

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 [Bridgeport International Academy](#) (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 [#1 most diverse private](#) 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&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 [facebook](#) 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Kise".

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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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Fast Facts

6:1

Student/Teacher Ratio



44

Countries Represented



47,000+

Service Hours Logged



97%

Move to Higher Education

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 15

Monday, October 17
2nd Quarter begins

Monday, October 24
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
Spirit Week: Regular class schedule.

Friday, November 4

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York



Who We Are





Mr. Gukwon An (Faculty)

“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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Bridgeport International Academy

#1 in Best High Schools for the Arts in Connecticut

A+ Overall Grade • Private, Boarding • 9-12 • BRIDGEPORT, CT

• ★★★★★ 35 reviews

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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](#)



Overall Niche Grade

How are grades calculated?
Data Sources



Academics



Diversity



Teachers



College Prep



Clubs & Activities



Sports



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About Bridgeport International Academy...

AP Offered

Boarding

High School

Private

Applying

Application Deadline ? **Rolling Admissions**

[How to Apply](#) >

Application Fee **\$125**

[Visit Campus](#) >

Interview Required ? **Yes**

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Required/Recommended Tests ?

None

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?](#) >

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Bridgeport International Academy Rankings

Niche ranks nearly 100,000 schools and districts based on statistics and millions of opinions from students and parents.

Most Diverse Private High Schools in Connecticut

#1 of 80

Best High Schools for the Arts in Connecticut

#1 of 10

Best Boarding High Schools in Connecticut

#20 of 27

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Academics

Average Graduation Rate

100%

Popular Colleges

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

Average SAT ?

1140
22 responses

Average ACT ?

22
5 responses

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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

POLL

80%

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

POLL

80%

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

POLL

What are your favorite school events or traditions?

Based on 11 responses

[Report](#)

Global studies week	45%
Spirit week	27%
Movie Night	18%

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Boarding

Students Boarding

40%

Top Countries

China, Japan, South Korea, Tunisia, Viet Nam

Boarding Days Per Week

7-day

International Boarding Students 30%

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Students

Diversity

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

Students

60

POLLS

83% 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 ?

4:1

National 17:1

POLL

83% of students and parents agree that the teachers genuinely care about the students. 6 responses

POLL

83% of students and parents agree that the teachers give engaging lessons. 6 responses

POLL

83% of students and parents agree that the teachers adequately lead and control the classroom. 6 responses

Map



Bridgeport International Academy ×
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Clubs & Activities

Clubs & Activities



Based on student and parent reviews of clubs and activities.

Girls Athletic Participation —

Boys Athletic Participation —

POLLS

67% of students and parents agree that there are plenty of clubs and organizations for students to get involved in. 6 responses

50% of students and parents agree that clubs and organizations get the funding they need. 6 responses

50% of students and parents agree that lots of students participate in clubs and organizations. 6 responses

Bridgeport International Academy Reviews

★★★★☆ 35 reviews

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

★★★★☆

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

Parent · Jan 21 2020 · [Overall Experience](#) Report

Start Your Review of **Bridgeport International Academy**



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Two of my children graduated and one of them is still in this school. The caring spirit from teachers was what our kids liked it most. Academically, they engage the students to be studious minded. The atmosphere

Parent · Aug 17 2020 · [Overall Experience](#) Report



I am a parent, and also a teacher at BIA. I am truly grateful for the culture and the care the school gave my children. Because our children are physically and emotionally safe in the school they can truly focus on

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