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Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
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One Community.
One School.

~ Dedicated to academic excellence
~ Devoted to Torah, Israel and Tikkun Olam
~ Committed to embracing all members of our Jewish Community

Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade
תורָה מָדוֹת חָסד ציֹונָה

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Excellence in Education from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12

Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut (BCHA) is the state’s first and only comprehensive pre-K through grade 12 Jewish day school. Now in its inaugural year, the Stamford school is the outgrowth of a recent merger between Bi-Cultural Day School, a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and the highly acclaimed Jewish High School of Connecticut.

Serving students throughout Fairfield and Westchester counties, Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy of Connecticut is uniquely poised to provide students with a continuum of education designed to lead them toward a future of personal and professional success.

Built on the stellar academic reputations of its two core schools, BCHA integrates dynamic and innovative general and Judaic studies curricula in an environment that is steeped in Torah values and a love of Israel. BCHA welcomes and embraces students from all across the Jewish spectrum while guided by Modern Orthodoxy. Emphasis is placed on creating young leaders of integrity by cultivating within students a pride in their Jewish heritage and a commitment to community service.

NURTURING A LOVE OF LEARNING

Based on the concept that our littlest students learn best through play, the BCHA experience begins with our Early Childhood “Play with a Purpose” program that offers boundless opportunities for young children to explore and grow, each at his or her own pace and in sync with his or her own interests. Focusing on the development of the basic Torah values of respect and kindness, children gain the critical social, emotional and intellectual skills needed to make their next transition seamless. Each and every day, they enjoy engaging lessons on the beauty of Jewish holidays, Jewish history, Hebrew language and the land of Israel.

FULL STEAM AHEAD

The BCHA elementary and middle school programs integrate an advanced STEAM curriculum into all areas of study. Highlights include two impressive Makerspace Innovation Labs that give children in pre-K through 8th grade the opportunity to bring their creative ideas to life. The coding curriculum begins in the earliest grades to ensure technological mastery ahead of the curve.

Capping off the middle school years is the 8th-grade “Israel Experience” — a month of travel and learning in...
Israel that synthesizes students’ years of Torah study, Jewish history and Hebrew language, and provides students with the opportunity to greatly broaden their horizons.

In high school, students participate in the CIJE-Tech High School Engineering Program, an innovative approach to STEM education that focuses on scientific and biomedical engineering. Students are exposed to a diverse range of science and technical knowledge areas while developing multidisciplinary and abstract thinking, as well as leadership and teamwork skills.

Throughout the grades, the BCHA faculty put their exceptional skills to work as they craft individual courses of study to best meet each student’s specific needs. Social/emotional development is enhanced by an array of community leadership opportunities.

As an indication of the curriculum’s success, BCHA elementary and middle school students consistently score in the top five percent in the nationwide Johns Hopkins Talent Search, and regularly take home awards from the CT State Science & Engineering Fair and the Stamford Literary Competition. BCHA students have gone on to top-rated colleges and universities including: Yale, Harvard, Columbia, University of Chicago, and University of Pennsylvania.

**OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of a well-rounded BCHA education. Afterschool sports include cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, swimming, tennis, fencing, ultimate Frisbee and floor hockey; clubs/programs through middle school include robotics, chess, choir, art, Student Council, Spanish, science club, computer programming, a middle school drama program that culminates in an annual full-scale musical theater production; high school offers engineering, law, forensic science, oceanography, computer animation, psychology of crime, screenwriting and creative writing, chess club, Russian language and culinary club, debate, Model United Nations, computer programming, the arts and literary magazine, yearbook, fashion and design, science enrichment, environmental club, social action club and Israel advocacy club.

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