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### About Ben Franklin Academy

Ben Franklin Academy is a non-profit, non-sectarian independent senior high school serving the greater metropolitan Atlanta area. Our purpose is to provide individualized college preparatory education of the highest quality to our students in grades 9-12. We strive to help our students learn, graduate and gain entrance to a respected college or university.

Ben Franklin Academy is dually accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). We are members of AAAIS, GHSA, GISA, SAIS, and the Coalition of Essential Schools.

### Work-Study Program

Benjamin Franklin believed that the ability and habit to work was central to being American. At BFA, what students learn from their work experiences becomes an important part of BFA's practical curriculum. Students discuss work issues with their work-study advisors on a regular basis. Through our work-study curriculum, students are expected to develop a resume, learn interview skills, and become responsible employees. Although students are expected find their own jobs, they are supported in the search by a Work-Study Advisor.

We have a substantial work-study requirement for graduation. BFA students attend school either during the morning or the afternoon session, and devote 10 to 20 hours per week to a structured work requirement. Students may choose from various paths like Music/Fine Arts, Athletics, Drama, Philanthropy, Paid Jobs, Entrepreneurial Opportunities, or Internships.

### Benefits to Prospective Employers

Because most high school students have limited work experience and find employment in entry level positions, they need to learn how to meet an employer's expectations. We believe that the support our Work-Study Advisors provide to our students makes them more responsible employees. Since the receipt of academic credit for their studies is directly related to students working a minimum number of hours per semester, BFA students are more likely to be loyal to their employer. Members of the Work-Study Advisory Committee serve as a resource for both students and their employers to monitor our students' work performance and to assist in resolving any difficulties students might have on the job. We encourage current or prospective employers to contact a member of our Work-Study Committee to let us know of job openings that are appropriate for our students. Members of the committee can be reached at 404-633-7404.



Philanthropy Project students present cookies to Ronald McDonald House families.

## Work-Study Paths

### Philanthropy, Environmental, and Community Volunteer Work

Service-minded students choose volunteerism to contribute to the needs of BFA, the Emory University neighborhood, and greater Atlanta. Green club members and others at BFA act to improve the greater Atlanta environment.



### Athletic Performance

Student athletes can use their work-study time to train, travel, and compete in golf, tennis and a number of other sports.



### Paid Employment

Many BFA students choose to work in paid positions in Atlanta businesses and organizations. For example, students have worked for restaurants (See picture below.), boutiques, and in offices. (The student in the picture to the right is teaching another teen how to rock climb.)



### Drama BFA Franklin Players

BFA's award-winning Franklin Players satisfy their work-study requirement through their acting, and/or technical involvement.



### Fine Arts

Musicians, dancers, and visual artists fulfill their work-study requirement through study, practice, and performance with professionals in their respective fields.



### Internships

Interns work in nonprofit and for profit positions to help Atlanta nonprofit organizations and businesses. Students perform clerical tasks and other professional duties, and serve as medical office assistants, and receptionists.



### Entrepreneurial Opportunity

BFA students have pursued their own business endeavors and have founded businesses such as landscaping services, tutorial companies, food companies, and jewelry design companies to name a few. Our entrepreneurs have been very successful with their companies.



### Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy As To Students

The Ben Franklin Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school administered programs. The Ben Franklin Academy is a non-profit, independent school, tax-exempt under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code Paragraph 501(c)(3). Our IRS number is EIN 58-1823445.