### Introducing you to Bridgeport International Academy

Emily Kise October 15, 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing in the hopes of introducing you to <u>Bridgeport International Academy</u> (BIA). My name is Emily Kise, and I am the headmaster of our school.

BIA is a small, private high school in Bridgeport, Connecticut. We were founded over 20 years ago on the University of Bridgeport campus by True Parents. Currently, we are the <u>#1 most</u> <u>diverse private</u> school in CT and #12 in the nation! We pride ourselves on our 4 pillars: academic excellence, character, creativity, and global citizenship. As our faculty/staff are predominantly church affiliated 1st and 2nd generation, we are very united and focused on our mission to care for our students and invest in them holistically.

Our church enrollment is down and only about 10% of our students are church affiliated. Although we have a legacy scholarship for church students, we do understand that it is a big cost that not all families can afford. In the past year or two, we see that most church students are either local children in Connecticut or children that really did not connect with public school and needed/wanted an environment focused on safety and invested in character growth.

I am hoping to connect with pastors across the country for several reasons:

- In hopes that you can share our content with your congregation. We do understand we are not an option for many people, but can be an option for students struggling or for parents looking for alternatives to public education. We do have a Legacy rate for the tuition and have dorming options for students from other states.

- Connection to possible educators. Although we do not have positions open currently, we would love to start a database for educators that may want to work in a private educational environment based on shared values. We do not exclusively hire church members but do see the value in the common background and its impact on the school's culture.

- Name recognition. We acknowledge that we have not done enough outreach to the church market. Although we are growing our international and local outreach, we feel we have not invested enough in Unificationist families. We are hoping to reconnect with church leaders to help create relationships with church members. We are not a "church school" per se but we do feel the responsibility in honoring our roots and continuing a connection with the church at large.

Here is a parent testimonial video to introduce you to the school: www.youtube,com/watch?v=s6MHOR\_o8dk and list=PLG1Y5Qvdy0TaX6UVhVaJrvi1-\_KY6PaR- and index=10

As well as a playlist of other school content: www.youtube,com/playlist?list=PLG1Y5Qvdy0TaX6UVhVaJrvi1-\_KY6PaR-

Feel free to follow us on <u>facebook</u> as that is a great way to see our culture and get to know our students.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Best Regards,

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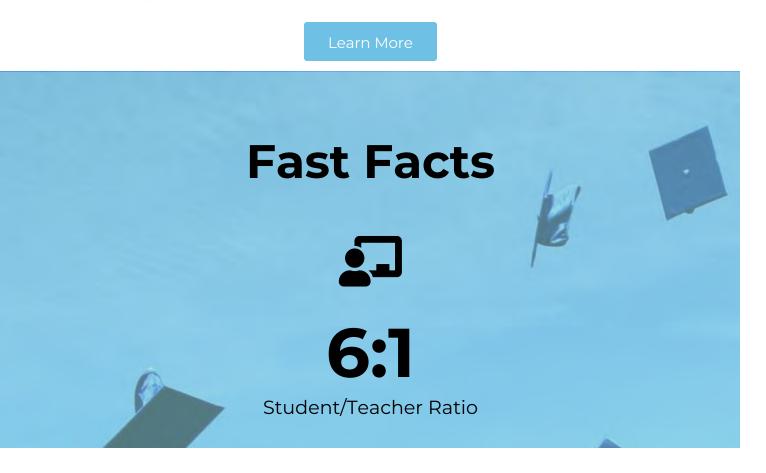


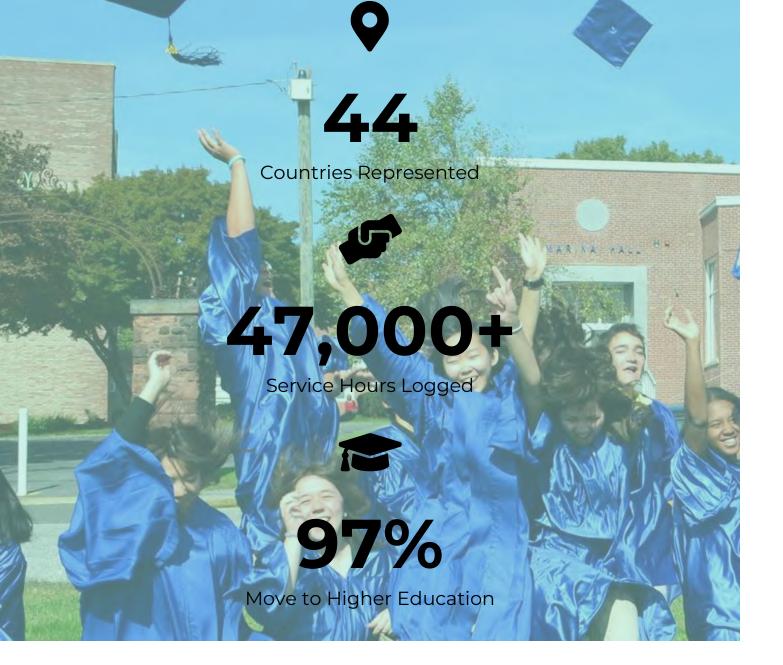


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## Where Students Meet the World!

