accurate and complete. Once you hit SUBMIT you will not be able to return and edit your responses.

Because 8th Grade BBOED Students do not have access to email accounts, you will NOT receive an emailed copy of your responses. Therefore, please PRINT this page before you hit SUBMIT if you would like to retain a copy for your records. You will see a Confirmation Page upon submitting to verify your responses have been recorded.

Confirmation Page
You will see this screen after successfully submitting your application! All done!

Academy for Fine Arts and Academics at Bayonne High School:
8th Grade Application for 2017-2018

Thank you for submitting your application to the Academy for Fine Arts and Academics at Bayonne High School. Your application has been received. Please print this confirmation page for your records.

Your next step:
Submit the teacher recommendation forms (found at www.bhsafa2.com) to your recommending teachers.

Visit www.bhsafa2.com for information about auditions to the ARTS TRACK and be sure to follow the link to REGISTER ONLINE for the Arts Audition day on December 10th, 2016.

Questions? Concerns? Call Laura Craig at (201) 437-5095 or email at lcrain@bboed.org.

Thank you and Good Luck!