

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts opened its doors for the first students in August 2009. Since that time the school has received many accolades on both the arts and academic fronts.



The **Mission** of Barbara Ingram School for the Arts is to provide every student with a rigorous, comprehensive, college preparatory curriculum rooted in intense, pre-professional training in the arts that encourages excellence and success in their personal development as students, artists and cultural leaders.



Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, a **US News and World Report Gold Medal school**, is ranked eighth among Maryland Schools. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Barbara Ingram School for the Arts is 94%. The total minority enrollment is 25%, and 20% of students are economically disadvantaged.

BISFA is a neighborhood school with students from WCPS as well as Frederick Co, WV and PA. Currently, the high school serves about 350 students. The school has a unique admissions process designed to identify students with a passion for the arts — no academic criteria are used. Moreover, students are considered carefully for what they've done with the opportunities they've been given. More than 300 students audition each year for about 90 spots.



Although academics are not considered at the auditions, once students are admitted, they must all pursue a rigorous academic curriculum. Students who need it receive free tutoring and test preparation so that they can meet academic benchmarks as well as artistic ones. BISFA student test scores are consistently among the highest in the county and state. Graduation and college placement rates are near 100%

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