Our holistic approach to education helps students develop the ability to use knowledge responsibly, choose and incorporate information most essential to their life goals, distinguish between useful or harmful exposures, and understand universally-recognized values. The multinational composition of the school community provides students with the opportunity to gain cultural competence and a broad understanding of the world in which they live.





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### News



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# Upcoming Events

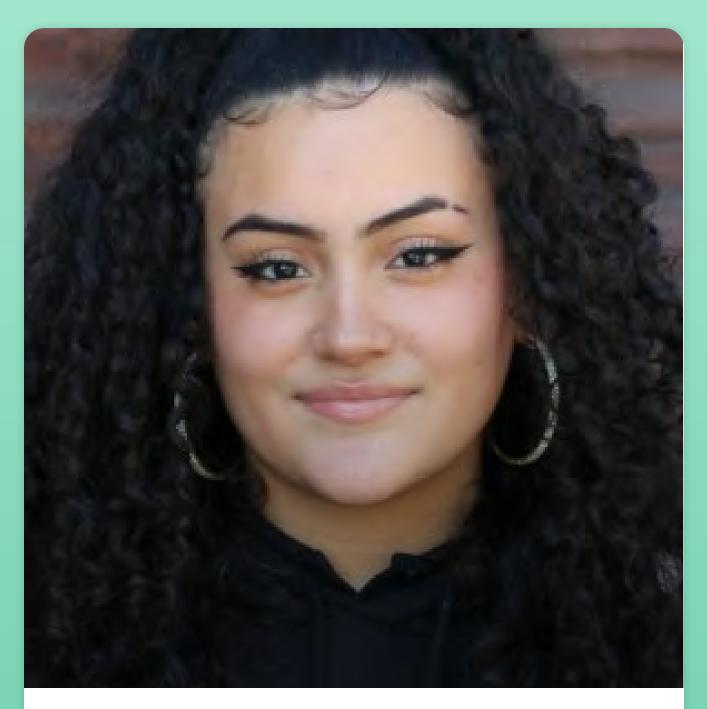
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Monday, October 17	
2nd Quarter begins	1
Monday, October 24	L
Spirit Week: Regular class schedule.	
Tuesday, October 25	
Spirit Week: Regular class schedule.	
Wednesday, October 26	
Spirit Week: Regular class schedule.	
Half day	
1:00pm Parent-Teacher Conferences	
Thursday, October 27	
Spirit Week: Regular class schedule.	
Friday, October 28	
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# Who We Are



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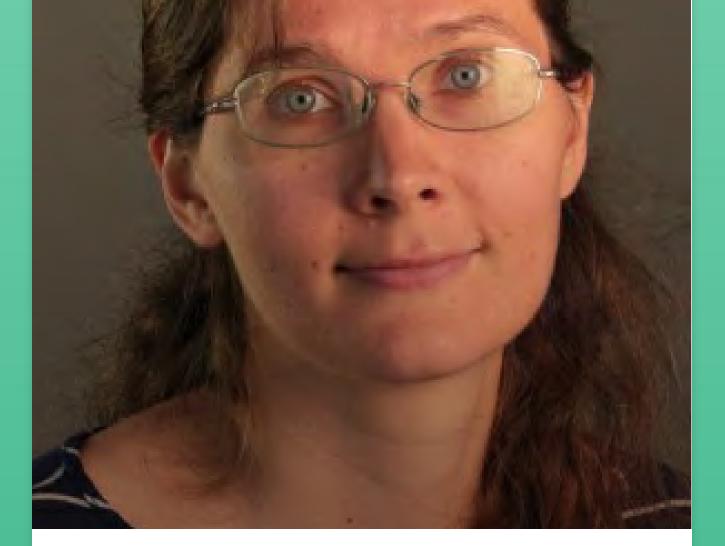
"Each student can find, with his/her education, a role: to be purposeful by challenging academic interests, to be supported by seeking help from the faculty or diverse student body, and/or to be compassionate by serving others through his/her academic strengths."



