

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I apply to more than one school?

If a student submits an application to Bergen County Academies and / or Bergen County Technical School, Teterboro, that is considered ONE application. The same student cannot submit a second application to Applied Technology High School, Bergen County Technical High School, Paramus, or Institute for Science and Technology or Career Innovation High School, in addition to the first application. If a student is not sure of which school they want to apply to, they may complete a joint application to the Academies and / or Teterboro. If your first and / or second choice programs for these schools is similar to programs offered at our other district schools, you may be asked in the application if you would like to interview for one of the other district schools. While this does not automatically guarantee an interview, it does give the applicant more options for high school.

Under no circumstances should an applicant use more than one email address to complete more than one application. Multiple applications by the same applicant will be rejected.

2. Why must I use a personal email address only?

Emails are the primary method of communication between the Admissions departments and the applicants and their families. Many schools and businesses have firewalls that do not allow communication from sources outside the organizations. To avoid missed information, it is mandatory that the applicant's primary email address is a personal email that is checked on a daily basis during the Admissions process.

3. Should I put a second choice of program in my application?

If your application allows you to enter a second choice of program, you should consider it seriously and choose another program that highlights your interests. It is possible that you are invited to join your second choice program rather than your first choice, based on availability of seats.

4. How will I be transported to and from school?

Transportation is provided by the sending district. Please contact your Board of Education to learn more about this service.

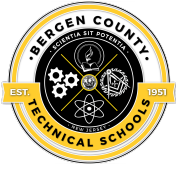
5. Can I play a sport in my home district?

All athletes are part of the Bergen County Technical Schools District teams, except students attending Institutes for Science and Technology at Northern Valley Regional District. Athletes from all campuses come together to form the Bergen County Knights. Transportation is provided from each campus for sports practice. There is no late bus provided after practice ends. Please check the Athletics website for information on sports offered during the year.

6. What clubs do the schools offer?

Our schools offer various clubs - some student-driven, some teacher-driven. Clubs occur on different days and times at each campus. Please check the school websites for more information.

7. Would it be possible to know the breakdown of the number of seats available for each academy at BCA for 2024-25?



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Depending on the number of applications received and the strength of the pool, the number of classes per academy ranges from 1-3; there are 20 seats per class.

8. Can a student apply in 2 or 3 Bergen County Technical Schools? Example: Applied Tech and Northern Valley Regional HS Institute of Technology?

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9. My question is what type of admission does Bergen tech schools use? Do they use HSPT or COOP? Please see the User Manual for Admissions requirements. We use neither HSPT nor COOP.

10. Hello, I was wondering if there will be another open house for Bergen Academy Hackensack besides the one happening on October 14, 2024 because there are no more available spots, and I was really looking forward to attending?

Please check here for tours for all district schools: <https://www.bergen.org/domain/544>

11. What resources/prep programs can you recommend for the students to prepare for the admission test? Please see the BCA User Manual and the Guide to Applying for information on preparing for the Admissions test.

12. How many pieces of art do students need to submit for a visual arts portfolio and is there a specific subject matter for each piece of art?

Detailed information will be sent to the students if they receive an interview. The information changes annually.

13. I received an email for proof of residence. We live in the same house as our family. The only proof of residence I have is my license. I could also submit a bank statement, car insurance or registration? What would be acceptable?

A valid driver's license and utility bill as well as an explanation of the relationship between the payor and the applicant will suffice.

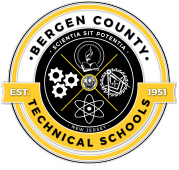
14. The application says to upload my PSE&G bill and my parent/guardian driver's license. I am not able to upload both and only able to upload one. What should I do?

Please combine them both to 1 document and upload.

15. I just submitted my application for the 2025-2026 school year and I was wondering when the test dates were and if they are in person or virtual and where we have to take the test.

Please read the requirements for applying. You have to be a resident by Sept 1, 2025 to apply for the following year.

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