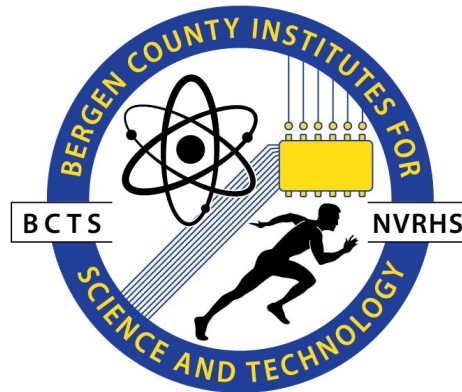


# **Bergen County Technical Schools/Northern Valley Regional High School**

**BERGEN COUNTY INSTITUTES FOR  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**



*Institute for Interactive Design  
Technology/Institute for Sports  
Medicine & Exercise Science*

## **QUICK OVERVIEW**

The Bergen County Institutes for Science and Technology at Northern Valley Regional High School are free public high school programs of **choice** for Bergen County residents.

BCIST students are required to adhere to all policies set forth by the Northern Valley school district administration.

# **NORTHERN VALLEY PROGRAMS**

## **(DEMAREST/OLD TAPPAN)**

### **IIDT PROGRAM**

**(Institute for Interactive Design Technology)**

This program is designed for the student who desires both academic and technical education that focuses on the application of visual design, psychology, business and technology to improve human-computer interaction. Students explore topics such as logo design, digital drawing, advertising and more. Students will be introduced to different types of technology hardware, software, virtual reality, 3D software and more.

### **SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM**

This program is designed for the student who is interested in both academic and technical educational environment that focuses on the study and application of the scientific principles that underpin physical performance. They will incorporate traditional disciplines of anatomy, sports psychology, biomechanics, training, nutrition and more.

More information and videos can be found by visiting our website at

<https://www.bergen.org/Page/4996>

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ADMISSION PROCESS

As with all Bergen County Technical School programs, students applying for admission must reside in Bergen County at the time of their application submission and must continue to reside in Bergen County during their four years of high school.

The application portal opens in September, please read user manual before starting the application. Students are required to write an essay, submit 7<sup>th</sup> grade report cards as well as first marking period report cards for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, state testing scores, and letters of recommendations from the English, science and math teachers.

### **Can you apply to BCIST at any time?**

No, admissions to the BCIST program is only offered to students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade; students may not transfer to the program at any time.

### **Can applications be accepted after the deadline?**

There are ***no exceptions***. They will not be accepted after the deadline.

### **Can we do an interview only without applying?**

In order to be considered the application must be completed.

### **Are interviews required or can you be accepted with just the application?**

Interviews are a required component to the student's application.

### **What happens if a student doesn't have an email, can they use their current school's email address?**

No, a student may not use their current school's email address. If the student does not have an email address they must create a new one.

## **Does BCTS administer the placement tests for Northern Valley?**

Placement test for academic classes are administered by Northern Valley RHIS, and placement is determined by Northern Valley based upon test results and the school district's academic standards. BCTS does not determine student placement in academic classes. **Placements are not subject to appeal.**

ALL students are required to take Algebra I unless they test into Geometry based off testing result.

## **Do students graduate with a BCTS diploma?**

Yes, students will graduate with a diploma from BCTS, not Northern Valley.

## **Do students take classes with Northern Valley students or just BCTS students?**

All academic courses are with Northern Valley teachers, staff and students. Courses specific to the Institute for Interactive Design Technology and the Institute for Sports Medicine and Exercise Science are taught by Bergen Tech instructors.

# **TRANSPORTATION TO NVRHS**

## **Can a student be brought to school by car instead of bus transportation?**

At Northern Valley, they uphold strict tardiness policies. Our campuses experience heavy morning traffic due to buses arriving from various locations as well as local students commuting that are inside the minimum busing requirements. Northern Valley has a no exception rule for tardiness and exceeding the tardiness limit may result in grade reductions. However, exceptions are made for students who rely on bus transportation that encounter delays beyond their control and those tardiness's will be excused.

Campus assignments are the prerogative of BCTS and NV administration. Student/Families do not have the option of selecting their campus. **NO EXCEPTIONS** are made to campus assignments.

## **How do you find out about transportation times, pick up, drop off, etc.?**

BCTS does not bus students to any of our schools. Transportation to the Old Tappan and Demarest campuses is provided by the town of residence. Bergen Tech does send the local districts a list of students that will be attending the BCIST programs.

## **Do you need to register with the town's buses?**

If the child did not attend school in their local district, it is imperative that they are registered with the local Board of Education or Transportation Coordinator so that the child will be included in the busing roster. Also, if a child moves, you must register with your new district BOE so that busing can be arranged.

## **Does Northern Valley RHS provides busing for certain towns?**

Yes, they provide busing only for students residing in towns within their district- Demarest, Haworth, Closter, Old Tappan, Norwood, Northvale and Harrington Park. They also provide students that reside beyond a certain distance from the campus they are attending.

## **Do the schools provide busing to after school sports or activities?**

No, busing is not provided for afterhours for sports or other activities. Carpooling is encouraged.

## **Do buses pick up if there are delayed openings?**

On days with delayed openings, many bus companies cannot adjust their pick-up schedules to accommodate the schedule change but both Northern Valley Campuses are open to the students who arrive early because of this. This will be a supervised area for them to do homework, read, etc.