## Jaylin Padilla (Student)

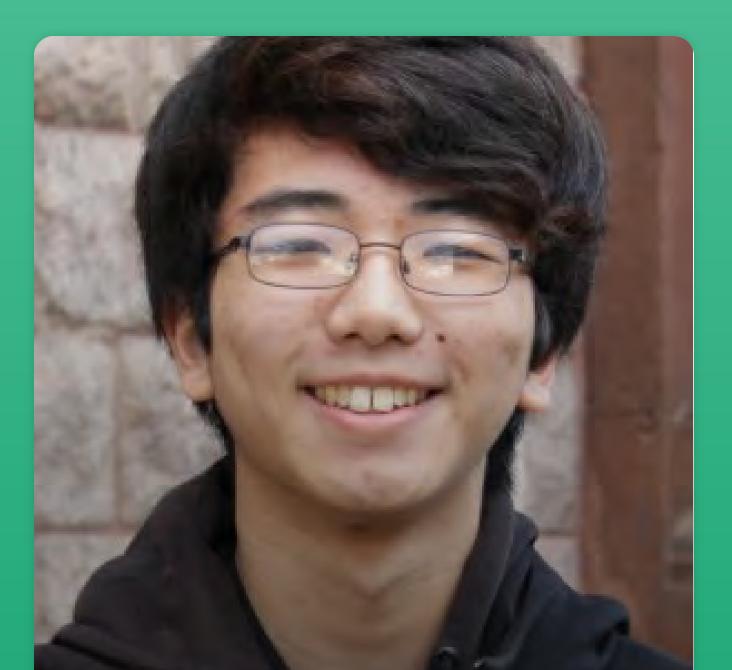
"This school has really helped me change as a person on a positive level, and it has really shown me how fun learning can be. Being in this school for two years now has also shown me the responsibilities I have as a student and how to keep up with





# Jeanne Bessell (Parent)

"I can not think of any better school where I would want my kids to be. Great environment, great teachers, great kids. I love BIA!"



### Keita Yamada (Alumni)

"BIA is a very open and accepting family. It has vastly improved my capabilities to socialize, and learn new discoveries with peers from around the world."

### ABOUT

Bridgeport International Academy, where students meet the world!

BIA is a learning community where students grow in heart and mind as they gain an excellent academic foundation for their college careers. more

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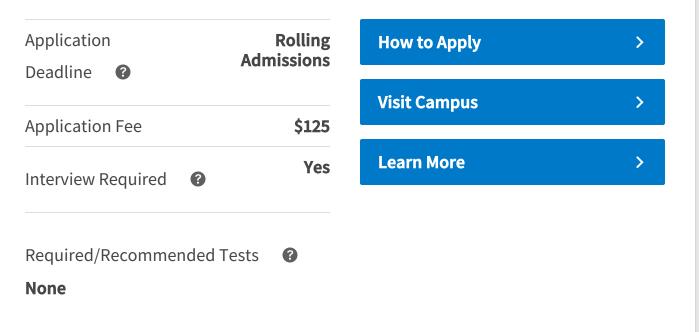
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**Virtual Tour** 

**COVID-19 Update for Prospective Students and Families:** Adhering to strict CDC guidelines has allowed BIA the fortune of keeping its doors open for in-person classes since August. We had a great in-person school year and continue to keep up to date with recommendations for this next year and will update our policies accordingly! **Learn More** 

<b>Overall Niche Grade</b> How are grades calculated? Data Sources	<ul> <li>A Academics</li> <li>B+ Teachers</li> <li>A College Prep</li> <li>C+ Sports</li> </ul>
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# Applying



# Tuition

Yearly Tuition \$7,900

Tuition is for the highest grade offered and may have changed for the current school year. For more information, please contact the school.

Boarding (Tuition + Boarding)	\$41,900
Received Financial Aid	
Average Financial Aid	



# From Bridgeport International Academy

Bridgeport International Academy (BIA) is a private, nonsectarian, college preparatory, boarding and day high school with an international student body and faculty. Located adjacent to the seaside campus of the University of Bridgeport, the Academy offers a strong college preparatory curriculum for grades 9 through 12, with the opportunity for students to take college courses and use university facilities. The four pillars that form BIA's identity, mission, values, and climate are academic excellence, creativity, character development, and global citizenship.

Why BIA?	>
Application Process	>
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# Academics

Average Graduation Rate

Average SAT	?	<b>1140</b> 22 responses
Average ACT	•	<b>22</b> 5 responses

### **Popular Colleges**

Niche users from this school are most interested in the following colleges.

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### Niche College Admissions Calculator

# Project Based Learning at BIA



Here at BIA we challenge our students to be creative, not just through the arts but also in how they think and address obstacles. Twice a year we devote a week to project based learning. Students consider how to: govern, survive, and create a culture in new uninhabited planets, speak publicly and present inventions to "Sharks", make applications, manage stress, fish, and maintain buildings.

