

Diversity in Admissions Pilot

Bard High School Early College Queens (24Q299)

High School Application Program Code Q74B

Bard High School Early College Queens (BHSEC Queens) offers students a high school diploma, up to 60 college credits, and an Associate in Arts degree upon graduation, free of charge. Because these are transferrable college credits, students can earn a post-secondary Bachelor's degree in less time and at a greatly reduced cost. The BHSEC Queens early college model can increase the likelihood of completing post-secondary degrees for low-income students by reducing the cost barrier as well as barriers related to college preparation and access.

BHSEC Queens has a welcoming environment for all students with over 30 different home languages, a gender-neutral bathroom, and a variety of clubs to celebrate students' diverse interests and talents and their collective strengths. Support services offered by the school include: tutoring and mentoring, guidance services, faculty office hours, a summer bridge program, and a college advisory program to support students and help students succeed in high school and the early college program.

As part of the Diversity in Admissions pilot, the school will give priority to applicants who are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch (based on family income) for up to 63% of seats. Families of students who are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch, and all other interested students, are encouraged to apply by placing program code **Q74B** on the High School Application. The application is due to school counselors on **December 1**.

BHSEC Queens admits students through a **Screened** admissions method, whereby students are ranked based on an on-site math test, and on-site writing exercise, and an interview. The school is open to all New York City residents.

Of the ranked students, applicants eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch will be prioritized for up to 63% of ninth-grade seats. Any ranked Free and Reduced Lunch-eligible applicants remaining after Free and Reduced Lunch priority is given will be considered as part of the larger applicant pool in line with the school's admissions method.

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