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High School Profile

BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL

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At a Glance

- Mascot - The Dragon
- 125 students in 1st-12th grade
- 60 students in 9th-12th grade
- 6:1 average student-teacher ratio
- Four-year HS diploma program
- College & career readiness focus
- 75% of students receive state funding to attend our school
- Students who receive funding live in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City & County, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County, Montgomery County, & Prince George's County

Curriculum

Baltimore Lab School's arts-integrated curriculum is aligned with Maryland State standards and meets or exceeds state and local graduation requirements.

School Overview

Baltimore Lab School provides an exceptional, college and career readiness education for bright students with learning disabilities in grades 1-12. These disabilities include ADHD and dyslexia, as well as other learning difficulties. Our innovative, arts-infused curriculum is experiential and multidisciplinary, specifically designed to help young learners overcome challenges with reading, writing, and math while preparing them for a rewarding range of college and career choices. In addition to mastering core academics, BLS students explore the visual and performing arts, participate in outdoor education and athletics, and gain confidence, self-esteem, and self-awareness.

Students thrive academically and socially in small classes with an exceptionally low teacher/student ratio. Every academic teacher at BLS is highly trained and certified in special education; most of our teachers hold master's degrees. All teachers receive additional training in diagnostic-prescriptive teaching and intensive academic support. Every student benefits from progress monitoring through informal assessments and customized academic strategies specifically targeted to their needs. Full-time on-site reading specialists, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, clinical social workers, and psychologists are active in the classroom and offer specialized services in individual and small group sessions.

OUR MISSION: BLS is an innovative learning community fostering scholarship and creativity in students with unique strengths and diverse learning needs. In an environment of inquiry, hands-on exploration, and the arts, Baltimore Lab School students learn to advocate for themselves as they become engaged and compassionate members of a global society.

LAB LEGACY: Our school was founded in 2000 as a division of The Lab School of Washington by Sally L. Smith (1929-2007), a pioneer in the field of learning disabilities. She created Baltimore Lab School to provide the same extraordinary opportunities as The Lab School of Washington, which has successfully educated students with learning disabilities since 1967. Sally's groundbreaking research and writing on art as a gateway to learning and her award-winning Academic Club methodology are the heart of Baltimore Lab School's approach to education.

STUDENT LIFE: At BLS, we believe that life outside the classroom is every bit as important to your child's development as life inside the classroom. That's why we put tremendous emphasis on opportunities to explore, expand, and engage with new friends, the neighboring community, and people, and places beyond our hometown. BLS offers a wide variety of programming to promote student connections including outdoor education, athletics, clubs, and experiential overnight learning opportunities.

Accreditation and Memberships

- MD State Department of Education (MSDE) approved nonpublic special education school (Type 1)
- Association of Independent MD Schools (AIMS)
- MD Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF)
- Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)
- MD Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education Green Schools (MAEOE)

Baltimore Lab School is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit educational organization.

Course Requirements & Grading

Maryland State Department of Education

Graduation Requirements:

Required Number of Credits: 22*

Required Service Learning Hours: 75

High School Credits @ BLS:

English 4 Science 3

Math 4 Social Studies 3

PE/Health 2

Completer Choices:

Technology 1

Foreign Lang. 2

Fine Arts 1

College & Career 3

**Students at BLS frequently earn beyond the required number of credits as mandated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Some students may complete additional courses depending on their local school system's requirements.*

All seniors participate in an off-campus internship and senior seminar classes as part of our career development programming. Some seniors may choose to dually enroll in community college.

Letter Grading Scale:

A	100-94%	C	76-74%	Other:
A-	93-90%	C-	73-70%	I - incomplete
B+	89-87%	D+	69-67%	NA - not applicable
B	86-84%	D	66-64%	P - pass
B-	83-80%	D-	63-60%	F - fail
C+	79-77%	E	59-0%	

Report Cards & Progress Updates

High school students receive quarterly report cards and written narratives on their academic progress. High School students receive letter grades and self-development grades for their coursework. Grade point averages (G.P.A.) are not weighted and the school does not rank students.

Student Self-Development Key:

O - Outstanding	N - Needs improvement
G - Good	U - Unsatisfactory
S - Satisfactory	

Content Area	Courses of Study
English	English 9, 10, 11, 12, & Senior Writing Seminar
Math	Algebra I & II, Geometry, Statistics, Trigonometry, & Financial Literacy
Social Studies	American Government, World History, U.S. History, & Economics
Science	Earth Systems, Living Systems, Integrated Physics & Chemistry
Arts	Fundamentals of Art, Design Studies/Yearbook, Photography, Theatre Arts I & II, Music & Audio Technology, & Art Seminar
PE & Health	Physical Education & Health
Technology	Introduction to Technology
Foreign Language	Spanish I & II
Career Development	Intro to CCRD*, Advanced CCRD, & CCRD WBLE**

College Acceptances



Albright College
Arcadia University
Aurora University
Baldwin-Wallace College
Bard College
Beacon College
Bethany College
Bethune-Cookman University
Bowie State University
California University of Pennsylvania
Capitol Technology University
The Catholic University of America
Champlain College
Clark University
College of Charleston
Columbia College of Art Chicago
Coppin State University
Corcoran School for the Arts
Curry College
Davis & Elkins College
Dean College
Delaware State University
Delaware Valley University
DePaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Elizabethtown College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Franklin & Marshall College
Frostburg State University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Goucher College
Harrisburg University of Science & Technology
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hood College
Immaculata University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson and Wales University
Keystone College
Landmark College
Lebanon Valley College
Loyola University Maryland
Lynchburg College
Lynn University
Marshall University
Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)
Marymount Manhattan College
Mercyhurst University
McDaniel College
Merrimack College
Mitchell College
Montana State University

Morgan State University
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
Muskingum University
NASCAR Technical Institute
New England College
New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) State University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Old Dominion University
Parson's New School of Design
Pennsylvania College of Technology
The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State)
Philadelphia University
Point Park University
Purchase College, SUNY
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rocky Mountain College
Saint Andrew's Presbyterian College
Saint Joseph's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Saint Michael's College
Salisbury University
Santa Monica College
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University
Shepherd University
Stevenson University
Stony Brook University
Stratford University
Temple University
Thomas Jefferson University
Towson University
Trinity Washington University
Tuskegee University
University of Delaware
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)
University of Maryland, College Park (UMD)
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Vermont
Virginia Interment College
Virginia Tech
Virginia Union University
Wagner College
Washington College
Wayne State University
West Virginia University (WVU)
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wilson College
York College of Pennsylvania
Community Colleges throughout Maryland