### Learn More

# Culture & Safety



of students agree that they feel safe at their school. 5 responses

80%

of students agree that they like their school and feel happy there. 5 responses

### III POLL

What are your favorite school traditions? Based on 11 responses	events or
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Global studies week	45%
Spirit week	27%
Movie Night	18%
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# Boarding Students Boarding 40% Boarding Days Per Week 7-day International Boarding Students 30% Take a Virtual Tour

# **Students**

### Diversity



Based on racial and economic diversity and survey responses on school culture and diversity from students and parents.

Students



# POLLS



of students and parents agree that students at this school are competitive. 6 responses



 $100\%\,$  of students and parents agree that students at this school are creative and artsy. 6 responses

67%

of students and parents agree that students at this school are athletic. 6 responses

Read More About the Students >

# **Teachers**

Student-Teacher Ratio 8

4:1 National 17:1

III POLL 83%

of students and parents agree that the teachers give engaging lessons. 6 responses



of students and parents agree that the teachers genuinely care about the students. 6 responses



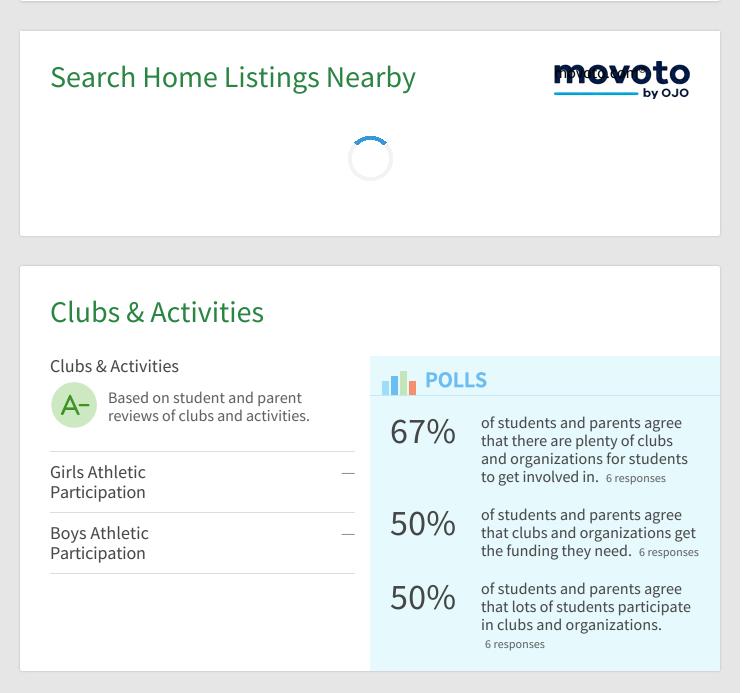
of students and parents agree that the teachers adequately lead and control the classroom. 6 responses

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# Bridgeport International Academy Reviews

★★★★☆ 35 reviews

****	Excellent	16
★★★★☆	Very Good	13
★★★☆☆	Average	6
******	Poor	0
★☆☆☆☆	Terrible	0
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### **★★★**☆

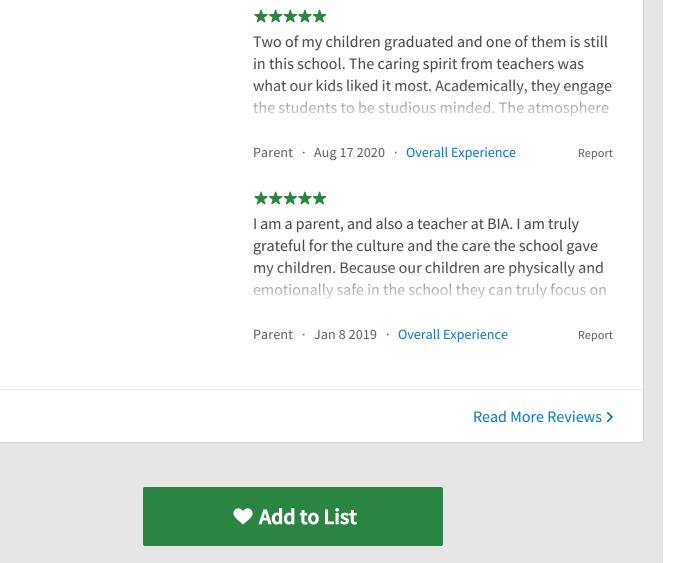
The academic and social environment at the school is excellent. Their "No Romantic relationships" Policy during school time removes a lot of the normal distractions of boy-girl attractions and jealousy and

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Report

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