

Fall Tour in the Berkshires

October 16–18, 2016

We invite you to participate in our tour featuring four schools, each with its own engaging identity.

The tour will be held on Monday and Tuesday, with a welcome reception/dinner on Sunday evening.

**Bard Academy and
Bard College at Simon's Rock
Berkshire School
Buxton School
Miss Hall's School**

Bard Academy and Bard College at Simon's Rock • 1966

Great Barrington, MA • www.simons-rock.edu

Bard Academy is the nation's first two-year high school for boarding and day students. Designed and taught by college professors, the curriculum is designed to prepare students to enter Bard College at Simon's Rock after two years. For 50 years Simon's Rock has been a leader in the early college movement by providing bright, motivated students with the opportunity to begin college immediately after the tenth or eleventh grade. At both institutions, students experience a transformative education in the liberal arts and sciences in the company of smart, independent, creative peers who share their excitement for learning and their desire to be part of a vibrant intellectual community.

Buxton School • 1928

Williamstown, MA • www.buxtonschool.org

At Buxton, we live our education. The annual Urban Intensive, Work Program, and day-to-day discovery excite and inform our students. We strive to create a welcoming environment that honors each person. Buxton offers courses that require students to engage in their learning—through class discussion, papers and presentations, debate and argument, experiments and hands-on projects, synthesis and analysis. Teachers challenge students to think for themselves, to become more curious about their everyday world, to immerse themselves in creative activity, and to seek out knowledge that has both resonance and relevance. Advanced students may take courses at Williams College. Academic support and ESL are available. The lovely 120-acre campus overlooks historic Williamstown. Williams College, the Clark Art Institute, and MASS MoCA are close by.

Berkshire School • 1907

Sheffield, MA • www.berkshireschool.org

Berkshire School is a co-ed college preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9–12 and PG, offering rigorous academic courses of study. Pioneering programs—such as Advanced Math/Science Research, Humanities Research and Sustainability—coexist with advanced sections and AP offerings in all disciplines. Signature experiences like Independent Study, Pro Vita winter session, the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program, and an Aviation Science course (including flight training) emphasize hands-on, relevant learning. With a range of artistic and athletic offerings, a new squash center, new facilities for the arts and dance, and national recognition for its efforts in environmental conservation, Berkshire is an extraordinary setting in which students are encouraged to learn, in the words of the school motto, “not just for school, but for life.”

Miss Hall's School • 1898

Pittsfield, MA • www.misshalls.org

Miss Hall's, an all-girls school, combines a personalized, innovative college preparatory program with two acclaimed leadership programs, Horizons and the Girls' Leadership Project. Through Horizons, students intern with organizations throughout the Berkshires to explore interests for college majors and careers while providing service to the community. The Girls' Leadership Project provides guiding principles and opportunities for focused student-led research to help girls develop the knowledge and skills necessary to have influence in the world and to become powerful, undeterred agents of their futures. This fall, the School will open two new buildings, a dormitory and Linn Hall, an academic center that will be home to the Mathematics and Science Departments, Horizons, and an innovation laboratory that will allow for projects in animation, robotics, and STEAM.