## **When do we receive information regarding busing information?**

All information will be sent out in late August from the local town's Board of Ed or Transportation.

## **What happens if a student moves and that town doesn't provide transportation to the student's current campus?**

Unfortunately, students are assigned to campuses that have established bus routes. If the new town doesn't provide transportation the student must transfer to the other regional NV campus.

# BUSING INFORMATION

## Northern Valley Bus Distribution

### Old Tappan Campus

Wood-Ridge

Fort Lee

Norwood

Garfield

Harrington Park

Maywood

Old Tappan

Fair Lawn

Paramus

Lodi

Cliffside Park

Rutherford

Carlstadt

Hasbrouck Heights

Woodcliff Lake

River Vale

Palisades Park

Elmwood Park

South Hackensack

Washington Twp.

Allendale

Edgewater

East Rutherford

Fairview

Little Ferry

North Arlington

Northvale

Ridgefield

Ridgefield Park

Wallington

Wallington

Rockleigh

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# BUSING INFORMATION

## Northern Valley Bus Distribution

### Demarest Campus

Teaneck	Saddle Brook
Tenafly	Alpine
Woodcliff Lake	River Edge
Park Ridge	Haworth
Rochelle Park	Closter
Englewood	Demarest
Dumont	Cresskill
New Milford	Englewood Cliffs
Bergenfield	Bogota
Emerson	Midland Park
Montvale	Moonachie
Upper Saddle River	

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# CLUBS/ACTIVITIES/SPORTS

All students attending BCTS participate in Northern Valley High School clubs and sports, they **do not** participate in BCIST sports with the Bergen Academies, Teterboro, Applied Tech, etc.

## List of Activities and Clubs

Academic Decathlon

All School Production

Archery Club

Art Club

Band Groups

Biology Club

Book Club

Building Report

Chess Club

Chinese Club

Computer Science

Dance Team

Debate Team

Drama Club

Earth Club

Junior Advisor

Latin Club

Library Council

Literary Magazine

Mathematics Team

Media Club

Media Tech Club

EMS

FBLA

Foods Club

Film Making Club

French Club

Freshman Advisor

Gifted and Talented

Hand in Hand Club

Heroes and Cool Kids

Honor Society

Instrumental Group

Intramurals

Investment Club

Italian Club

Japan Club

Jazz Club

Science Team- Biology

Science Team- Chemistry

Science Team- Physics

Senior Class Advisor

Ski Club

Sophomore Club Advisor

Spanish Club

Military History Club

National Art Society

New Traditions

Newspaper

Organic Gardening Club

Panda

Peer Mediation

Peer Mentor

Photography Club

School Photographer

Spectrum

Stage Crew

Student Council

Student-Faculty Senate

Technology Student Association

Tri Music Honor Society

Vocal Groups

Yearbook

## **Athletics**

### **FALL**

Football

Boys/Girls Soccer

Boys/Girls Cross Country

Girls Tennis

Girls Volleyball

Cheerleading

Field Hockey

### **Winter**

Boys/Girls Basketball

Boys/Girls Bowling

Boys/Girls Indoor Track/Field

Ice Hockey

Boys/Girls Swimming

Wrestling

### **Spring**

Baseball

Softball

Boys/Girls Golf

Boys/Girls Lacrosse

Boys Tennis

Boys/Girls Track and

Field

# Laptops

## Does BCIST or Northern Valley provide the laptop for students?

BCIST students receive their laptops from Bergen Tech not Northern Valley.

## Is there fee for the laptop rental?

Families are not required to pay a technology fee for the laptops. Northern Valley sends out notifications out during the summer for fees but it does not pertain to BCTS students.

## When will the student be able to pick up the laptop?

Students will be notified late August when and where they will be able to pick up the laptops.

# Induction Ceremony

Once a student has accepted a spot in one of our programs at Northern Valley they will be notified by email and invited to attend the BCTS Induction Ceremony which will be late May or early June.

## What happens at the induction ceremony?

The induction ceremony will have current teachers and students talk about their experiences and they will have a chance to meet their future classmates. The induction certificate will also be handed out at this time. ***There will not be any tours of the facility at this time.***

## What happens if a student is unable to attend the induction ceremony?

Since this time of the year is extremely busy, attendance is not mandatory. There will not be any new information given out or tours of the school at this time. Certificates will be distributed by mail for those that are unable to attend.

## Is there dress code for the ceremony?

There is no set dress code but clean, neat and casual is fine.

# Senior Experience

## **What is the senior experience?**

It is an interactive learning partnership through which the student increases their knowledge and skills in a particular area of study (depending on the program they were accepted to) while under the guidance of a mentor(s). It provides an opportunity for the students to utilize the skills and knowledge they have gained from the classroom.

## **How many hours is the senior experience?**

This is a 5-week day requirement for 5 days where students will spend a minimum of 15-20 hours a week in the area related to their field of study. The will be starting after AP ends and will finish a few days before graduation.

## **Is the senior experience optional?**

No, all BCIST students are required to participate in the work-based learning experience during May and June of their senior year. Placement in the internship is arranged by Bergen Tech.

# Community Service

## **Do BCIST students have to take part in community service?**

All students are required to perform 40 hours of community service during their four years in the program.

# HANDBOOK

All students must adhere to NVHS policies.  
Handbook can be found at the following website.

<https://sites.google.com/nvnet.org/nvrhs-studenthandbook/home>

